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Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Director's Report ~ August 2013

Regional Updates

- **End of FY2013 Grantee Reports:**
 - Home Visitation – Hualapai Maternal Child Health Program
 - Food Security – St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance Emergency Assistance Program
 - T.E.A.C.H. – Association for Supportive Child Care
 - Native Language Enrichment – Hualapai Native Language Program
- **Regional Partnership Council Membership:** Vacant seats on the Regional Partnership Council include: *Parent of a child age five or younger, Early Childhood Educator, Business (Executive Management)*
- **School Readiness Indicators - Benchmarking:** Data sources (common Statewide) are identified and collection has begun. At the July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting, Hualapai Tribal Council approved the data collection for all 10 School Readiness Indicators. Attached is Resolution #40-2013.
- **2014 Needs and Assets Assessment:** July 1st marked the commencement of the 2014 Needs and Assets Assessment process. The Needs and Assets team will be attending the September 11, 2013 Regional Council Meeting, and will be requesting feedback from Regional Council Members at that time.
- **Cross-Regional Collaboration:** Representatives from the Hualapai Tribe met with child care providers, health care representatives, and other family support staff across La Paz and Mohave Counties to discuss the issue of *Promoting Oral Health in Early Childhood*. It was a well-attended event, and all of the participants left with dental kits for infants, toddlers, and young children, as well as several children's books for promoting oral hygiene.

Board Updates

- **Chief Executive Officer:** A Search Firm will conduct a nationwide search for the next Chief Executive Officer for First Things First. Sam Leyvas, Vice President of External Affairs, is serving as Interim CEO.
- **Board Meeting:** During the Board Meeting held July 22nd, the Board approved the Grant Agreement with the Hualapai Tribe Department of Education and Training for child care expansion for the new Day Care Center. The grant agreement began August 1, 2013 and will end February 28, 2014.
- **Tribal Consultation:** First Things First's formal consultation with tribal governments will occur August 15, 2013 in the First Things First Board Meeting Room in Phoenix, AZ. Chairwoman Sherry Counts has submitted her RSVP for the consultation. The topics will include data collection, evaluation, and Quality First.

Upcoming Events

August 15th: FTF Tribal Consultation, FTF Board Room, Phoenix, 10:00am – 3:00pm

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August 26th-27th: AZ Early Childhood Summit, Phoenix Convention Center

- The theme for this year's Summit is Building Strong Systems. The Pre-Summit Symposium begins at 2:00pm on Sunday, August 25th. The Tribal Gathering will be held during lunch on Monday, August 26th.

September 11th: Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting, Peach Springs School, 9:00am

- The next Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting will begin at 9:00am on September 11th. Possible action items on the agenda will include discussion on the 2014 Needs and Assets Data Collection.

**HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 41-2013
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
HUALAPAI TRIBE OF THE HUALAPAI RESERVATION
PEACH SPRINGS, ARIZONA**

- WHEREAS,** the Hualapai Tribe is a federally recognized tribe exercising its powers of self-government through its Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Hualapai Tribe recognizes the importance of improving early childhood development and health opportunities for the Tribe’s youngest citizens, birth through five years of age; and
- WHEREAS,** First Things First (FTF) is a voter approved initiative that was established to help provide greater opportunities for all children 5 and younger in Arizona to start kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hualapai Tribe has designated the Hualapai Reservation as a separate region under the 2006 Arizona Proposition No. 203, known as the “Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Initiative”; and
- WHEREAS,** The Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was appointed by the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board (“Board”) and has the responsibility of working with their communities to determine what children five years old and younger in their area need to arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed; and
- WHEREAS,** FTF, through the Regional Partnership Council, funds programs in the Hualapai Tribe region that: provide information and support to the parents of children birth to five years old; increase access to early education services; promote early literacy skills and preserve the Native language; and improve the professional skills of those working with young children.
- WHEREAS,** FTF School Readiness Indicators were chosen to assess/measure how the lives of children residing in the state of Arizona are improving, and therefore improving their readiness for entering school and subsequently their life long success.
- WHEREAS,** The School Readiness Indicators were developed through a committee process and a tribal consultation session with input from tribal representatives as well as regional partnership council, partner, and community stakeholders.
- WHEREAS,** First Things First seeks permission from the Hualapai Tribal Council to collect data on the 10 School Readiness Indicators listed in this document for children and families birth through five that reside in the Hualapai Tribe region; and

School Readiness Indicator	Data Source
1) Well-Child Visits % of Arizona children receiving at least six well-child visits within the first 15 months of life.	Indian Health Service
2) Healthy Weight % of Arizona children age 2-4 with body mass index (BMI) in healthy weight range.	Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Woman Children and Infants Program Data

3) Dental Health % of Arizona children age 5 with untreated tooth decay.	Indian Health Service
4) Confident Families % of Arizona families report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and wellbeing.	First Things First Regional Needs and Assets Report (Parent and Community Survey) will be integrated into the formulation of the report beginning in SFY 2014.
5) School Readiness Benchmark related to developmental domains of social emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical to be recommended in FY15 based on baseline data from Arizona kindergarten developmental inventory (KDI).	First Things First is working with the Arizona Department of Education to develop a statewide Kindergarten Development Inventory (KDI) tool. It is anticipated that the KDI will be initially piloted in a small number of schools in fall 2014.
6) Quality Early Education % of Arizona children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars.	First Things First Quality First Data
7) Quality Early Education – Special Needs % of Arizona children with special needs/rights enrolled in an inclusive early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars.	
8) Affordability of Quality Early Education % of Arizona families that spend no more than 10% of the regional median family income on early care and education programs with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars.	
9) Developmental Delays Identified in Kindergarten Benchmark to be recommended in fall 2013 after completion of the comprehensive opportunity analysis on the Arizona early intervention system for children birth to age 5.	The data source for this indicator will be determined in fall 2013 after completion of a comprehensive opportunity analysis on the Arizona early intervention system for children birth to age 5. For data related to health or developmental delay, all counts of fewer than twenty-five, excluding counts of zero (i.e., all counts of one through twenty-four) are suppressed as outline in the attached FTF Suppression Policy.
10) Transition from Preschool Special Education to Kindergarten % of Arizona children exiting preschool special education enrolled in kindergarten regular education.	Arizona Department of Education

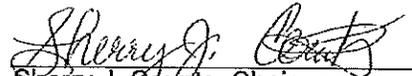
- WHEREAS,** The data will be specific to the Hualapai Tribe region and collected from the indicated sources to help paint the picture of the impact of First Things First both state wide and regionally; and
- WHEREAS,** Data will be stored in a secured location utilizing FTF's data security and suppression policies and standards to ensure the integrity and compliancy of storing such data are met; and
- WHEREAS,** Data for the School Readiness Indicator related to Confident Families will be collected through parent interviews and integrated as part of the data collection process for the SFY 2014 and 2016 Needs and Assets report. Parents with children under 6 will be contacted and asked to participate in an interview and they will be informed that they do not have to participate and can withdraw their signed permission at any time, and the information provided will not include any identifiable information other than aggregate identifiers; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Hualapai Tribe authorizes First Things First to perform the following functions:

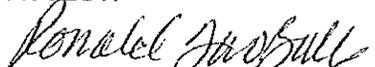
1. Request and obtain data related to the 10 School Readiness Indicators from the sources identified in this document on a regular basis through the end of State Fiscal Year 2016.
2. To interview families, and community stakeholders within the boundaries of the Hualapai Reservation who voluntarily agree to participate after informed consent in the FTF Parent and Community Survey to obtain data to measure the Confident Families School Readiness Indicator; and
3. To report, describe and/or publish unidentified data in reports and/or publications within the context of setting benchmarks and measuring impact through the school readiness indicators only.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned as Chairwoman of the Hualapai Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Hualapai Tribal Council of the Hualapai Tribe is composed of nine (9) members of whom (9) Constituting a quorum were present at a **Regular Council Meeting held on the 8th day of July 2013**; and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by a **vote of nine (9) in favor, (-0-) opposed, (-0-) not voting, (-0-) excused, (-0-) vacant**, pursuant to authority of Article V, Section (a) of the Constitution of the Hualapai Tribe approved March 13, 1991.


Sherry J. Counts, Chairwoman
HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

ATTEST:


Ronald Two Bulls, Secretary
HUALAPAI TRIBAL COUNCIL

**Attachments: FTF Data Security Guidelines and Requirements for Collaborators
FTF Data Dissemination and Suppression Guidelines for Publications**