

First Things First - Federal Budget, Legislative and other Opportunities for Funding August 14, 2009

Program	Arizona Funding Amount	Proposed FY2010 Presidential Budget	Legislative and Other Funding Opportunities	Timeline	Purpose, Impact and Opportunities	FTF Role
Early Care and Education						
Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)/Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)		Flat funded at \$2.1 billion. Senate advocating a \$1 billion increase.		Federal FY2010	Continues to support subsidized child care but fails to keep pace with growing numbers of families in need. Formula funded to DES/Child Care Administration. Up for reauthorization in 2010 so opportunities to improve components exist.	FTF staff to support increasing maximum reimbursement rate, expanding eligibility criteria, reducing co-payments, and investing in proven quality initiatives. FTF staff to monitor federal reauthorization and weight in with congressional delegation on desired changes.
Early Learning Challenge Grant		\$300 million new dollars proposed as competitive grants to build infrastructure of supports for quality child care.		Federal FY2010	To strengthen infrastructure for high standards of quality across all publically funded early learning programs in the state including common standards, data systems, monitoring, and professional development. Application required.	Available to state educational agencies or the agency in the state that administers early childhood programs. FTF staff to monitor the federal budget and research potential of applying or partnering to apply for funds.
Title IV, Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act			H.R. 3221 provides \$8 billion funding stream to states over 10 years to support President's early learning programs across settings. No companion bill in Senate.	Estimated timeline: bill to President by January 2010.	Additional funding to further FTF goals including developmental grants to improve ECE workforce education and compensation, statewide rating system and funding to help improve ratings, parent outreach and coordination with other services. Funding mechanism TBD.	FTF to monitor legislation. A letter was sent to AZ. House delegation in support of legislation. Rep Grijalva is one of the co-sponsors.
Head Start and Early Head Start		Includes modest increase of \$122 million, bringing total to \$7.235 billion. However, senators advocating for an additional \$1 billion.		Federal FY2010	Will continue to support Head Start and Early Head Start in Arizona. Includes funding for quality improvement, training and technical assistance. Formula Funded to Head Start.	Communicate with Arizona congressional delegation to urge support for additional funding.
Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for Local Education Agencies (LEAs); Title I, Early Childhood Grants		\$500 million new targeted funding available to LEAs for Early Childhood Grants. \$13 billion total to states (\$1.5 billion less than in 2009)		Federal FY2010	New funding requires LEAs to use ARRA funds to implement or expand direct early education services to qualify for these matching dollars. AZ only funded 2,847 children 2008. Decision to fund ECE is made at the local level. Formula funding to school districts.	Staff will monitor federal FY10 adopted budget for opportunities to partner in applying for early childhood grants. FTF staff confirmed with ADE that schools are interested in expanding Title I ECE programs. Will monitor and update.
Title I, Even Start		Eliminated.		Would end September 2009.	391 children 0-5 and their families served in 2008 to improve literacy. If eliminated, families would have to turn elsewhere for literacy programs or go without services.	FTF Staff to educate and inform Arizona delegation about merits of program. Arizona received \$1.1 million in 2008. FTF has some regional dollars proposed to be spent on various literacy programs.

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Early Reading First		An increase from \$113 million to \$163 million was included in the budget proposal.		Federal FY2010	Supports early childhood centers of excellence focusing on development and early literacy. Primarily serves low-income children. Holbrook Unified School District and Southwest Human Development were invited to submit a full application for 2009 by June 16, 2009. Application by LEA, State Department or Non-profit.	Applications are released in March. FTF could consider applying for funding in 2010. Eligibility includes location in a community served by an eligible LEA. Average awards were about \$3.5 million in 2008 with no grants funded in AZ.
Health						
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (formerly known as SCHIP)			Reauthorized in 2009, and increased by \$44 billion between 2009 and 2013 on top of \$5 billion annually. Increase funded by a tobacco tax.	Phases out coverage for adults and parents, who can transition to Medicaid beginning in FY2010.	Provides health care to low-income children through federal and state dollars. Arizona Legislature to approve funding for legal immigrant children to become eligible (the Obama budget eliminates the five-year waiting period). Formula funded.	Some FTF regions have identified strategies for outreach and application assistance.
IDEA, Part C for Infants and Toddlers (AzEIP)		Flat funded at \$438 million.		Federal FY2010	Services include physical, occupational and speech/language therapies and data system. Formula funding.	FTF staff sit on Interagency Coordinating Council and will monitor.
Linking Actions to Unmet Needs of Children's Health (Project LAUNCH)	\$9 million over 5 years		Available through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	Initiated in Federal FT 2008 and continues through 2013.	Supports evidence-based health and mental health programs for birth through age 8 in families w/history of incarceration. Was funded through DOH.	FTF is member of statewide steering committee. Funding targets 85040 and 85041 (South Phoenix).
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant	\$105,000 to \$140,000 annually for 3 years		Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau	Award made in June 2009 to FTF. Two additional cycles to follow. Noncompetitive grant.	Cross agency collaboration, alignment of policies. Funds development of children's services budget for AZ, training and T.A. for coordination, and parent leadership training.	FTF is implementing grant.
Assuring Better Child Health and Development Initiative (ABCD) - III	\$60,000		The Commonwealth Fund, National Academy for State Health Policy (Philanthropic Organization)	Letter of Inquiry sent June 23 by AHCCCS. AZ in first cut of 10 applicants. September 1 date for full proposal. Award date not yet announced.	Creates linkages between medical professional to improve services for children with or at-risk of developmental delay.	FTF submitted draft of letter of inquiry to AHCCCS. FTF will be key partner in implementing grant if awarded to Arizona.
Child Welfare						

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Home Visiting		\$124 million for home visitation initiative for low-income families. First installment of a proposed \$8.6 billion funding stream over 10 years.		Federal FY2010	Purported to save Medicaid \$664 million over 10 years. Is being identified as a child abuse prevention initiative but opportunities to expand on developmental, early intervention and community engagement exist. Funding mechanism unclear.	FTF staff to begin to conceptualize role in home visiting as funding stream is created.
Other						
Child and Adult Care Food Program/School Lunch		An increase of \$1 billion included in the executive budget for child nutrition programs.		Federal FY2010	Subsidizes cost of nutritious meals for children in child care.	FTF staff and contractors can assure that providers are educated about the nutrition programs and how they can apply for participation.
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants		\$17 billion, up from \$15 billion.		Federal FY2010	Use cash grants or food donations to make nutritious meals available to more children. Available in states with high population growth and/or increased poverty.	Staff to research if AZ is eligible for additional funding.
TANF (welfare for families)		\$2.8 billion over 10 years		Federal FY2010	TANF due for reauthorization in 2010. Opportunity to fund at higher levels and roll back restrictions to higher education, sanctions and other components that harm families.	Monitor for opportunities to weigh in with congressional delegation re: reauthorization.