

Navajo/Apache REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL Funding Plan Update/Operational Plan

Population-Based Allocation: \$761,591

Frontier Adjustment: \$304,205

Emergency Child Care Scholarship Allocation: \$197,621

Emergency Food Box Allocation: \$4301.00

Total Funding to Date: \$1,267,718

#	Strategy Name	Description	Regional Allocation	Funding Agreement	Status	Cross Regional Opportunities
1	Early Childhood Learning Lab/Model School	During the next year, the Council will create a collaborative partnership between Northland Pioneer College, regional school districts and school boards, regional child care centers, regional NACOG Head Start Centers, Department of Economic Security, Navajo and Apache County Workforce Development, teachers, parents and families, and other community partners to create an Early Childhood Development, curriculum-based, learning lab model for child care and preschool.	\$50,000.	<p>April 2009 - government to government agreement with Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, Educational Service Agency as lead agency. This agreement calls for the inclusion of all school districts in the region to be involved in the creation of the model that will be developed to describe the child care/preschool lab school. Linda Morrow and Lannie Gillespie will be the primary contacts on this grant.</p> <p>This agreement is going to the Board for the June 9 meeting so that it can fund in July 2009.</p> <p>Agreement was approved in June.</p>	<p>8-13-09 checked with Charlene – we have a good agreement and she and I are in sync. Charlene indicated that the next step is to send to AdiShakti and Michelle – done.</p> <p>8-27-09 Responded to MK that the budget is included in the agreement, and that it has been completed. Also sent Dr. Ehmke’s email address out – as requested at meeting by Dr. Ehmke - to the RPC so that they could send him suggestions of people for the advisory council.</p>	

2	Recruitment of Early Care and Educational Professional Workforce	Professional development scholarships; intended for child care providers working in the region who are pursuing CDA/AA/BA degrees who do not qualify for TEACH, PCPP, or PELL (or have additional allowable costs)	\$14,000. 5-13-09 ammended to be \$21,551.00	Government to government.	<p>8-4-09 Talked with Melissa, there has been a series of meetings within NPC about this agreement, although she is unsure of the reasons behind them.</p> <p>8-13-09 Sent another email to Karalea asking about the status of the agreement – it did not go to the Board of Sups, and I’m unsure if it is on the agenda for the 25th of August, or not.</p> <p>8-24-09 Agreement is on the BOS agenda for 8-25, as well as the FTF Board agenda.</p> <p>8-26-09 Received approval from both BOS and FTF Board. Sent email to Karalea asking for status of her work on the agreement, and asking to talk with her about data collecton/tracking plans wihtint he agreement.</p> <p>8-27-09 Scheduled meeting with Karalea and Melissa for 9-8-09 at 1:00pm in Eagar.</p>	
3a	Professional Development Pathway System	Offer additional T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to child care professionals outside of <i>Quality First!</i>	\$27,000.	Buying into state-wide strategy	<p>8-14-09 I’ve agreed to host the August 19th live meting for TEACH, and have sent the flyer out to my list serve, as well as asked NAzAEYC members, and child care center directors to forward along to their list serves as well.</p> <p>8-21-09 Sign-in sheet scanned to Alicia</p> <p>8-25-09 Claude and Laurel attended the info session.</p>	
3b	Professional Development Pathway System	Planning year to create a workable infrastructure and tracking system for community-based trainings.	\$2,000.	Government to government with Northland Pioneer College	<p>6-16-09 Northland Pioneer College District Governing Board approved.</p> <p>7-8-09 NPC formally recognized by RPC, Claude will begin work.</p>	
4	Advocate for on-site, employer-sponsored child care	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will encourage and advocate for large employers to sponsor employer-based child care settings for employees ^{ivv} . This strategy would include a training component intended for employers to let them know the requirements, costs, procedures and “employer-felt” benefit information to promote establishing employer-based child care centers	\$50,000.	Procurement agreement with Applied Economics, Inc.	<p>7-29-09 Got the narrative and line item budget and sent both to Charlene. Charlene sent feedback, I forwarded to Sarah and asked her to re-wrok the line item budget to group charges into categories that mesh with FTF accounting categories. Also asked Charlene if I could offer her assistance to Sarah as she works on the line item budget – Charlene is fiund with that. Sent Charlene’s input t Sarah and gave Sarah Charlene’s contact info for budget purposes.</p> <p>7-30-09 Received revised/amended line tiem budget and budget narrative from Sarah.</p> <p>8-13-09 Charlene let me know that I need to send the agreement to MK and AK for their review – done.</p> <p>8-14-09 MK is reviewing, This agreement is on the Other Agreements Matrix that has gone to the Board for the August meeting.</p> <p>8-26-09 Received Board approval. Sent an email to MK, AK, TM, CS, SJ asking for status of internal approval and purchase order creation. SJ replied that ocne she gets the signed agreement, she will create the purchase order.</p> <p>8-27-09 Received MK’s approval, have AK’s approval. Todd will get Elliot’s signature, and I’ve sent the agreement to Sarah at Applied and have asked her to please make 3 copies and sign them all, and to please have them delivered to Charlene at FTF> Once we’ve got then,</p>	

					Elliot will sign and then a copy will go back to Applied. 8-27-09 Sarah emailed that she will work on questionnaire development prior to making hospital contact and will forward that to me for Council review in September.	
5	Child Care Home Study	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will partner with the Coconino Regional Partnership Council to conduct an area-wide study over the course of one year regarding this phenomena: Family choice for child care Barriers to becoming a certified Family Child Care provider Barriers to certified Family Child Care providers engaging in established programs for increasing quality.	\$50,000.	6-9-09 Potential inclusion/participation in state-wide study and IGA with the University Consortium.	8-13-09 Trudy sent Dean Kain an email asking him for more specifics related to study design, methodology, budget line item, etc. trudy and I talked through where we are, and she'll keep me in the loop. 8-14-09 Read through the SOW's that Amy developed for this study, they include language that indicates that this is a statewide study – which it is not – Trudy sent Amy an email clarifying (again) the position and votes of the Councils and that this is a Pilot Study only. We may need to re-send the SOW's to Dean Kain so that he can respond to the correct SOW's. 8-24-09 no response from Amy 8-27-09 Still waiting on revised/amended SOW's.	Collaborating with Coconino Region; possibly participating in state-wide study looking at Supply/Demand for Child Care, as well as reasons behind child care quality levels of centers/homes and reasons behind parent's choices for child care that they make.
6	Expansion of Child Care Openings	Administrative Home to manage a Fund to be used for grant award to child care centers and/or homes to expand high quality child care and preschool openings.	\$275,000. DISCRETIONARY REQUEST 275,000 \$182,008	4- 8-09 this went out as as RFGA for an Administrative Home.	8-24-09 This will be a discussion item on the September 9 meeting.	
7	Child Care Health Consultant	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to provide increased access to Child Care Health Consultants for lawfully operating child care homes and centers who are not enrolled in Quality First.	\$50,000.	Buying into state-wide strategy.	RPC "bought" an additional .5 time FTE specifically for this region to serve a mix of 15 centers and home outside of QF! 7-30-09 Elizabeth has the correct contract and will get it the County Atty for his review prior to the deadline for BOS meeting on the 101th of August. 8-4-09 Talked with Elizabeth Kizer – BOS approved. 8-13-09 Rec'd update from Kelley that Apache County has officially signed the contract.	
8	Oral Health Screens and Varnish	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will provide oral health screens and varnish application to infants and toddlers in early child care settings and other appropriate community settings. This process will include a parent education section for each child seen, as well as community education, outreach, and awareness for the general community to raise awareness related to the importance of good oral health.	\$15,000.	4-8-09 Went out as RFGA 7-8-09 Navajo County Public Health District is only applicant, funding has been recommended. 8-26-09 Board approved	8-4-09 Melissa signed, letters have been forwarded to MK. This will go to Board in August. 8-26-09 Received FTF Board approval of recommendations. There was only one applicant; will wait until September to announce to the RPC.	
9	Implement Healthy Steps	Healthy Steps represents a significant innovation in the way	\$105,000. \$104,519 is amount	6-8-09 RPC recommendations are going forward to the FTF Board for funding, on the June 9	8-5-09 Attended Healthy Steps training in Scottsdale. 8-14-09 Jorja emailed to let me know the training schedule for her	

		pediatric primary care can be delivered. Based on the standards and principles of Bright Futures and the American Academy of Pediatrics Health Supervision Guidelines, Healthy Steps enhances and expands traditional pediatric care by including a child development specialist as part of the pediatric practice team.	requested	agenda. This will be an RFGA with North Country Health Care.	new hire – Deborah Lewis – Deann will be here all week next week. 8-19-09 Attended grantee orientation, good networking with Beautiful Beginnings at the meeting.
10	Collaborate with state and community based organizations to provide outreach, education and guidance on nutrition and prevention of childhood obesity to service providers and parents who work with children birth through age five.	Because of the widespread problem of childhood obesity, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council is particularly interested in ensuring that early care and education providers, as well as families, receive guidance around nutrition issues. This topic will be an area of emphasis for individuals working with early care providers and others who work with young children in the region. This strategy is a comprehensive approach to prevent childhood obesity by reaching children, parents, child care staff, and the community.	\$13,750.	3-5-09 RFGA released 4-16-09 no applications received.	5-13-09 RPC voted to carry forward these funds to FY 2011 for re-release of the same strategy in RFGA form.
11	Expand or create new early literacy, language, and child development programs within the region	Given these facts, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will work to expand the capacity of early language and literacy programs to provide supports and services to young children and their families.	\$39,000. \$31,931.	3-5-09 Released as RFGA Reach Out and Read in the Applicant who is recommended for funding.	8-4-09 ROR posted job opening for part-time coordinator for Navajo/Apache 8-24-09 ROAR representative attended the grantee orientation on the 19 th . Position is posted, not filled, for ROAR Coordinator for Navajo/Apache region.
12	Expand home visiting program network	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to augment the provision of the Arizona Parent's Kit with the addition of a home visiting component to support new parents as they become more accustomed to parenting their infants.	\$139,788.	4-1-09 RPC met to approve funding program under FTF emergency response bid waiver. Contract is an agreement/partnership is between Northland Therapy Services, Hummingbird Early Intervention, and Summit Regional Healthcare.	8-19-09 Attended grantee orientation, good networking with Healthy Steps and ROAR; Deann offered joint training for ASQ – forwarded to Jody/Joe. 8-27-09 Joe asked for my attendance at joint meeting with Healthy Steps once they are up and running – if I'm available once he schedules the meeting, I will attend. 8-26-09 Joe reported that many families do not have Parenting Kits and that Northland does not have them to give out – not part of the SOW for parenting kits for toddlers to have the kits. RPC suggested that he coach families to look at the kits at the library. It was suggested that if the program is renewed, that a line time be added to the budget for the purchase of additional kits for families who do not have them. Additionally, Joe reported that he's gotten 70 referrals total to BB; so he is fairly sure that he is not receiving all yes/no forms from the hospital. This is part of the system that was

					set up for this program, so it was suggested that he contact Tammy Borrego at the hospital to see if she is getting the forms to track the babies – and to help determine where the breakdown in the system is.
13	Working in partnership with the Regional Partnership Councils and FTF Board, implement a community awareness, education, and mobilization campaign to build the public and political will necessary to make early childhood development and health one of Arizona’s top priorities	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council recognizes the importance and effectiveness of working in partnership with the Regional Councils and the FTF Board, speaking with one unified voice for young children to mobilize the community around a call to action. The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will determine the mechanisms most appropriate for this region to deliver the messages as developed from the statewide communications plan, raising the community’s awareness, and enlisting individuals as champions for early childhood development and health.	<p style="text-align: right;">\$25,000. \$16,250.00</p> <p>State-wide allocation: \$9750 Statewide allocation: \$6500</p>		<p>3-11-09 RPC voted to move 35% of funding originally allocated to the home visiting strategy.</p> <p>6-8-09 RPC communications strategies are all “on hold” pending further development within communications division.</p> <p>7-10-09 Karen will work with Liz, Elliot, and Tiffany to get concrete Communications Plan Update information to us ASAP.</p> <p>7-22-09 Internal communications workgroup has just been scheduled for 8-4-09, perhaps this will begin to inform the overall strategy and plan.</p> <p>8-5-09 Attended internal communications work-group – reviewed communications plans for SFY 2010. Updated AK, will update Team at next team mtg.</p>
14	Emergency Food Boxes	Provision of supplemental food and commodity boxes to families in need; boxes will meet the WIC guidelines for food contents for infants and toddlers, additionally diapers and other baby items may be included in the boxes.	<p style="text-align: center;">\$132,000.00 from RPC; \$4301.00 statewide funding. Total for region is \$136,301.</p>	Emergency response funding under bid waiver	<p>8-4-09 David Sherman called to say that he has scheduled a planning meeting for all participating Food Pantries in southern Navajo County for August 11 – I am on leave and will not be able to attend.</p> <p>8-17-09 Email to David asking about progress/barriers.</p> <p>8-25-09 Linda called to let me know that she and David are going shopping tomorrow for food and commodities; also let me know that they are working on scheduling meetings with food banks in Holbrook and Snowflake and Heber – scheduling has been difficult.</p> <p>8-27-09 David came to see me – he had questions related to payment timeframe/reimbursement process, also wanted to get finalized copies of data reporting templates. Sent email to Charlene and AK re same. Charlene sent him finalized templates, and reassured him of the 3-week timeframe.</p>
15	Emergency Child Care Scholarships	Provision of emergency child care scholarships to families at or below 200% FPL, scholarships are provided to child care centers/homes who have applied for QFI.	<p style="text-align: center;">\$180,000 from RPC; \$197,621 statewide funding. Total funding for region is \$377,621.</p>		<p>6-8-09 Admin home is UW – scholarships are being awarded and checks have been received. Lots of lee-way for numbers of scholarships to centers based on dollars available for this program.</p> <p>May 27, 2009 5 centers/homes are receiving scholarships.</p> <p>6-3-09 and 6-10-09 6 centers/homes 7-8-09 8 centers/homes enrolled. 7-10-09 If the RPC wants to continue this strategy, a new strategy will need to be created within the access and affordability goal area.</p>

					7-20-09 8 sites enrolled. 7-22-09 9% of funds used. 7-28-09 9 sites enrolled. 8-14-09 Talked with Kathy Turner w/ UWNaz today about strategies to reach un-enrolled child care centers and homes.
Carry Forward to FY 2011			166,053.00 0.00 13,750.00		3-11-09 RPC moved all carry-forward funds to home visiting strategy. 5-13-09 RPC voted to hold Nutrition strategy funds as carry-forward to FY 2011 for same strategy.

Total Regional Allocations	\$1,267,718
TOTAL Expenditures FY 2010	\$1,253,968

Statewide/State Funded Strategies

Strategies	Statewide funding or numbers	In Our Region	Status
Quality First!	6-9-09 213 enrolled; 91 pending orientation	3 centers and 2 homes	6-8-09 3 centers and 2 homes are eligible; all are identified; initial assessments and visits are taking place now 6-30-09 Per Jill, all QF sites will be officially participating and listed on the web-site as of 7-6-09
QF! Rating Scale			6-9-09 Planned end date for planning/design is July 31, 2010 for implementation. Mini pilot study possibly planned for spring 2010
T.E.A.C.H.		\$27,000 additional funding outside of QF!	6-9-09 TEACH presentations/orientations are being scheduled – July 11 in Holbrook. Good grades are now required for continued funding and bonuses; BA’s will be supported sooner than originally planned. QF scholarship apps will be completed this month 7-29-09 TEACH training session will be hosted in Lakeside 7-30-09 No QF! attendees for the 29 th . 8-19-09 QF! and non-QF! live meeting scheduled.
Child Care Health Consultants			6-9-09 contract signed with Pima Co. Dept of Health for QA and TA; contracts will local health depts. being pursued 7-16-09 Talked with Kelley, both Navajo and Apache Pub Health have declined the contract; she will contact Apache Co PH again and will offer the option to be a pass-through with the stipulation that Hummingbird Early Intervention be subcontracted with (Tam Talbot has training, is engaged with the community and is ready to go). If this doesn’t work, my suggestion is to approach the Apache Co Higher Ed Committee/Apache Co to be govt-govt partner with the same agreement details (sub-contract w/ Hummingbird).. My additional input was to pursue procurement or sole source contracting with Hummingbird directly. Reviewd all with AdiShakti – she and I agree that the appropriate outcome is to have Hummingbird Early Intervention be the ultimate provider – so it makes sense to use the most expedient process to reach that outcome. Kelley indicated that she would re-contact Apache Co. PH on her own, and will copy me on the emails. I’ll keep AdiShakti up to date/ 7-20-09 No emails from Kelley to Apache Co PH, or anyone else. 7-22-09 conference call scheduled for 7-28 at 10:30am with Kelley, me, and Elizabeth Kizer 8-4-09 Apache County wants the contract,BOS has approved. 8-14-09 Rec’d update, Apache county has signed the contract.
Parent Kits	To date, over 15,000 have been distributed since Feb. 2009		As of March, Az Parent Kits available at Summit Regional in Show Low. 7-14-09 Gave contact info for Sarah Basinger, new OB Dept head, to Susan Perkins Fry. 7-30-09 A second shipment of Kits was delivered to the hospital in June – 17 cases of 12 – all in English. I confirmed that Sarah can request additional Kits at any time, in English or Spanish, by contacting Susan. Beyond the amount ordered, there are no current numbers about how many have been delivered – other then to know that the initial shipment of 204 was gone by the time the second shipment arrived. So – perhaps 250 have been distrib uted from Summit since inception. 8-27-09 Dr. Barela estimated that 300 babies have been born this year, so these numbers make sense.
Physician Loan Forgiveness Admin Home			Scope of work being worked on now, RFGA should go out this summer

Early Childhood Advisory Group			AZ has a state-wide grant to fund this work; in conversation now with other state agencies
WAGES Administrative Home			RFGA was cancelled; SOW will be re-worked and RFGA will be released this summer 8-14-09 Work still being done on the SOW, branding concerns related to FTF being the funder, and Rhian wants this to be a flagship initiative for FTF – like QF!.
State-wide Longitudinal Study			6-5-09 Study design being done now; tools have been identified to assess child development; regional presentations will be scheduled in the next few months 8-24-09 Karen Applequist with NAU contacted me looking for evaluators, I asked her for a job description and requirements and will forward to ACYC and Navajo County Connection groups, as well as the RPC. I'm recommending Randy Heinrick, will ask him who else he recommends. 8-26-09 Karen forwarded along the job description – I sent it along to the group.

ⁱ “Child development knowledge and early childhood teacher preparation: Assessing the relationship—A special collection”

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ⁱⁱ “Preparing the workforce: early childhood teacher preparation at 2- and 4-year institutions of higher education”-

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ⁱⁱⁱ “Child development and classroom teaching: a review of the literature and implications for educating teachers”

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^{iv} *Meeting the Needs of Today's Workforce: Child Care Best Practices* (1998); World Wide Web: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/wb/>

^v National Child Care Information Center; World Wide Web: <http://nccic.org>