

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council
Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships

The 2010 Regional Needs and Assets Report found there is a lack of affordable child care in the La Paz/Mohave region and identified insufficient early educational settings as a recurrent theme through-out the region. The conclusion indicated, "A need for increased availability of places for both special needs and typical children in preschool settings was a recurrent theme when talking with parents in both La Paz and Mohave counties." Indeed, the need for early learning opportunities for children in underserved communities is well documented in the region.

Partnering with school districts to expand Pre-Kindergarten programs is a strategy that has significantly built the capacity in the region to provide early learning experiences, especially in communities where access to early childhood education is severely limited. In determining which districts to partner with first, the regional council has prioritized communities with known shortages, such as those with no Head Start, no regulated child care programs, and those with the most families waiting to receive a DES child care subsidy. Through partnerships with local school districts, the regional council is now providing early learning opportunities for 164 children who would not otherwise have them. As of August 2011, agreements are in place with six school districts. These include:

Littlefield Unified School District	Number of public school pre-k sites receiving support	1
\$108,000	Number of private/public partner pre-K sites receiving support	0
	Number of FTF-funded pre-K children	40
Topock Elementary School District	Number of public school pre-k sites receiving support	1
\$120,000	Number of private/public partner pre-K sites receiving support	0
	Number of FTF-funded pre-K children	20
E.Q. Scholars Inc.	Number of public school pre-k sites receiving support	1
\$108,000	Number of private/public partner pre-K sites receiving support	0
	Number of FTF-funded pre-K children	20
The Mohave Valley Elementary School District	Number of public school pre-k sites receiving support	1
\$108,000	Number of private/public partner pre-K sites receiving support	1
	Number of FTF-funded pre-K children	20
Bullhead City Elementary School District #15	Number of public school pre-k sites receiving support	1
\$120,000	Number of private/public partner pre-K sites receiving support	1
	Number of FTF-funded pre-K children	24
Kingman Unified School District #20	Number of public school pre-k sites receiving support	1
\$135,000	Number of private/public partner pre-K sites receiving support	1
	Number of FTF-funded pre-K children	40
TOTAL = \$699,000		TOTAL = 164

Proposed expansion in Colorado City:

Strategies to Increase Quality, Access or Affordability of Early Care and Education		
Regional Partnership Council	Strategy Summary	Agreement
La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council	Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships increase preschool slots for children ages three and four in public school district programs where known shortages exist, including districts with a lack of regulated child care and districts with a high number of families on the waiting list to receive child care subsidy from the Department of Economic Security (DES).	<p>Government to Government Agreement</p> <p>Organization: Colorado City Unified School District</p> <p>Funding Amount: \$108,000</p> <p>FTF Strategy Name: Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships</p> <p>Service Numbers: 1 public school site 0 community-based partners 40 children (part-day)</p> <p>Agreement Period: October 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 (9-months)</p>