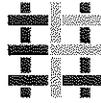


Gila River Indian Community



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GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL FUNDING PLAN SUMMARY

Regional Allocation: \$510,403

Prioritized Needs	Proposed Strategies	Portion of Regional Allocation	Recommendation to the Board
Increase access to prenatal, and birth to five; health, dental, vision, and hearing services, including parent education, preventative services, screening services, and follow-up services	Strategy 1-Home Visitation Prenatal to five years	\$178,016	APPROVED 12/08
Increase parent education to high risk populations, including teen parents, and parents in residential treatment program.	Strategy 2- Enhance Parenting Education and Case Management	\$91,500	APPROVED 12/08
Expand Akimel O'odham and Pee Posh language and literacy programs.	Strategy 3- Family Support Language	\$62,539	APPROVED 12/08
Expand access to higher education opportunities for the early childhood education workforce.	Strategy 4- TEACH Scholarships	\$12,720	APPROVED 12/08
Limited access to early care and education, especially infant and toddler programs.	Strategy 5- Quality & Access- Infant/Toddler child care	\$77,000	APPROVED 12/08
Limited access to quality early care and education (classroom experience) for children age 4 & 5.	Strategy 6- Quality & Access-Summer Program	\$51,281	APPROVED 12/08
Create community awareness around early childhood development and health.	Communications	\$2,812	HOLD
Critical shortage of specialists with the necessary education and experience to appropriately address the health needs of young children	Recruit a developmental pediatrician	\$6,000	Recommended for approval 8/24
	Regional Needs & Assets	\$5,000	HOLD
	Subtotal of Expenditures	\$486,403	
	Fund Balance	\$23,535	
	Grand Total	\$510,403	



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TO: Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board
FROM: Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council
DATE: August 15, 2009
RE: Revised Funding Plan: Meeting the health needs for young children in the Gila River Region

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Attached for your review and consideration is a revised Funding Plan strategy that was approved by the Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council during their June 2009 meeting. This strategy is aimed at system building through a government to government agreement with Gila River Health Care to recruit a developmental pediatrician. This memo and supporting document provide the detail and justification for this strategy. The Gila River Indian Community has also completed the internal tribal steps to ensure this strategy is appropriate and allowable, and has been given encouragement and support of the Gila River Tribal Council.

In its original funding plan, based on a review of the needs and assets available at that time, the Gila River Regional Council identified access to health and preventative health care service as a priority need. Unfortunately, due to a lack of health and preventative health data within the needs and assets report the Gila River Regional Partnership Council could not determine whether the lack of access to health and preventative health care was a system or capacity issue. Therefore, the Gila River Regional Partnership Council decided to conduct further outreach with local hospitals and health care providers serving families and children within the Gila River Indian Community, to determine how to best target funding so to build upon the health care infrastructure which is presently established within the Community. The Gila River Regional Partnership Council Chair and members of First Things First staff have met with staff at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital and Komatke Health Center in the region. Stakeholders from throughout the Community have been at the table to discuss the extensive health care system and the services available within the region. Through ongoing meetings it has been established there are an array of comprehensive services within the Gila River Indian Community, but currently there is a lack of both, system coordination and follow up care for young children after screening and referrals to developmental pediatricians due to limited number of specialty pediatricians statewide.

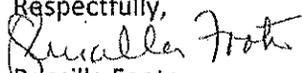
The Gila River Indian Community Regional Coordinator has presented strategy options for consideration to address the current delay of targeted health care and follow-up services for young children within the region. The Gila River Regional Council has completed a facilitated conversation to identify how they want to address this priority for the region. The Regional Council has determined that a recruitment strategy would meet the immediate needs of

children identified as needing follow-up care after screenings. The strategy would also build on the current infrastructure within the region by creating a mechanism linking children to services.

The Gila River Regional Partnership Council has completed its due diligence, both within the Gila River Indian Community and in conjunction with senior health policy staff at First Things First. This memo and supporting document provides the detail and justification for creating Strategy #7 within the Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council funding plan.

The Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council feels that providing an additional link to the current health care infrastructure of Gila River Health Care will streamline access to follow-up care for young children, and build on the current health care system in the region. They unanimously approved using \$6,000 toward this new strategy. We would respectfully request an approval of this revised strategy to allow the staff and council to quickly move forward into a government to government agreement.

Cathy Thornton, Coordinator for the Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council, will be present at the August Board meeting to present further information on this strategy and answer any questions from Board members.

Respectfully,

Priscilla Foote

Chair, Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council

**GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
AMENDMENT TO FUNDING PLAN**

June 2009

Strategy Worksheet

Strategy #7: Recruit a developmental pediatrician to better address health concerns of the Gila River Indian Community Region.

Background:

Throughout Arizona, there is a critical shortage of specialists with the necessary education and experience to appropriately address the health needs of young children from birth through age five, at a time when intervention and follow-up care can have the greatest impact. In the Gila River Indian Community this shortage becomes evident after the screening and referral process, due to a lack of developmental pediatricians and training for pediatric doctors in the region.

In the Gila River region, access to specialty health care provided by developmental pediatricians is a challenge. Although Gila River Health Care offers a wide range of service to the region, a lack of developmental pediatrician providers exists, forcing families to travel outside the region for specialty care after screenings and referrals. Many families report feeling overwhelmed and powerless when navigating the greater health care system leading to a failure to follow through with appointments and receive services. Families are faced with added challenges when coordinating health care services for children with complex needs.

To address these concerns the Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council plans to partner with Gila River Health Care to recruit a developmental pediatrician to the region. This strategy builds on existing collaboration between Gila River Health Care, Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC) and Phoenix Children's Hospital (PCH). Currently, PIMC and PCH are partnering on a program which encourages specialty pediatricians to work in tribal regions of Arizona.

As a part of this strategy, First Things First would pay a stipend to bring a developmental pediatrician to this rural region approximately 8-12 times per year. The developmental pediatrician serving in the region would see children with referrals and follow-up with a regional multidisciplinary team on progress of children. The model also promotes capacity building within the region by allotting time for the developmental pediatrician to train and mentor existing physicians at hospitals and clinics in the region. This strategy builds on current infrastructure within the region by creating a mechanism linking children to services, after the screening and referral process. This strategy will improve both the quality of care for young children and create fluidity in the overall health care system within the Gila River region.

Lead Goal: FTF will advocate for timely and adequate services for children identified through early screening.

Goal: FTF will build a skilled and well prepared early childhood workforce.

Key Measures:

1. Total number and percentage of professionals who work with young children, outside of early care and education, who hold a credential, certificate, or degree in early childhood development or other appropriate specialty area.

Target Population (Description of the population to reach):

This strategy would be implemented across the Gila River Indian Community, with special consideration given to graduates/professionals who would complete their service commitment in outlying communities that currently have limited access to services.

Proposed Service Numbers	SFY2010	SFY2011	SFY2012
	July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010	July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012
	40 children	40 children	40 children

Performance Measures SFY 2010-2012

1. # of providers with specialized services (developmental pediatrician)

- How is this strategy building on the service network that currently exists:

Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council will partner with Gila River Health Care to recruit a developmental pediatrician to the region. This strategy builds on existing collaboration between Gila River Health Care, Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC) and Phoenix Children’s Hospital (PCH). Currently, PIMC and PCH are partnering on a program which encourages specialty pediatricians to work in tribal regions of Arizona.

- What are the opportunities for collaboration and alignment:

Strategy will provide additional opportunities for alignment, collaboration and capacity building both within the Gila River Region and non tribal regions. Implementation of this strategy requires collaboration between the Gila River Indian Community Regional Partnership Council, Phoenix Indian Medical Center, and Phoenix Children’s Hospital, who will provide the developmental pediatrician.

SFY2010 Expenditure Plan for Proposed Strategy (How much of the total allocation will go to this strategy)

Population-based Allocation for proposed strategy: 40 children	\$6,000
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Budget Justification:

This incentive provides \$6,000 to cover the costs for administration, and a stipend to recruit a developmental pediatrician.

Future funding may expand depending on success of strategy.