

HUALAPAI TRIBE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

Strategic Plan for SFY 2013 – 2015

Regional Priorities, Selected FTF Indicators and Priority Roles, and Strategies to Achieve Outcomes

Regional Priority to be addressed	School Readiness Indicators Correlated to the needs and priority roles	FTF Priority Roles in the Early Childhood System	SFY 2013-2015 Strategies
<p>Parent education and access to information, resources, and high quality care, specific to a child’s healthy start in life.</p> <p>Educational and professional development for early childhood providers to provide high quality care and education.</p>	<p>#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>% of children with newly identified developmental delays during the kindergarten year</p> <p>% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child’s safety, health and well being</p>	<p>Supports and Services for Families - Convene partners, provide leadership, provide funding, and advocate for development, enhancement, and sustainability of a variety of high quality, culturally responsive, and affordable services, supports, and community resources for young children and their families. <i>FS&L-2</i></p> <p>Professional Development System – Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for the development and enhancement of an early childhood professional development system that addresses availability, accessibility, affordability, quality, and articulation. <i>PD-1</i></p>	<p>Home Visitation</p> <p>Food Security</p> <p>Native Language Enrichment</p> <p>Scholarships TEACH*</p> <p>Expansion- Infant/Toddler*</p> <p>Statewide Evaluation</p> <p>(*) Indicates new strategy for this Regional Partnership Council</p>

Strategy Descriptions including Target Populations and Funding Levels

Strategy: Home Visitation – Maternal Child Health

Strategy Description

Provides voluntary in-home services for infants, children and their families, focusing on parenting skills, early physical and social development, literacy, health and nutrition. Connect families to resources to support their child's health and early learning.

Strategy Narrative

A comprehensive intervention and home visitation program aiming for outcomes of healthier pregnancies, competent parents, and improved child development and health. The Home Visitation – Maternal Child Health strategy seeks to give young children stronger, more supportive relationships with their parents through in-home services on a variety of topics, including parenting skills, early childhood development, literacy and health, and also by connecting parents and caregivers with community resources to help them better support their child's health and early learning. The primary goal of home visiting services is to promote effective parenting and bring services to families that may be geographically or socially isolated. When delivered well, home visiting services convey great respect for families because they indicate that the service system is coming to the family rather than the other way around. This strategy will provide home visitation combined with community-based group training for pregnant women and parents of infants and toddlers in the Hualapai region. Additionally, developmental screening is a key component of this strategy; parents will be guided through a developmental screening tool (i.e. Ages & Stages Questionnaire) that is conducted in the child's home or someplace where the child and parents feel comfortable, and where parents will be asked questions regarding their observations of their child's development, and then upon receiving the results of the screening, support and education is provided with referrals and in advocating for their child.

Another resource that will be included in the implementation of this strategy in FY 2013 – 2015 is the provision of infant formula to those families involved with the program. As a component of the home visitation program, additional support, nutrition education, and connecting to resources can happen more naturally while assisting the family with infant formula. The Regional Partnership Council has remained focused on the importance of connecting resources and increasing the collaboration of programs and services in the region. The target population for this strategy will become more narrow in FY 2013 to ensure that families are accessing the available resources, that the programs and agencies are collaborating and coordinating their services, and that the Hualapai Developmental Algorithm (developed by the Maternal Child Health Program to better coordinate the flow of child development screenings, referrals, and case management) is utilized.

Target Population Description

The target population is families with newborns or toddlers who live on the Hualapai Indian Reservation. There are 31-37 births per year to mothers in the Hualapai region, and the Hualapai Tribe Regional is committed to serving all families with newborns with outreach and screening. Through collaboration, determining eligibility for other programs, and making referrals, the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council has set a target of serving 25 families through the home visitation strategy.

Target Service Units	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
Number of families served	25	25	25
Funding Level	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
	\$96,000	\$96,000	\$96,000

Strategy: Food Security			
Strategy Description Distribute food boxes and basic necessity items to families in need of assistance who have children birth to 5 years old.			
Strategy Narrative The Food Security Strategy seeks to improve the health and nutrition of children by increasing access to nutritious food for children ages birth through five and their families. Enhanced coordination with the local community resources to assist families in reaching stability and education on the nutritional needs of young children are essential elements to making an impact and promoting lifelong health for the children in the region. The target service unit for this strategy appears to be a reduction from FY 2012; however, this target unit only includes food boxes and does not include the provision of the 166 cans of infant formula. The infant formula will be a component of the services provided through the Home Visitation strategy so that support and education can be provided with breastfeeding and connecting to other resources through that program. Therefore, the target service unit for the Food Security strategy in FY 2013 – 2015 is 600 food boxes.			
Target Population Description Families with children from birth to age five, who are experiencing hardship and are in need of food assistance. The 2010 Needs and Assets Assessment reports there are approximately 177 children from birth to age five living in the region, and 38% are living below the Federal Poverty Level. With a target service unit of 600 boxes for the Food Security strategy, almost 30% of families with children birth to age five in the region have access to a monthly food box.			
Target Service Units	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
Number of food boxes distributed	600	600	600
Funding Level	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
	\$5,831	\$5,831	\$5,831

Strategy: Native Language Enrichment			
Strategy Description Provides materials, awareness and outreach to promote native language and cultural acquisition for the young children of Tribal families.			
Strategy Narrative Engage families in reading activities that encourage the development of early literacy skills and also reinforce the cultural importance of learning and preserving the Hualapai language. Fiscal Year 2013 will be the second phase of implementation for this strategy, and will make available other opportunities for families to access this resource through the Maternal Child Health provider, the library, the Hualapai cultural center, the local WIC office, and other providers serving families with young children. To ensure continuity, the Maternal Child Health provider will utilize time during home visitations to encourage parents in promoting early literacy through the Hualapai language books. The intent of funding for two consecutive years is to have a sufficient supply of books circulated throughout the region. The situation will be reviewed during planning for Fiscal Year 2015.			
Target Population Description The target population for this strategy will include all families with young children, and all programs serving families with young children, such as the library, WIC program, and home visitation program. The Hualapai language books will be made accessible throughout the community.			
Target Service Units	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
Number of books distributed	25	25	
Number of children served	0	0	
Number of home and/or center based providers	0	0	
Number of participating adults	0	0	
Funding Level	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
	\$1,000	\$1,000	-

Strategy: Scholarships TEACH			
Strategy Description Provides scholarships for higher education and credentialing to early care and education teachers.			
Strategy Narrative TEACH Scholarships improve the professional skills of those providing care and education to children five and younger. The Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council seeks to build on the recognition of the importance of professional development and high quality care that has grown among the parents and community leaders in the region.			
Target Population Description The target population for this strategy is the early education providers in the region. Currently, the region's early childhood education field consists of eight teaching staff members. It should be noted that the intention of the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council is that the two current TEACH scholarship recipients, made possible through Quality First participation, will continue to receive the scholarship until completion of their degree program.			
Target Service Units	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
Number of professionals receiving scholarships	2	2	2
Funding Level	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600

Strategy: Expansion – Increase Infant/Toddler			
Strategy Description			
Recruits new or existing providers to begin to serve or expand services. May assist with planning, licensing or certification process for new centers or homes, or provide support to a provider to improve the quality of facility or programs.			
Strategy Narrative			
This strategy seeks to increase the number of child care providers who are state/tribal licensed or certified, and strengthens the skills of caregivers in those settings who are working with children birth to three years old. The Hualapai Indian Tribe was awarded a federal grant for the construction of an early childhood center, and the Tribe has charged a Planning Committee with determining the ages of children needing care in a center based setting, and using that information to inform the Tribal Planning Department of the specific arrangements of the building design. First Things First has been a partner in the process with the Planning Committee, and has facilitated the recommitment with the AZ DES Child Care Administration. With the Child Care Subsidy, federal Child Care Development Funds awarded to the Tribe, and a sliding fee scale for parent contribution, the sustainable pieces are in place to implement this strategy in the new Hualapai early childhood center. Regulated care for infants is currently nonexistent in the region, and a safe, high quality setting for infants and toddlers is a high need. The licensed capacity of the center will be 60 children from infant to age 12, with half (30) of those children under the age of three. This strategy will provide the support needed through one-time funding for the start up costs for expanding safe, high quality, and nurturing care to the infants in the region. The funding would fully equip the infant rooms, and the budget estimate includes cribs and crib mattresses, safe diaper changing tables and pads, bottle warmers, wall storage compartments, and high chairs with trays.			
Target Population Description			
This strategy is developed with the intent to support the new early care center in the Hualapai region. Currently, the only center based provider in the region is the Hualapai Head Start serving children from age three to five. The new early care center will provide center based care to infants and toddlers in the region.			
Target Service Units	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
Number of center based providers served	1		
Number of home based providers served	0		
Number of increased slots for participating children	10		
Funding Level	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
	\$30,293	-	-

Strategy: Statewide Evaluation			
Strategy Description			
Statewide evaluation includes the studies and evaluation work which inform the First Things First Board and the 31 Regional Partnership Councils. Examples are baseline Needs and Assets reports, specific focused studies, and statewide research and evaluation on the developing early childhood system.			
Strategy Narrative			
First Things First has, and is growing, a multi-level system of research and evaluation strategies designed to be responsive to the informational needs of varied stakeholder groups, including the First Things First Board, Regional Partnership Councils, and Arizona citizens. The research and evaluation system is designed to provide both depth and breadth of high quality information, from collecting programmatic data to evaluating the overall impact of the First Things First Early Childhood System model. The system provides a framework for conducting statewide and regional studies centered on identifying current and changing needs of families and children birth to five, and the impact of programs and strategies across all First Things First priority areas. The First Things First research and evaluation system is a knowledge building system, designed to advance the understanding of needs, activities, and effectiveness. Individually and collectively, research and evaluation strategies generate data and findings which can be used to identify trends and changes in school readiness indicators and therefore to support strategic planning and decision-making which promotes the health and well-being of young children.			
Target Service Units	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
No target service units identified for this strategy			
Funding Level	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15
Statewide Evaluation	\$1,456	\$1,456	\$1,456