



**MOHAVE/LA PAZ
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Ashley Pascual and Merritt Beckett
First Things First - Mohave and La Paz Counties
1979 N McCulloch Blvd. Suite 106
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Dear Ms. Pascual and Ms. Beckett:

Thank you for the First Things First presentation you made at the January 12, 2010 Mohave/ La Paz Local Workforce Investment Board meeting. The Board was pleased to hear of the investment your council is making in our area's early childhood development.

We agree that a child's development during years one to five will influence his or her ability to perform successfully in later years in educational, career and other life pursuits. We encourage the First Things First Council to continue to ensure that funds are expended in ways that maximize benefit to our children's development.

We understand that First Things First funds are under threat to be part of a legislative "sweep" to cover the state's deficit. On behalf of the Board, I extend our support for your initiative and hope that the investment in our young children is maintained throughout our region.

Sincerely,

Chonna Marshall
Chair