



Immediately following the workgroup meeting, the Council held a special meeting to discuss the emergency child care scholarships. The motion was made to continue the emergency child care scholarships by reallocating 50% of regional strategies 8, 9 and 12, totaling \$575,000. When the Council prioritized strategies as outlined in the funding plan, the Council planned for all 12 strategies beginning on or around July 1; however the three strategies the Council elected to move funding from have not reached the implementation phase. Strategies 8, 9 and 12 relate to a statewide initiative (Mental Health Consultation, First Things First Professional REWARD\$, and the Statewide Communications Campaign) and are not expected to be fully operational until a later time in Fiscal Year 2010. Because the strategies did not reach implementation status at the beginning of the fiscal year, the Council is proposing to utilize 50% of each the above strategies for a total of \$575,000. The Council respectfully requests to reallocate the \$575,000 to emergency child care scholarships. Due to the reduced fiscal time frame, ample funding to operationalize the three strategies will remain.

The Council recognizes the proposed \$575,000 reallocated to Emergency Child Care Scholarships for Central Pima families represents a temporary action. The Council felt obliged to continue the emergency child care scholarships due to the rapid expenditure of the Council's \$1.8 million that was available for scholarships from April to the present and because the program was needing to end by August 14. The Council received an outpouring of communication from families urging the Council to continue the emergency child care scholarship program. In addition, local media was present at two Council meetings and featured stories on the impact the loss of scholarships will have on families.

Since the inception of the program, approximately 1,110 children and 894 families have been served within the Central Pima region. In addition to voting for moving \$575,000 to emergency child care scholarships during the special meeting, the Council motioned and voted to continue funding scholarships at the present level and under the same eligibility criteria. Funding will accommodate families currently enrolled in the emergency child care scholarship program and is anticipated to last approximately one month.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Arthur M.D.", written in black ink.

Dr. Andrew Arthur, Chair  
Central Pima Regional Partnership Council