

Washington Elementary School District Grant Agreement
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Strategy: Family Resource Centers

Note: The WESD FRC has received FTF funding for the past 3 years

Program Description

The mission of the Washington Information Resource Center (WRIC) is to strengthen families living or receiving services in the Washington Elementary School District boundaries through prevention, intervention, and education, while enhancing existing programs and services. In support of this mission, the center will offer a broad range of coordinated services to all WESD families to include: preventative programs, parenting skills training, and family –centered support services. All services will be administered in accordance with established cultural competency objectives and guidelines. Among its long-term goals, the Center will:

- Create additional partnerships with service providers- health, school and community resource- that will help increase the level of services and support provided to families with children, age birth to five years old
- Provide direct services to families in the areas of education, health, nutrition and related social services
- Provide programs and related services to parents and families that will contribute toward increasing the percentage of children who demonstrate school readiness when entering Kindergarten in the social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, motor, and physical development domains
- Continually research and implement effective programs targeted at the needs of children and their families
- Increase awareness and support throughout the school district and community to bring about family-level change that fosters strong families and capable parents who are competent and confident about their ability to support their child’s safety, health and well-being

The Center will continue to seek and implement new partnerships to complement those already in place which include: Parenting Arizona, Southwest Human Development, Association for Supportive Child Care, Lifebridge, Desert Mission, Adelante Health Care, Sunnyslope Youth and Family Partnership and many others.

In the upcoming fiscal year, the Center would be operational 12 months and Center hours would be expanded to include Saturday programming.

Proposed Contract Award

- \$150,000 for Year 1
- Contract renewable for two additional years

Target Service Numbers for Year 1

- Number of families served- 5,000
- Number of participating adults*-400
* the number of participating adults refers to the number of adults participating in Parent Education classes/programs

Note: The proposed target service numbers are in line with the numbers anticipated to be served during SFY13.

Discussion/Action

- Council members will discuss the agreement
- Council members may vote to direct staff to enter into an agreement with the Washington Elementary School District for the provision of services at a Family Resource Center.