



COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

May 2013 Pascua Yaqui Tribe

April/May

Outreach

Activities

Pascua Yaqui Tribe

* Dia De Los Ninos

Attended the wonderful event, distributed blue FTF bag and one board book to each child. The event was a success and the turn out was great!

* Hiaki High School Career Day presentation

Spoke with students about First Things First and personal career choices and educational background.

* Hiaki High School Career fair

Distributed First Things First information to all students during the Career fair. Also spoke with other vendors at the Health Fair and made great contacts.

* Vahcom House

Spoke with Director and staff members about First Things First. Distributed materials and asked them to contact me if they ever needed any born learning materials.

* Boys and Girls Club

Spoke with Adam Ortiz about FTF and gave him FTF literature and asked if I could attend any activities that included young children. He was excited about FTF and invited me to speak at a city wide Boys and Girls Club staff meeting later this month. He is setting it up thru central office.

* Pascua Yaqui Information Technology

Spoke with IT Deputy Director Stephanie F.

Alvarez about FTF and to see if it would be possible to put FTF link on tribal webpage so tribal employees could easily

Access out webpage. She is in process of scheduling a meeting with the Director to determine process, but it is very promising.

* Community Health Nursing Program

Spoke with Liz Ordaz about her program and gave her born learning materials and a few board books to share with her clients that have grandchildren in the home. She invited FTF to future events in May.

* Housing Maintenance Department

Spoke with Rose Marie Valenzuela to see if I could get on future agenda for staff meeting to talk about FTF, she will remain in contact with me and let me know when I can speak to the employees in her department.

BENCHMARKS REACHED

2 Presentations

5 Networking Meetings

3 Events

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What can you do this month ?

Talk to little ones.

Parents, principals and policymakers hoping to increase student achievement in reading need to look to the crib, not the classroom, national expert Dr. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek says.

"Research demonstrates that knowledge and attention when kids start kindergarten are reliable predictors of 4th grade reading ability," said Dr. Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, a prominent researcher who runs the Infant Language Laboratory at Temple University. "If you really want to get kids up to snuff, you have to focus on language development, and you have to start much earlier."

In order to help young children develop crucial language skills before they enter school, we need to focus on six basic principles, Hirsh-Pasek said.

They include:

- Children learn what they hear most – frequency matters.
- Children learn words for things and events that interest them.
- Interactive and responsive environments build language learning.
- Children learn best in meaningful contexts.
- Children need to hear diverse examples of words and language structures.
- Vocabulary and grammar develop together.

Come Visit Our new Office!

First Things First will be hosting an Open House May 20th from 3-5 pm in our new space at

3610 N. Prince Village Pl. Suite 100.

Come visit us and *pick up educational materials* to use with your organization!

RSVP to Vanessa at (520) 628-6650