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Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome

The regular meeting of the First Things First Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council was held on August 13, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness Department in Peach Springs, Arizona, 86434.

Members Present

Candida Hunter, Chair; Darren Hudak, Vice Chair; Zavier Benson; Omaovensi Coochwytewa; Charlene Imus; Reverend Pete Imus; Sandra Irwin; Dr. Anthony Perkins
Barbara Tinhorn participated telephonically

Member Absent

Lucille Watahomigie

Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and welcomed new member Zavier Benson. Chair Hunter took roll to document the members present and on the phone.

Possible Approval of July 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Reverend Imus made a motion to approve the July 9, 2014 meeting minutes. Member Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Public

There were no responses to the call to the public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements and Reports

Reverend Imus spoke briefly about the West Regional New Member Orientation, and Member Tinhorn stated she found the orientation very informative.

Possible Approval of 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment

Regional Director Ashley Pascual reviewed the timeline and gave a brief overview of the actions taken during the Needs and Assets Assessment process. Violeta Dominguez, a Research Scientist with the University of Arizona, Norton School, confirmed the newest regional council members were familiar with the purpose of the report, then provided a brief background of the work to date. Ms. Dominguez stated the demographic information is obtained from the U.S. Census, other public agencies and Tribal departments. She highlighted new information that has been included in the report, such as healthy weight/obesity data, oral health data and immunization data. The report also includes data gathered through a parent/caregiver survey conducted in the region. Special attention was given to the School Readiness Indicators chosen by the regional council. Senior Director Gary Arnold inquired about an after-action report, and Ms. Dominguez advised there would be a white paper provided to report on best practices. Referencing the health data in the report, Reverend Imus requested Director Pascual invite Connie Hunter from the Peach Springs Unified School District to the next meeting to discuss the school's successful new program incorporating fruits and vegetables into children's diets. Director Pascual requested regional council members provide final feedback by August 14, 2014. Reverend Imus made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment as a final draft, with permission to allow staff to continue working with the

contracted vendor to conduct minor editing prior to submitting to the State Board by September 1. Member Hudak seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FTF Grantee Spotlight: Hualapai Maternal Child Health Program

Vivian Sue Parker, Hualapai Maternal Child Health Program Coordinator, introduced the new Maternal Child Health Advocate, Roxanne Rodriguez. Ms. Parker presented information about the Parents as Teachers curriculum the program employs with families. The curriculum's eight home visits enable staff to connect with families on many levels to discover strengths and set goals. The program has promoted several recent events to encourage healthier choices, with more planned to continue working to build partnerships with parents. There was some discussion about the target service number of thirty families served, and grant-funding remaining as a result of serving only fourteen at this time; however, Ms. Parker discussed the staffing noted the focus is on quality, not quantity.

Discussion on Grantee Data and Fiscal Updates

Director Pascual advised Attachment 3 is unavailable since the data report was not finalized by the Evaluation division; instead, she shared grantee narrative report information.

Director Pascual reviewed the FY2014 financial expenditures and noted grantees have 45 days after the end of the fiscal year to finalize reimbursement requests. The overall expenditure rate is projected to be approximately 75%.

Director Pascual reviewed the FY2015 contracts, which include Quality First, a full twelve-month grant for the native language strategy, the home visitation strategy and a reduced food security grant. Member Tinhorn inquired about the unused funding for TEACH scholarships, and Director Pascual explained these funds from FY2014 would become part of next year's (FY2016) allocation.

SFY2016-2018 Strategic Planning Discussion

Director Pascual provided an update on the State Board fiscal policy decisions, as outlined in Attachment 5. Following the presentation of the decisions, there was some discussion surrounding non-funded approaches, such as the recent Hualapai Kids' Health Fair used as an example. These partnerships with community organizations offer additional opportunities to provide services without expending funds.

Director Pascual then provided an update on the State Board program and policy decisions, as outlined in Attachment 6, including the separation of Quality First programs from Quality First scholarships, the addition of incentives for rating only sites, and the requirement to pursue cost efficiencies and continuous quality improvement.

Director Pascual reviewed the strategic planning framework and the school readiness indicators prioritized by the regional council. Director Pascual reviewed the next steps, which include inviting neighboring regional directors to present on September 10; a presentation to Hualapai Health, Education and Wellness staff on September 4; and scheduling a meeting with Head Start staff, all to compile information for the Regional Partnership Council to consider in developing the next funding plan. Member Irwin mentioned a past survey completed by Northern Arizona University that may help during the planning process, and expressed the need for a place for families to learn social skills before entering Head Start. Member Irwin mentioned the process for requesting tribal financial support, as well.

Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Report

Erin Taylor, Community Outreach Coordinator provided a flyer from the Gamyu highlighting the recent Mother Daughter Retreat, which included an early literacy activity. Coordinator Taylor also informed the regional council that she had participated in the Back to School Bash and the My Kid Your Kid event, where Dr. Perkins shared information about the Pride and Tutoring programs the school has developed to build up students. Coordinator Taylor announced there are public service announcements planned on The Peach radio station.

Regional Director's Report

Director Pascual shared that the newly named Communications and Public Affairs Division is conducting interviews for the Senior Director of Tribal Affairs position, the Communications Coordinator and the Government Liaison position. She noted that the entire Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council would be attending the Summit, with both Dr. Perkins and Reverend Imus presenting during sessions.

Director Pascual reviewed upcoming events, including the Early Childhood Coordination meeting in Parker on September 3.

Next Meeting

Chair Hunter checked in with the Regional Partnership Council members regarding the new meeting time. Consensus remained for the 3:00pm meeting time.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the Peach Springs School District.

Adjourn

Chair Hunter adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

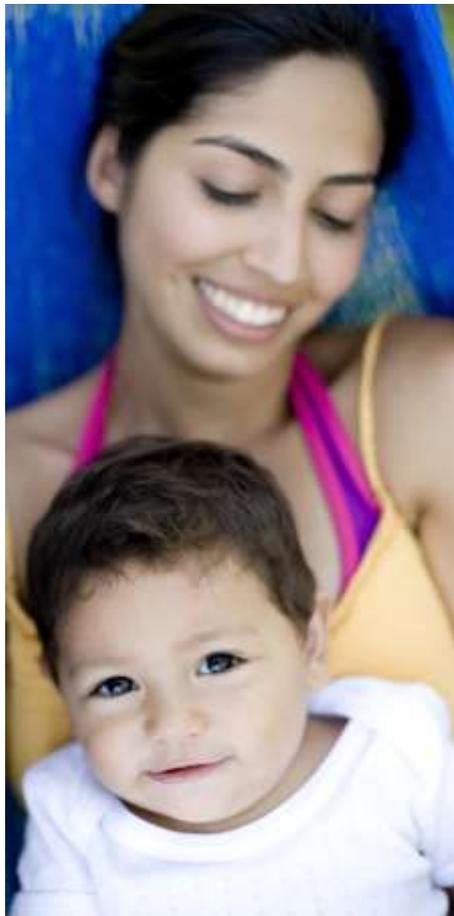
SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Sandy Smith, Administrative Assistant

Candida Hunter, Chair

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**COCONINO REGION PRIORITY
NEEDS, STRATEGIES AND
SCHOOL READINESS INDICATORS
TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES**

COCONINO – PRIORITY NEEDS

Families need improved opportunities for parent education and access to the tools and resources necessary to support their child's development

Many children are arriving at kindergarten unprepared for school in the areas of early literacy and reading

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Families need access to high quality child care (regulated & unregulated)

Many children have untreated tooth decay across the region

Many families across the region go without basic needs which has a negative long-term impact on health and birth outcomes

Many children qualifying for early intervention services in the Northern Hub, the Winslow hub and the Williams hub are not getting those services, primarily in the areas of Speech therapy and Occupational therapy.

COCONINO – SCHOOL READINESS INDICATORS (SRI)

- 1. Children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten**
- 2. Children enrolled in an early care & education program with a QF rating of 3-5 stars**
- 3. Children with newly identified delays during the kindergarten year**
- 4. Children age 5 with untreated tooth decay**
- 5. Families who report they are competent and confident about their child's safety, health and wellbeing**

COCONINO – ALL STRATEGIES

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Home Visitation

Parent Education
Community-Based Training

Service Coordination

Community Outreach

Community Awareness

Media

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Reach Out and Read

Summer Transition to Kindergarten

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Quality First

QF Child Care Scholarships

FTF Professional REWARD\$

Family, Friend & Neighbor Care

Child Care Health Consultation

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Oral Health

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Care Coordination
n Medical Home

CCOCONINO - SFY13 to SFY15 REGIONAL PRIORITY NEEDS, STRATEGIES AND SRI'S TO ACHIEVE OUTCOMES

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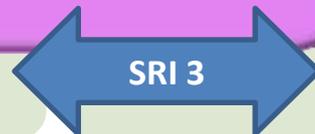
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Care Coordination Medical Home

Selected School Readiness Indicators (SRI)

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Coconino Regional Partnership Council

FY2015 Funded Programs in the Coconino Region

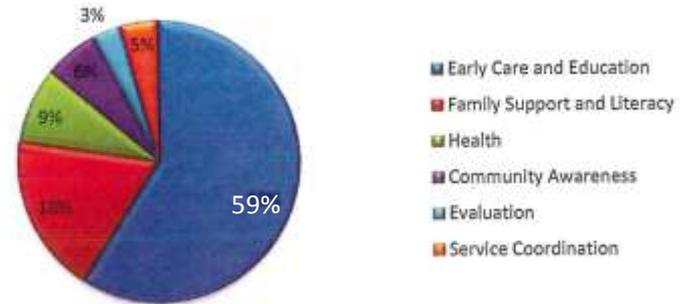


- Quality First Centers**
 Family, Friend & Neighbors Care (Kith and Kin)
 Quality First Child Care Scholarships
- Quality First Homes**
 Summer Transition to Kindergarten (KinderCamp)
 Oral Health (Smart Smiles)
- Home Visitation (Early Steps to School Success and Parents as Teachers)**
 Reach Out and Read
- Parent Education Community-Based Training (Growing Up Great)**
 Care Coordination/Medical Home (Healthy Steps)
- TEACH**
 Professional REWARDS
 Community Outreach
 Service Coordination

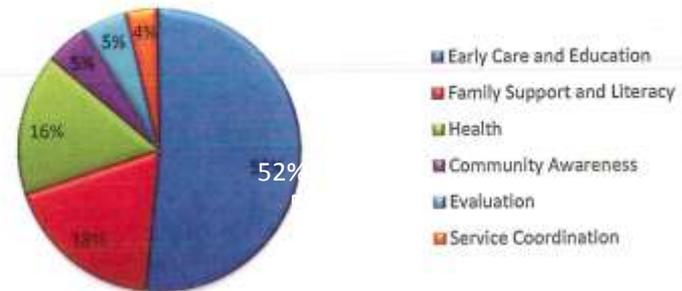
Strategy Allotments By Goal Area

SFY2013 through SFY2015

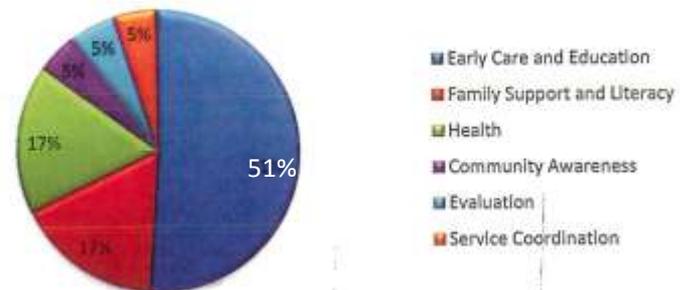
SFY13 Allotments by Goal Area



SFY14 Allotments by Goal Area



SFY15 Allotments by Goal Area





La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

SFY 2015 Regional Funding Plan Overview

September 10, 2014



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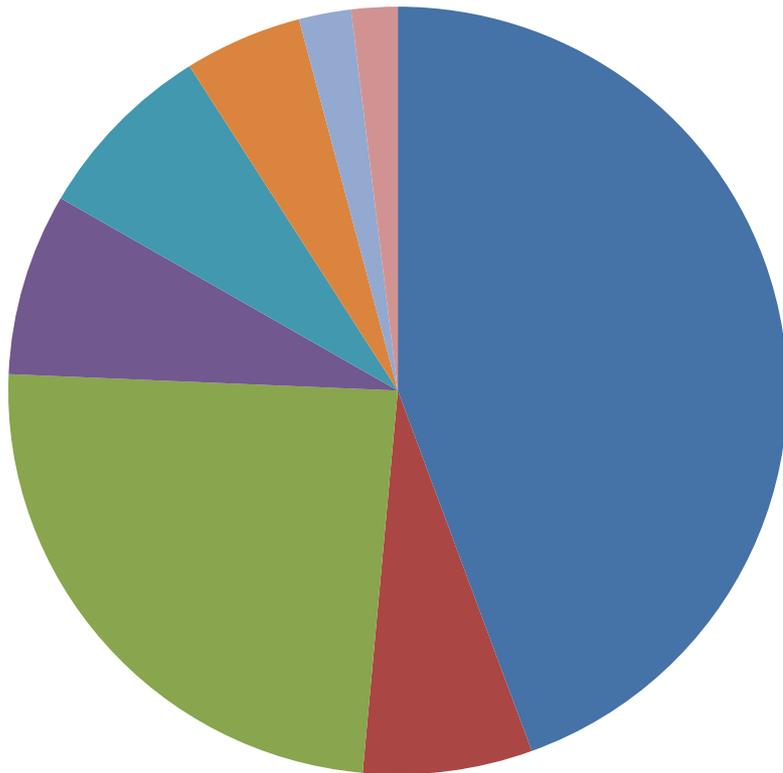
SFY 2015 Funded Strategies

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

Strategy	Investment	Percent
Quality First Scholarships	\$2,315,821	44%
Quality First Package	\$366,524	7%
Home Visitation	\$1,264,006	24%
Court Teams	\$400,000	8%
Professional Development ECE	\$400,000	8%
Evaluation	\$255,216	5%
Community Outreach	\$113,000	2%
Kith and Kin	\$100,000	2%
TOTAL:	\$5,214,567	100%

SFY 2015 Funded Strategies

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council



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- Home Visitation
- Court Teams
- Professional Development ECE
- Evaluation
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- Kith and Kin



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System Focus Areas

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

FOCUS	PARTNERS	IMPACTS ON SYSTEM
Home Visiting Collaboration	MIECHV Mohave County Health Dept. Hualapai Tribe AZEIP Arizona's Children Association Child and Family Resources, Inc.	Providers convened at least quarterly; Increased quality/frequency of communication; Improved comfort and familiarity with partners; Improved referral process between programs; More seamless/convenient services for families.
Oral Health Coalition	Delta Dental Foundation University of Arizona, Mohave Cooperative Extension	Coalition convened at least quarterly; Providers receive training and technical assistance to help them promote oral health; Oral health education and prevention activities are integrated in to existing family support, early learning and health programs in the region.
Early Childhood System Coordination	School Districts/Educators /ADE Child Care Providers Non-Profit Organizations State Agencies (DES, AZEIP, etc...) Health Service Providers	Partners convened at least quarterly; Provides regular networking opportunities; Improved awareness of resources; Enhanced input/participation in FTF process.

Cross-Regional Collaboration

La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council

Strategies serving multiple FTF regions:

- Community Outreach & Awareness
- Home Visitation
- Court Teams
- Professional Development ECE Professionals
- Family, Friend and Neighbor (Kith and Kin)



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Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council – System Focus Areas

Attachment 04

FOCUS	LEAD PARTNERS	SCHOOL READINESS INDICATORS	IMPACTS ON SYSTEM
<p>Healthy Child Development Raising the awareness of developmental stages, and increasing developmental screening opportunities, followed by a seamless referral and follow-up system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Materials that explain process from referral to screening to service provision; training provided ▪ Link preventative services for supporting young children and families, including immunization and health information outreach ▪ Cross-training for providers and parents from prenatal care through school years 		<p>Children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>Children with newly identified developmental delays during the kindergarten year</p> <p>Families competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Description of Hualapai Journey:</i> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community understanding regarding child development and the importance the early years ▪ Families, providers and community members have the information and resources needed to facilitate developmental screenings, referrals, and provided needed services. ▪ Adequate service provision and family support. ▪ “Love!” (Nurturing, supportive, confident families)
<p>Community Outreach and Education Promote partnerships, raise awareness, and increase utilization of the assets in and/or available to the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordination between programs serving families ▪ Advertise resources and important events ▪ Build on momentum of a healthy community and common community vision work ▪ Hold community meetings and workshops on child development and parenting education ▪ Share and promote culture and language ▪ Enhance communication between medical community, educators, and families ▪ Community Awareness of Child Development, Infant/Child Mental Health, and Early Education ▪ Promote high quality early learning environments; ▪ Increase access to higher education and training for early education providers ▪ Increase families confidence, advocacy and involvement in their child’s education 			

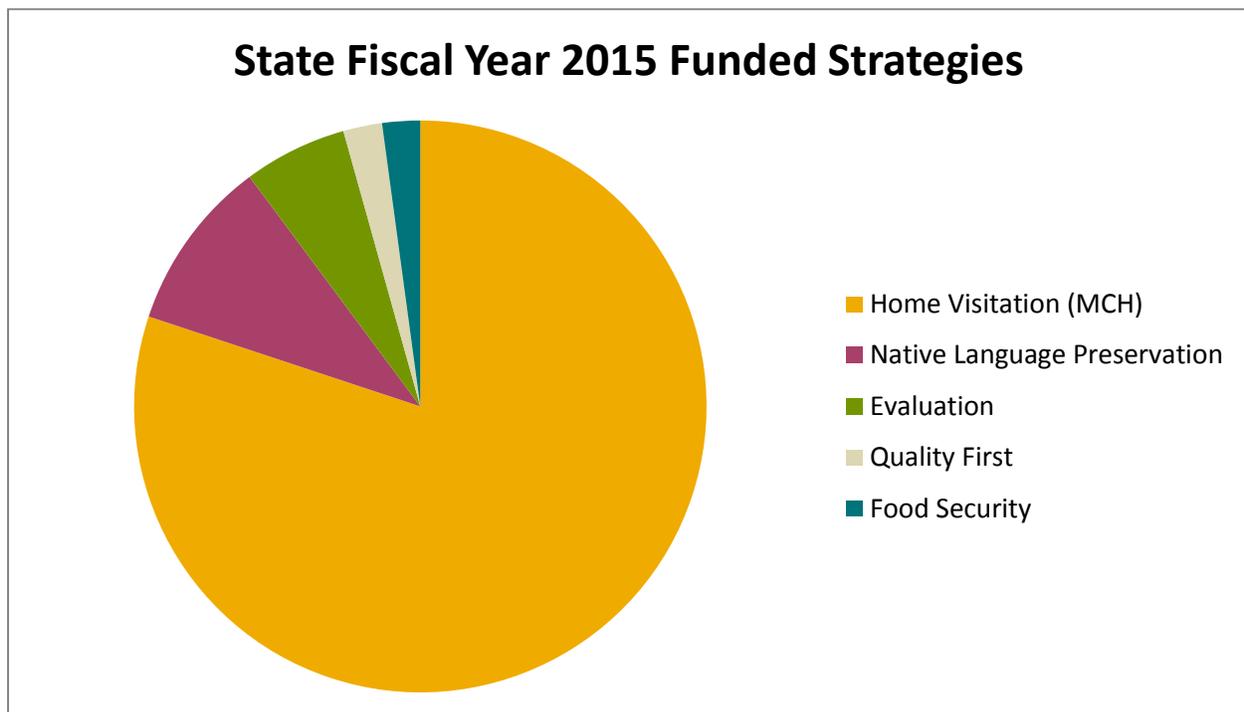


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Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council SFY 2016 – 2018 Strategic Planning (*continued discussion*)

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015 Regional Funding Plan is the third in a 3-Year Strategic Plan (State Fiscal Years 2013 – 2015). Throughout the last three years, the Regional Partnership Council has refined strategies and established partnerships, while maintaining a commitment to addressing two prioritized needs: 1) the need for parent education and greater access to information, resources, and high quality care, specific to a child’s healthy start in life, and 2) the need for educational and professional development for early childhood providers to provide high quality care and education. To carry out this important work, the Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council has awarded a total of \$407,368 throughout SFY 2013-2015.

Moving through the ongoing Regional Life Cycle (Assessment→ Strategic Planning→ Grant Process→ Strategic Implementation→ Evaluation→ Assessment), the Regional Partnership Council has received the most recent Needs and Assets Assessment (September 2014) and has taken considerable time in reviewing past implementation and feedback from the community. The chart and table below provide an analysis of the present implementation (SFY 2015).



Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

State Fiscal Year 2015 Strategic Plan

Strategy	Description	Target
Food Security	<p>Improves health and nutrition by distributing food boxes to families in need of assistance who have children 0-5.</p> <p><i>St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance works with a community partner (Human Services) to provide monthly food distribution.</i></p>	<p>600 food boxes (SFY14 total: <i>TBD</i>)</p>
Quality First	<p>Provides coaching, assessment and support to improve the quality of care and education provided, and provides a Star Rating as a resource to assist families in identifying quality.</p> <p><i>Hualapai Day Care will receive coaching, assessment, and access to consultative support.</i></p>	<p>1 center 60 children (not all 0-5) (SFY14 total: <i>Expansion</i>)</p>
Native Language	<p>Connects young children and their families to their native language and culture by providing materials, awareness and outreach to promote native language and cultural acquisition during the critical early years, birth through age five.</p> <p><i>Cultural Resources staff will work with a consultant to develop a language curriculum and provide training to staff at two locations.</i></p>	<p>2 center based providers 2 professionals</p>
Home Visitation	<p>Provides voluntary in-home services for infants, children and their families, focusing on parenting skills, early physical and social development, literacy, health and nutrition.</p> <p><i>Maternal Child Health Program implements the program, and also administers Emergency Supplies and parenting education classes.</i></p>	<p>30 families (SFY14 total: 20 families)</p>

Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Strategic Direction

Regional Priority to be addressed	2014 Needs and Assets Assessment		School Readiness Indicators Correlated to the needs and priority roles	System Focus Areas (Unfunded Approaches)	Current Strategies
<p>Parent education and access to information, resources, and high quality care, specific to a child’s healthy start in life.</p> <p>Educational and professional development for early childhood providers to provide high quality care and education.</p>	<p><u>Challenges</u></p> <p>Low high school graduation rate</p> <p>High rate of teen births</p> <p>High rate of overweight or obese children</p> <p>Low breastfeeding rates</p> <p>Low AIMS results in reading and math</p> <p>Medically Underserved Area</p>	<p><u>Assets</u></p> <p>Low rate of <u>un</u>insured children</p> <p>High rate of early prenatal care exceeds Healthy People target</p> <p>High rate of 3-5 year old children attending preschool</p> <p>Local access to services, including: DV shelter, WIC, Maternal Child Health, Health Clinic, oral health care</p>	<p>Children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>Children with newly identified developmental delays during the kindergarten year</p> <p>Families competent and confident about their ability to support their child’s safety, health and well being</p>	<p>Healthy Child Development- Raising the awareness of developmental stages, and increasing developmental screening opportunities, followed by a seamless referral and follow-up system.</p> <p>Community Outreach and Education- Promote partnerships, raise awareness, and increase utilization of the assets in and/or available to the region.</p>	<p>Home Visitation</p> <p>Food Security</p> <p>Native Language Preservation</p> <p>Quality First-Rating Only (Coaching & Assessment)</p> <p>Statewide Evaluation</p>



Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council September 2014 Regional Director's Report

Regional Council Member Recognition

- Happy Anniversary and thank you for your leadership and commitment to young children!
 - Pete Imus, 6 years
 - Charlene Imus, 4 years
- Thank you to all of the Regional Partnership Council for attending the Early Childhood Summit!

Statewide Update

- The last Board Meeting was held August 18th in Phoenix. Topics discussed included:
 - Tobacco Tax Projections and Sustainability Model: In July, the Board adopted a program budget of \$126.6 million. An updated sustainability model was developed given the updated tobacco tax revenue estimates. The full report, *Tobacco Tax Revenue Forecast Study (2014)*, is available under Meeting Materials and Public Notices at www.azftf.gov.
 - The announcement was made to the Board that Candida Hunter was hired as the Senior Director for Tribal Affairs, and began on September 8th.
 - The 2014 Annual Report was approved and will be finalized September 15th.
- The next Board meeting will be held in Yuma, September 30th; regional allocations to be set.

Regional Update

- The final draft of the 2014 (SFY2015) Regional Needs and Assets Assessment will be presented for approval at the Tribal Council meeting on September 5th.
- Two vacant seats on the Regional Council: Business and Member At-Large. Encourage others to apply by completing the application at www.azftf.gov/serve.

Events

September 3: Early Childhood System Coordination Meeting for grantees and partners throughout La Paz/ Mohave, CRIT and Hualapai, 9am-1pm, Parker IHS Health Clinic

September 5: Hualapai Tribal Council Meeting; requesting approval for Needs and Assets

September 22-25: Hualapai Days: Growing Better, Faster & Stronger

October 8: Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting with Public Discussion, 3:00pm, Hualapai Cultural Resources Department

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October 7: First Things First Tribal Consultation, 10am-3pm, Phoenix