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AGENDA ITEM: Tribal Affairs Status Update

BACKGROUND: The attached table provides information on the activities related to tribal affairs between the dates of April 1 to May 31, 2011. The first column lists four categories that indicate the overall content areas that summarize tribal affairs.

These areas include:

- Public Awareness Efforts in Tribal Sectors
- Developing Cultural Competency in Early Childhood Development Programming
- Coordination and Collaboration
- Tribal-State Relations

The second column provides a brief summary of the activities and accomplishments and the final column highlights the results and additional outcomes that have been generated by each activity.



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TRIBAL AFFAIRS STATUS REPORT

April 1, 2011 to May 31, 2011

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RESULTS

| Project Type | Description | Result |
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| Public Awareness Efforts in Tribal Sectors | <p>Within this period Tribal Affairs has participated in several activities designed to share information with tribal partners related to early childhood programs and services, in particular FTF statewide initiatives and regionally supported programs. Tribal Affairs has also engaged in events that help to build and drive support from the general public, elected officials and additional target audiences for investments in early childhood programs and services for Arizona's children five years old and younger.</p> <p>These activities included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 1st Arizona American Indian Oral Health Summit took place on April 21-22, 2011. The summit's goal was to promote access to prevention services, as well as to coordinate resources to improve the status of oral health in Arizona Indian Country. This event convened over 150 partners ranging from tribal leaders to Native American Oral health professionals. First Things First was on hand to provide a presentation on our partnerships with tribes. During this presentation oral health strategies funded by tribal regional partnership councils were highlighted. | <p>As a result of these activities First Things First has been invited to join a new American Indian Oral Health coalition to further the work that was generated by this summit.</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On May 4, FTF staff made a presentation on child development at the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) 27th Annual Child Protection Services Academy. FTF Tribal Affairs was recently selected to present information on the strategies being implemented in tribal communities at the Arizona Indian Education Association Indian Parent Conference (June 6-7). | As a result of this presentation, FTF has been invited to present on this topic at the upcoming ITCA conference in June as well as future ITCA training sessions related to early childhood development and health. |
| Developing Cultural Competency in Early Childhood Development Programming | During this period, the internal Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) has completed an initial review of the Standards of Practice related to Pre-K Scholarships and Quality First to identify content that may pose barriers for strategy implementation in tribal communities. | As a result of these activities a list of tribal considerations and questions related to Pre-K Scholarships and Quality First Standards of Practice have been compiled and provided to the FTF Program Division for consideration. |
| Coordination and Collaboration | FTF recognizes that the system goals of FTF can only be achieved through coordination and collaboration with both public and private entities in order to leverage funding, ease families' access to services, and maximize optimal results for young children. In recognition of this concept, First Things First has participated in several information sharing meetings with the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) this quarter. | <p>As a result of these meetings, First Things First has taken an active role in representing FTF early childhood oral health interests by participating in the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) Early Childhood Working Group on May 12 by presenting a status report on the initiatives of FTF Tribal Affairs.</p> <p>First Things First has been invited to highlight successful strategies being implemented in tribal communities at the Inter Tribal Caring and Sharing Conference (June 22-24).</p> <p>FTF has also been invited to participate in a roundtable meeting on June 21st with ITCA and Tribal Child Care Administrators funded through CCDF to discuss Tribal Child Care</p> |

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| Tribal-State Relations | <p>On April 11, the Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs met with the Tribal Representative of the Yavapai Apache Nation.</p> <p>On May 3, the Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs presented a check to symbolize the SFY 2010 allocation for the San Carlos Apache Region to the San Carlos Apache Tribal Council during a formal business meeting of the tribe.</p> <p>On May 18, the Sr. Director of Tribal Affairs and FTF Regional staff met with the staff of the Office of the President and Vice President of the Navajo Nation to provide an overview of FTF Tribal Affairs and information specific to the Navajo Nation Region.</p> | <p>As a result of these meetings:</p> <p>First Things First is in process of planning a formal presentation on state wide tribal partnerships and region specific information initiatives to the Yavapai Apache Nation Tribal Council later this year.</p> <p>First Things First staff has entered into an ongoing dialogue with staff of the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice Present to share information and explore opportunities for increased partnership.</p> |

THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS BY TRIBAL AFFAIRS:

- The development of a pre-summit tribal forum to provide an informational exchange and learning opportunity for both tribal regional partnership councils and geographic regions that include tribes.
- A Tribal Consultation session plan is currently in progress to engage tribal leader feedback and recommendations on the FTF draft indicators and revisions to the First Things First Tribal Consultation Policy. This session is tentatively scheduled for late July.