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ATTACHMENT 2

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To: San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council

From: Beverly Russell, San Carlos Apache Regional Coordinator

Subject: August 2009 Report

August Highlights

What are some highlights that are going on with your Regional Council/area? (i.e. a new RPC member appointment, presentation to the Board on..., Tribal Resolution approved, etc.)

- The Chairman has signed the grant agreement between the San Carlos Apache Tribe Fire Department and First.
- Mr. Samuel Brown has been hired to serve as the Administrative Assistant for the San Carlos and Gila Regions.

FTF Meeting with San Carlos Apache Tribal Council Members

- *Regional Boundary
- *Parent Curriculum
- *NA Report/Studies
- *FTF Updates

The Coordinator has touched based with staff from the Tribal Administration regarding a meeting between the San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council and the Tribal Chairman and/or the Tribal Council. The Administration staff requested a summary of the discussion content for this meeting. They have advised that they will review the information and provide the Regional Partnership Council with the best method of navigating the issues.

Early Childhood Development & Health Collaborative

The Regional Coordinator is in the process of securing a meeting date in October for the first meeting of the Early Childhood Development & Health Collaborative. The date has been moved to October in an effort to combine this meeting with an orientation for the distribution of the Arizona Parent Kits for the San Carlos Region.

The Regional Coordinator has identified the following entities as potential members of the San Carlos Apache Early Childhood Development and Health Collaborative:

1. San Carlos Head Start Program
2. San Carlos Apache Kid care Program
3. The Tribal Foster Grandparent Program
4. The Boys and Girls Club
5. The San Carlos School District
6. The Fort Thomas School District
7. The San Carlos Community Health Representative Program



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8. The WIC Program
9. The Tribal Wellness Center
10. The Indian Health Service
11. The Tribal Health Department
13. The Education Department
14. The San Carlos Library
15. San Carlos Social Services
16. The Save the Children Program
17. Arizona Special Olympics
18. Tribal Administration Staff

These programs will be sent a meeting invitation upon the confirmation of a date for the Parent Kit distribution.

San Carlos Apache Regional Allocation

On August 25th, the State Board approved the 2011 funding allocation for the San Carlos Apache Region. As you may recall for 2010, our region was allocated the following amounts:

Original 2010 Allocation Based on Population \$302,873
2010 Frontier Community Allocation (3/09) \$56,940
Total 2010 Regional Allocation \$359,813

For 2011 the board has approved the following:

Original 2011 Allocation Based on Population \$353,635
2011 Frontier Community Allocation \$128,180
Other Discretionary \$87,352
Total 2011 Regional Allocation \$569,167

Chair and Vice Chairs Meeting

On September 10, 2009, First Things First hosted a meeting for the Chairs and Vice Chairs of all Regional Partnership Council across the state. During this meeting the following topics were discussed:

- **Regional Partnership Council Survey:** It was reported that the overall results of the regional partnership council member survey were quite positive. No survey question go more negative than positive response, with all rated responses being greater than 57% strongly or mostly agreeing. The value of the survey is that it shows some clear areas where additional assistance to the Regional councils should be provided. The Central East Region had the most responses with 23% of the total. Thank you for completing this survey.



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- A Presentation and Discussion of the Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health System Framework: State Board Chair Steve Lynn and Member Rhian Evans Allvin led a discussion on the framework. FTF is designated with leading cross-system efforts among state, federal and tribal organizations to improve the coordination and integration of Arizona's programs, services and resources for young children and their families and important step in this process is to identify the components, assets, gaps and necessary pieces to build our desired Arizona early childhood development and health system. The outcome of this activity is a system framework and five-year plan with annual bench marks of the progress. To achieve this goal, FTF is using architecture from two national modes to guide the development of the five year plan.
- FTF Communication Efforts: The First Things First Communications Director provided an overview of the communications plan for the agency. Points of interest in the plan include the following goals:

Goal 1: FTF is recognized as Arizona's movement to ensure that Arizona's children have access to the early childhood experiences that help them to succeed.

Goal 2: Build public awareness of the importance of investment (whether of time, financial resources, etc.) in early childhood.

Goal 3: Increase parent knowledge of the importance of early childhood.

Upcoming Special Program Events and/or Meetings

Provide an update of what is coming within your regional area (i.e. information on any community events that are coming up that FTF staff can attend, etc.)

- The next San Carlos Apache Regional Partnership Council will take place on October 19, 2009 at the Boys and Girls Club in San Carlos, AZ.
- The San Carlos Apache Region of First Things First will partner with the Gila Region to set up a community information booth at the Boys and Girls Club Day for Kids event on September 26, 2009.