



Lake Havasu Unified School District #1 will service a total of 40 part time FTF grant eligible scholarship students in the Smoketree Developmental Preschool and Little Knights Preschool early childhood programs during the 2012-13 school year.

#### Smoketree Developmental Preschool:

Smoketree Developmental Preschool is located on site at Smoketree Elementary School. It is a reverse mainstream preschool program that services 3-5 year olds. All of the lead preschool teachers are certified and have at least a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education and/or Early Childhood Special Education. Educational Assistants are required to pass the Master Teacher Para Educator Exam or have an Associates or equivalent in college credits to be highly qualified. Preschool Personal Care Assistants are required to have their CDA or pass the Master Teacher Para Educator Exam and be working on completing their CDA. On-going Professional development is provided on early release Thursdays for all staff members. Walkthroughs and formal evaluations are conducted throughout the school year using West Ed Teach For Success. Preschool teachers collaborate as a team on lesson design and planning, discuss student progress, and plan interventions. Staff work closely with the speech therapist, occupational therapist and physical therapist along with teachers for the visually impaired and hearing impaired to provide appropriate services to the preschool students. Developmental screenings are held at least every 45 days. Children are progress monitored and assessed using Teaching Strategies Gold System. Houghton Mifflin Pre-Kindergarten and Handwriting Without Tears Curricula are used in all preschool classrooms and are aligned to Arizona Early Childhood Standards.

The district offers FTF funded scholarships to eligible children who would like to attend the reverse mainstream preschool program. In this setting, the children attend the Preschool Program for 3 hours per day for 4 days per week (Monday through Wednesday and Friday) throughout the 9 month school year. They have 6 half day classes of 3 and 4 year olds. Twenty-one FTF scholarships have been allocated to the program with 3 to 4 FTF eligible scholarship students per class for 2012-13.

#### Little Knights Preschool:

The Little Knights Preschool program is located at the Lake Havasu High School. The preschool provides services for children ages 3 to 5 years old. The preschool staff works collaboratively with the Career Technical Education program and serves as a lab center on campus. High School students who are enrolled in the Early Childhood Program working to earn a CDA observe in and work in the classrooms at the preschool under the supervision of certified and trained adult staff. Smoketree Developmental Preschool and Little Knights work collaboratively to complete developmental 45 day screenings for all students enrolled and participating in FTF scholarship programs and are progress monitored using Teaching Strategies Gold Assessments. Professional Development opportunities are available for staff. Creative Curriculum Curricula is integrated in program aligned to the Arizona Early Child Preschool Standards and Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment.

The Little Knights Preschool program was expanded for the 2012-13 school year to offer two half day classes of 3 and 4 year olds. Each class will have a capacity of 20 preschool students. The 40 eligible slots will consist of a blend of tuition pay and FTF funded scholarships. Nineteen FTF scholarship slots have been allocated to Little Knights Preschool for 2012-13. In this setting, the children attend the program for 3 hours per day for 4 days per week (Monday through Wednesday and Friday) throughout the 9 month school year. This year's

expansion allows the program to service 15 more students.

**Mixed Service Delivery Community Quality First  
Preschool Partnerships Established:**

LHUSD has established a strong community partnership with New Day School, Quality First program, which has three eligible locations throughout Lake Havasu City. Five full time Pre-K scholarships will be awarded to eligible students attending New Day Schools during the 12-13 school year.

**Supports for Collaborative Partnerships**

- Professional Development will be provided to community partner preschools to help with learning about Developmentally Appropriate Practices, Guidelines for High Quality Early Childhood Programs: Birth to Kindergarten, Teaching Strategies Gold, Early Learning Standards, and school readiness.
- Parents will be invited to participate in District and Community Parenting Classes
- Parents will have assistance with Kindergarten registration and enrollment within LHUSD elementary schools.
- Parents of partnering Preschools will be encouraged to attend and participate in parent education, parent activities, and community events for young children.
- Assistance will be given to complete developmental screenings for PreK Scholarship students.