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Attachment 03

**AGENDA ITEM:** Discussion on Vacancies in Quality First for SFY 2014

**BACKGROUND:** The SFY 2014 La Paz/Mohave Regional Funding Plan includes 21 slots in Quality First. Of these, 20 are center slots and one is a home slot.

The region currently has two vacancies in Quality First and eight sites on the waitlist. The vacancies are due to turn-over. One child care center and one home previously enrolled in Quality First are now closed.

Previously, the Regional Council has prioritized communities with limited access to regulated early learning programs in an effort to promote early learning in under-served areas and ensure the most equitable geographic distribution of resources through-out the region.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Regional Director requests guidance from the council on what zip code(s) to prioritize for the upcoming Quality First selection cycle.



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### La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council Quality First Enrolled Providers

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Center		
	<b>86432</b>	<b><u>Beaver Dam Elementary School</u></b>
		Beaver Dam Preschool 3436 E. Rio Virgin Rd.
		Phyllis W. Leavitt Beaver Dam, AZ 86432
		Principal p 1-928-347-5796
		pleavitt@lusd9.com
	<b>86409</b>	<b><u>Bottles 2 Buses of Arizona</u></b>
	Bottles 2 Buses of Arizona 3975 N. Bank St.	
	Jennifer Peeler Kingman, AZ 86409	
	Director p 928-263-6248	
	bottles2buses@yahoo.com	
<b>85325</b>	<b><u>Bouse Elementary School</u></b>	
	Bouse First Things First Preschool 44936 Joshua Drive	
	Melanie Kimberlin Bouse, AZ 85325	
	Teacher p 928-851-2213	
	mkimberlin.besd@gmail.com	
<b>86442</b>	<b><u>Bullhead Elementary School District # 15</u></b>	
	Bullhead Elementary Preschool 1820 Lakeside Drive	
	Alisa Burroughs Bullhead City, AZ 86442-5743	
	Director of Special Services p 928 704 5726	
	aburroughs@bullheadschoools.com	
<b>86440</b>	<b><u>Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe</u></b>	
	Ft. Mojave Child Care Center 1609 Plantation Road	
	Betsy J. Lewis Mohave Valley, AZ 86440	
	Director p 928-346-1111	
	fmccc1@ftmojave.com	
<b>86401</b>	<b><u>Kingman Unified School District #20</u></b>	
	Little Explorers Preschool at Desert Willow 3700 Prospector Street	
	Julie Beyer Kingman, AZ 86401	
	Early Childhood Program Coordinator p 928-753-6413	
	jbeyer@kUSD.org	

<b>86403</b>	<b><u>Lake Havasu Unified School District</u></b> Smoketree Developmental Preschool Debra Weger Preschool Coordinator dweger@havasus.k12.az.us	2395 Smoketree Ave. Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403-5876 p 928-505-6033
<b>86442</b>	<b><u>Little Digits</u></b> Little Digits Dan Denker and Jennie Cornelia Owner/Director littledigitpreschool@yahoo.com	3040 Highway 95 Bullhead City, AZ 86442 p 928-758-2838
<b>86409</b>	<b><u>Little Explorers Early Learning</u></b> Little Explorers Early Learning Julie Beyer Early Childhood Program Coordinator jlbeyer@kUSD.org	4182 North Bank Street Kingman, AZ 86409 p 928-692-6430 or 928-753-6413
<b>86403</b>	<b><u>Little Knights Preschool</u></b> L.H.U.S.D. #1 - Little Knights Preschool Marie Hendry ECE Instructor and Preschool Director mhendry@havasus.k12.az.us	2675 Palo Verde Blvd Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403-4919 p 928-854-5347
<b>85346</b>	<b><u>Little Scholars' Preschool</u></b> [PENDING]	Quartzsite, AZ 85346
<b>86440</b>	<b><u>Mohave Valley Elementary School District #16</u></b> Mohave Valley Elementary Mandy Waxler Director of Student Achievement waxlerm@mvdistrict.net	1424 E. Commercial Drive Mohave Valley, AZ 86440-9208 p 928-768-2507
<b>86403</b>	<b><u>New Day School</u></b> New Day School (North) Gina Bravata Director prncezg@yahoo.com	2915 Havasupai Boulevard Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 p 928-855-2227
<b>86403</b>	<b><u>New Day School</u></b> New Day School Sandra Gomez/ Jon Biehn Owner/Director jvbiehn@unneedspeed.net	2200 Sotol Lane Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403 p 928-855-9660/928 716 9660

<b>Region Total</b>	<b>86406</b>	<b><u>New Day School</u></b> New Day School Kim Feemster Director kfeemster@frontiernet.net	3438 Oro Grande Boulevard Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406 p 928-680-1002
	<b>86409</b>	<b><u>The Gingerbread House</u></b> The Gingerbread House Brian / Lori Long Owner / Director thegingerbreadhouse@frontiernet.net	4145 Bank Street Kingman, Arizona 86409 p 928-757-7977
	<b>86436</b>	<b><u>Topock Elementary School District #12</u></b> Topock Elementary School Preschool Kim Konnerth Manager kkonnerth@topockschool.com	5083 Tule Drive Topock, AZ 86436 p 928-768-8339
	<b>85357</b>	<b><u>Wenden Elementary School District #19</u></b> W.E.S.D.#19 - Wenden Elementary School Guadalupe Lard Preschool Director/Teacher llard@wendenk8.org	71001 East Santa Fe Avenue Wenden, AZ 85357 p 928-859-3806
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Please note: One slot is reserved for preschool expansion with Salome Elementary School District.



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### Quality First Eligible Applicants La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

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Center	
<b>86426</b>	<b><u>Little Lambs Preschool</u></b> 1863 Panadero Road Fort Mohave, AZ 86426-6434 Phone: 928-763-3886 Michelle Curtis, Preschool Director foglutheranschool@yahoo.com
<b>86441</b>	<b><u>Little Explorers Preschool at Mt. Tipton</u></b> 16500 Pierce Ferry Road Dolan Springs, AZ 86441 Phone: 928-753-6413 Julie Beyer, Early Childhood Program Coordinator jbeyer@kUSD.org
<b>86426</b>	<b><u>New Day School</u></b> 1837 East Joy Lane Fort Mojave, AZ 86426-9249 Phone: 928-768-6465 Stephanie Kantorik, Assistant Director SKantorik18@gmail.com
<b>86429</b>	<b><u>Stepping Stones Childcare</u></b> 863 Airpark Dr. Bullhead City, AZ 86429-5886 Phone: 928-754-2221 Deann Luchhino, Owner/Manager stepping_stones_childcare@hotmail.com
<b>86442</b>	<b><u>Tiny T-Birds</u></b> 2251 Hwy 95 Bullhead City, AZ 86442-6089 Phone: 928-788-1314 Michele Leyendecker, Director of Early Childhood Program mleyendecker@cruhsd.org
<b>86403</b>	<b><u>Havasu Christian Preschool</u></b> 341 Mulberry Ave Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403-7434 Phone: 928-855-2590 Sharon Kewish, Director sharonhcp@npgcable.com

