

**FIRST THINGS FIRST***Ready for School. Set for Life.***Regional Director's Report for May 14, 2013****Regional Updates:*****Fiscal Year 2013 Expenditure Report***

- Please refer to Attachment #4A.

***Regional Needs and Assets 2012 and 2014 Update***

- On May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Regional Partnership Council Chair, Vice Chair, Member Jensen and Regional Director presented the Research Proposal for the 2012 Needs and Assets Data Collection to the Tribal Research Review Committee from the Tribal Health Department. They approved this research proposal and will present this recommendation for approval to the Tribal Council at the next Tribal Council meeting. If Tribal Council approves this recommendation, we will start collecting the data for the 2012 NA by the end of this month.
- We also asked the Research Review Committee (RRC) if there is a possibility of combining both 2012 and 2014 Needs and Assets Reports as we did in the past and they agreed. We will present to the RRC the additional data collection tool for the 2014 Needs and Assets (Family Survey) as soon as the Regional Council reviews and approves the draft survey.
- We will discuss the 2014 Needs and Assets report deliverables at the June Regional Council meeting.

***Fiscal Year 2014 Funding Plan Implementation- Quality First Strategy***

- On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Pascua Yaqui Tribe (PYT), Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) and First Things First (FTF) staff had a meeting to discuss the MOU to provide preschool services to 16 Tribal children at Johnson School.
- Some of the details that were discussed included the transportation, outreach activities to recruit 16 Tribal children for the Head Start waiting list, the preschool classroom curriculum, the teacher hiring process, the Quality First Assessment, and the possibility to provide the full funding amount for 16 child care scholarships to Johnson School for the first month (August 2013) regardless of the number of children that they will be providing services during that month. The Quality First policy in place stated that a Quality First participant gets paid according to the number of child care scholarships recipients (children) that are receiving services every month.
- The next meeting to continue the MOU implementation discussion is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 3:30pm at the Head Start Center.
- Also, the Tribal Chairman already signed the MOU. Regional Director already sent this MOU to TUSD staff for their own internal process to approve and sign it.

***Coordination & Communications***

- Please refer to Attachment #4B.

***Regional Council Recruitment***

- Regional Council members and FTF staff continue providing FTF information and inviting tribal staff and community members to apply for the two Regional Council seats: School Administrator and Faith-Based.

**Statewide Updates:*****FTF State Board Meeting***

- The FTF State Board met on April 9<sup>th</sup> in Payson. Please refer to Attachment #4C for a summary of highlights and decisions made by the State Board.

***FTF CEO Rhian Allvin***

- First Things First CEO Rhian Evans Allvin announced on May 1<sup>st</sup> that she will be resigning her position to accept the job of executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Evans Allvin will take the helm of the Washington, D.C.-based association effective August 12 of this year.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **June 10-11:** FTF State Board Meeting in Phoenix.
- **August 25-27:** The FTF Early Childhood Summit will be held in Phoenix. Registration and program details coming soon.