



Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

Narrative Report Highlights - State Fiscal Year 2012, Quarter 4

Early Literacy

“I added three new WIC clinics to my schedule this quarter. Adding the Holbrook clinic means that I am now scheduled at every WIC office within First Things First’s portion of Navajo County each month. I added the Springerville and St. Johns offices in June, which brought me to regularly scheduled venues in Apache County for the first time. I will now be attending seven WIC clinics each month, and plan to increase this to eight clinics in July, when I add the Concho office for alternate months. I will be collaborating with the WIC clinicians and the nutrition educators within both counties in order to coordinate services for parents, and hope to broaden my scope as a result.”

Healthy Steps

North Country

“Health Start: We are working closely with the Health Start staff in Show Low and in Holbrook. Both clinics have many families that need to have home visits 2 -3 times weekly. These families are introduced to the Healthy Step specialist team by Health Start so families needs and concerns can be met frequently. Since the Health Start program focuses on home visits instead of clinic visits and focuses on and works with children prenatal to the age of two, there is a natural integration between the two programs. The Healthy Steps Specialist attends to all the children clinic visits and to families outside the scope of Health Start. By closely coordinating responsibilities and services we are able to avoid and prevent duplication of services. Health Start introduces prenatal families to the Healthy Steps program and families with children over the age of two. We have a successful handoff between families.”

Summit Healthcare

“The Healthy Steps director met with the pediatric audiologist in town during this past quarter. She shared information about Healthy Steps with the medical team. They are now referring children and families to Healthy Steps. During this meeting it was discovered that when

neonates fail their hearing test at the hospital there isn't a system to follow up with the child. Because of this discussion began with hospital administrators to address the problem and work with the hearing specialist to refer children into Healthy Steps. Coordination of their follow up care is now occurring. Prior to this action the audiologist reports that children were not referred by their physician until the child reached 2-3 years of age."

Nutrition Education

"We have successfully partnered with WIC and Head Start in both counties. In addition we have formed partnerships with Shepherd's Kitchen, the Love Kitchen, Apache County Health Start, and Navajo County Public Health.through these partnerships we often provide multiple services, such as Early Literacy, and ERIB, during WIC clinics, thereby providing the families with needed resources in a one-stop-shopping type of atmosphere.

For the upcoming year we are making plans to work with more of our area schools and with North Country facilities across the 2 counties. We are also working to add locations with United Food Bank, St. Mary's Food Bank, Summit Health Care Healthy Steps, and the Living Hope Clinics in both Springerville and Show Low. Through our partnership with United Food Bank we are also in the process of helping the Boys and Girls Club in Springerville to establish a partnership between the two entities to provide a Kids Café program, we are also working with BGC to establish the nutrition program within their facility. Furthermore, the classes that we started last fall in conjunction with the Apache County Public Health Services District, specifically the Health Start program, will resume in 2 venues for the upcoming year, we will do classes in Round Valley at the library in July, and in St. Johns at the library in August. Depending on the success of the classes we will revisit in the fall and assess whether to do additional classes."

Oral Health Dental Screens and Fluoride Varnish

"The NCPHSD Oral Health Program has exceeded its contracted number of fluoride varnish applications for this fiscal year. The contract is for 1,200 fluoride applications and 1,535 applications were provided. In addition NCPHSD also met the contracted number of 55 for training provided to child care providers. 55 individuals received oral health education this fiscal year. In addition to the fluoride varnish applications that were provided, 1,601 oral health screening were provided. Of the 1,601 oral health screens this fiscal year, 1,111 were 1st time, 364 were 2nd screens, 124 were 3rd screens and 2 were a 4th screen.

During this last quarter 2 participants had been determined Urgent (needing to see the Dentist right away). They will be followed in the next quarter."