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TRIBAL AFFAIRS STATUS REPORT

June 2011 to August 2011

PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RESULTS

Project Type	Description	Result
Public Awareness Efforts in Tribal Sectors	<p>Within this period FTF Tribal Affairs has participated in several activities designed to share early childhood program and service information, in particular, FTF statewide initiatives and regionally supported programs. These activities included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">I. The Arizona Indian Education Association (AIEA) Parent Conference (June 6-7, 2011): The conference goals were to serve as a network for information for parents and to present effective and culturally relevant education services and strategies. This event convened over 150 partners ranging from tribal leaders, education professionals and Indian parents. During this conference, FTF Tribal Affairs provided two presentations that highlighted the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FTF funded early childhood development and health strategies that demonstrate successful collaborations between tribal service providers and other tribal partners.• FTF funded culturally relevant early childhood strategies and services that are available in tribal communities.II. The Southwestern Institute of the Education of Native Americans (SIENA) Early Childhood Care & Family Development Conference: The goal of this conference was to provide pertinent information via presentations and interactive workshops for parents	As a result of these activities FTF has been able to share information, network and serve as a resource at two state wide conferences focused on tribal early childhood initiatives.

	<p>of American Indian children. This event convened many partners ranging from tribal leaders, education professionals and Indian parents. During this conference, FTF Tribal Affairs provided two presentations that highlighted FTF funded culturally relevant early childhood strategies and services that are available in tribal communities.</p> <p>III. FTF Tribal Affairs was recently selected to participate in the learning gallery at the National Association for the Education of the Young Child Conference scheduled to occur in November 2011 in Miami, Florida.</p>	
<p>Developing Cultural Competency/Tribal Considerations in Early Childhood Development</p>	<p>IV. During this period, FTF Tribal Affairs and the Program Unit conducted several presentations on the FTF indicator development process and findings to gather feedback on how the proposed indicators may impact tribal communities. The following sessions were held throughout the months of June and July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arizona Tribal Early Childhood Roundtable Event (June 21, 2011) • ITCA Caring and Sharing Conference Plenary (June 22, 2011) • Key Informant Discussions (June-July 2011) <p>II. This report period the internal Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG) completed the following work to ensure cultural and tribal considerations are represented in FTF programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial review of the Standards of Practice related to Community Outreach strategies was completed to identify content that may pose barriers for strategy implementation in tribal communities. • The TTAG has also identified the need for a tribal grant development team to aid in the process of implementing tribal grant agreements. 	<p>As a result of these activities First Things First was able to offer information and engage tribal stakeholders in a dialogue on the proposed indicators. Further, a list of tribal considerations and recommendations related to the FTF indicators have been provided to the FTF Program Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Additionally, the work of the TTAG has resulted in recommendations put forth to the appropriate FTF units related to tribal specific language in the Community Outreach Standards of Practice and the tribal grant agreement process.</p>

<p>Coordination and Collaboration</p>	<p>FTF recognizes that the system goals of FTF can only be achieved through coordination and collaboration with both public and private entities in order to leverage funding, ease families' access to services, and maximize optimal results for young children. In recognition of this concept, First Things First has participated in the following meetings with tribal partners in the spirit of coordination and collaboration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. In June, FTF Tribal Affairs met with Mr. Lee Begay, Director of Aging Programs at the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss ITCA's efforts related to early education awareness within tribal elder programs. II. In this report period FTF Tribal Affairs participated in the Arizona Tribal Early Childhood Roundtable. The focus of the roundtable was tribal childcare licensure. 	<p>As a result of these meetings, First Things First has taken an active role in representing FTF early childhood information and education by entering into a dialogue with ITCA about early childhood awareness resources that are currently being utilized in tribal communities. This discussion has also served as a starting point for identifying early childhood awareness and education material that is appropriate and relevant to tribes.</p> <p>Additionally, FTF has positioned itself to be an informational resource to tribes that are interested in establishing a childcare licensure process.</p>
<p>Tribal-State Relations</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. On June 7, the FTF Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President of Government Affairs, the Senior Director of Tribal Affairs and Navajo Nation Regional Staff met with the Navajo Nation Vice President Rex Lee Jim as a follow up to an informational session that occurred in May with staff from the Office of the Vice President. II. On June 28, the Senior Director of Tribal Affairs attended the ITCA Tribal Leaders meeting to listen to the discussion related to the Arizona Board of Regents Tribal Consultation Policy and to share information related to the FTF tribal consultation on the indicators. 	<p>As a result of these meetings the following has been accomplished:</p> <p>First Things First staff has entered into an ongoing dialogue with staff of the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice Present the</p>

	<p>III. On July 11, the FTF Vice President of Government Affairs, the Senior Director of Tribal Affairs and Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Staff met with Tribal Chairman Pete Yucupicio and members of the Tribal Council to provide an update on regional and statewide initiatives.</p> <p>IV. On July 25, the Senior Director of Tribal Affairs attended the White Mountain Apache Tribe Health and Human Services Committee meeting to present a resolution for approval to conduct the 2012 White Mountain Apache Tribe Needs and Assets Report.</p> <p>V. On July 28, FTF conducted a formal Tribal Consultation on the proposed indicators.</p> <p>VI. Through the months of June and July the Chief Executive Officer, the Vice President of Government Affairs and the Senior Director of Tribal Affairs attend the following tribal regional partnership council meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council • Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council • Cocopah Tribe Regional Partnership Council 	<p>Pascua Yaqui Tribe and the White Mountain Apache Tribe to share information and explore opportunities for increased partnership.</p> <p>Further, the tribal consultation session resulted in a list of tribal considerations and recommendations related to the FTF indicators. This information has been provided to the FTF Program Committee for consideration. A summary of this event is attached to this report.</p>
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THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS BY TRIBAL AFFAIRS:

- FTF Tribal Affairs will host a pre-summit tribal forum to provide an informational exchange and learning opportunity for both tribal regional partnership councils and geographic regions that include tribes. This event will take place on Sunday, August 28, 2011 from 12:00-5:00 pm.
- FTF Tribal Affairs is preparing to provide informational presentations to the Hualapai and Yavapai-Apache Tribal Governments in September.