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Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Director's Report ~ September 2011

Regional Update

▪ **Regional Partnership Council Member Recognition:**

Congratulations and special recognition to Member Dunsmore and Member Charlene Imus on one year and to Vice-Chair Imus on three years of service as Regional Partnership Council Members!

▪ **Regional Partnership Council Member Recruitment:**

The "Member At-Large" seat open; this seat may be filled by anyone who lives or works in the region.

The philanthropy seat remains vacant; the Philanthropy Representative must live or work on the reservation and must be a member of the Board of or management staff of a philanthropic organization.

Board and Statewide Update

▪ **School Readiness Indicators**

At the Board meeting on August 29th, 2011, the Board approved the recommended set of 10 "School Readiness Indicators," which Regional Funding Plans will align with beginning Fiscal Year 2013.

▪ **Regional Boundaries**

Also at the Board meeting on August 29th, 2011, the Board set the Regional Boundaries. There were no major changes to the Regional Boundaries. By March of every even-numbered year, the Tribes in Arizona have the opportunity to decide how they want to participate with First Things First regions; therefore the next decision is requested before March 2012.

▪ **Quality First!**

The Quality First program and finance remodel was approved by the Board, and new costs will begin Fiscal Year 2013. Quality First will be a regional decision with partial financial support from the Board. The improved Quality First model includes enhanced coaching for quality improvement, opportunity for assessment and Star Rating, Quality First Scholarships, TEACH, and augmented consultation services. Another major change to the Quality First program is that participating providers will have the opportunity to remain as a participant indefinitely. An overview is attached to this report.

Upcoming Events

September 10, 2011: Hualapai Tribal Council Meeting, Peach Springs

- A presentation will be made by the Regional Director to the Hualapai Tribal Council on Saturday, September 10th, 2011, to request permission to conduct the 2012 Hualapai Tribe Regional Needs & Assets Assessment.

September 14, 2011: Hualapai Community Input Session #1, Peach Springs

- What does the community have or not have to help make sure children’s needs are being met and they are ready to succeed when they enter kindergarten? The Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council wants input from the community at 5:30pm on Wednesday, September 14th, 2011, at the Multicultural Building. The announcement is attached to this report.

September 19th- 23rd, 2011: Hualapai Indian Day Activities, Peach Springs

- Tentatively, Community Input Session #2 will be scheduled to coincide with a planned gathering where participants will also be invited to provide their input.

September 27th, 2011: La Paz/ Mohave Grantee Coordination & Strategic Planning Meeting, Bullhead City

- A strategic planning meeting will be held for stakeholders and grantees in La Paz and Mohave Counties at 9:00am on Tuesday, September 27th, 2011, at the Bullhead City Elementary School District Board Room.

October 12th, 2011: Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council meeting, Peach Springs

- The next Regional Partnership Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 12th, 2011, at 9:00am at Peach Springs School. The main objective of this meeting will be strategic planning.

**2011 Arizona Early Childhood Summit
Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council Members**



Thank you for your time, dedication and commitment to young children!