

Phoenix Regions - SFY 2014 Strategies and Grants

Goal Area	Strategy	North	Central	South	Notes	Strategy Description
Quality & Access	Quality First	√	√	√ (+2 to GRIC)		Expands the number of children who have access to high quality care and education, including learning materials that are developmentally appropriate, a curriculum focused on early literacy and teachers trained to work with infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Supports provided to early care and education centers and homes to improve the quality of programs, including: on-site coaching; program assessment; financial resources; teacher education scholarships; and consultants specializing in health and safety practices.
	Quality First Child Care Scholarships-w/QF package	√	√	√		Helps low-income families afford a better educational beginning for their children. Provides scholarships to children to attend quality early care and education programs.
	Additional QF CC Scholarships/Pre-K Scholarships	√ (teens)		√ (prek)		Increases the number of 3- and 4-year olds enrolled in high quality preschool programs that prepare them to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. Provides scholarships to quality programs in a variety of settings to allow programs to serve low income children at no-cost to parents.
	Family, Friend & Neighbor	√	√	√	Multi-Regional Agreement: North, Central, South and GRIC	Improves the quality of care and education that children receive in unregulated child care homes. The supports provided to family, friend and neighbor caregivers include training, materials and equipment for appropriate and healthy care and education.
	Inclusion of Children with Special Needs		√			Promotes the inclusion of special needs children in early education activities. Provides consultation and training to child care providers about how to best meet the needs of children with special needs in their early care and education settings.
Professional Development	TEACH Scholarships- w/QF package	√	√	√ (+to GRIC)		Replace with : Improves the professional skills of those providing care and education to children 5 and younger. Provides scholarships for higher education and credentialing to early care and education teachers.
	FTF Professional REWARD\$	√	√	√		Keeps the best teachers with our youngest kids by rewarding longevity and continuous improvement of their skills. Improves retention of early care and education teachers through financial incentives.
	Director Mentoring			√		Increases the efficiency of the early care and education system by building the leadership and business skills of its administrators. Provides education, mentoring and training to early care and education directors.
	Community Based ECE Training	√				Improves the professional skills of those providing care and education to children 5 and younger. Provides quality education and training in community settings to early care and education professionals.
	Child Care Health Consultation- w/QF package	√	√	√ (+to GRIC)		Improves the health and safety of children in a variety of child care settings. Provides access to qualified health professionals who assist child care providers in achieving high standards related to health and safety for the children in their care.
	Care Coordination/Medical Home		√	√		Improves children's health care and future development by ensuring they have a regular source of care. Provides children and their families with effective case management, connecting them to appropriate, coordinated, health care.
	Developmental and Sensory Screening	√	√	√	These were two RFGAs- separate contracts	Increases children's access to preventive health care and helps to identify potential learning problems early on. Provides children with developmental, oral, vision, and/or hearing screening and referrals for follow-up services. NOTE: Currently in Phoenix Regions, only Vision and Hearing Screenings are targeted and contracted under this strategy.
	Health Insurance Enrollment	√	√		These were two RFGAs- separate contracts	Increases children's access to preventive health care and builds community awareness of the availability of public health insurance options. Assists families in application for, or renewal of, public health insurance.

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Health	Mental Health Consultation	√	√	√		Helps child care staff and early childhood programs to support the social-emotional development of young children. Provides mental health consultation to teachers and caregivers.
	Oral Health		√	√	Delivery at WIC sites- 1 WIC clinic listed as active in C PHX that would fall in the new North/Central region, north of Camelback in zip code 85014.	Decreases preventable oral health problems in young children. Provides oral health screenings and fluoride varnish in a variety of community-based settings; provides trainings to families on the importance of oral health care for their children; and provides outreach to dentists to encourage service to children for a first dental visit by age one.
	Comprehensive Preventative Health			√		Decreases preventable and chronic health issues in young children. Builds a coalition of health education programs to establish a comprehensive health education system and provide community-based health trainings to young children and their families.
	Recruitment - Stipends/Loan Forgiveness			√		Improves the quality and range of therapeutic and intervention services in underserved communities. Offers professionals financial incentives to work in underserved communities.
	Prenatal Outreach		√	√		Increases healthy pregnancies and good birth outcomes. Provides outreach and education to pregnant women and their families and links pregnant women to sources of prenatal care.
Family Support	Family Resource Centers	√		√		Strengthens families of young children by providing locally-based information and instruction on health and child development issues. Provides local resource centers that offer training and educational opportunities, resources, and links to other services for healthy child development.
	Family Support Coordination		√	√		Improves service delivery to families with young children by streamlining the system and simplifying application procedures. Improves the coordination of, and access to, family support services and programs.
	Family Support-Children with Special Needs		√			Improves the education and health of children with special needs who don't qualify for publicly funded early intervention programs. Provides coaching, group activities and services to the parents of children with special needs. Services are designed to help their child reach his/her fullest potential.
	Home Visitation	√	√	√		Gives young children stronger, more supportive relationships with their parents through in-home services on a variety of topics, including parenting skills, early childhood development, literacy, etc. Connects parents with community resources to help them better support their child's health and early learning. Provides voluntary in-home services for infants, children and their families, focusing on parenting skills, early physical and social development, literacy, health and nutrition. Connect families to resources to support their child's health and early learning.
	Parent Education Community-Based Training	√	√			In North Phoenix, this strategy provides parent education and case management to teen parents. Teens are also able to access child care scholarships for their young children.
	Reach Out and Read	√	√		Multi-Regional Agreement: Central Phoenix, North Phoenix, Coconino, Graham/Greenlee, Navajo Nation, SRPMIC, WMAT, and Yuma	Expands children's access to reading by promoting child literacy as a part of pediatric primary care. Trains pediatric practices to engage parents and young children in early literacy activities; provides books to pediatricians or their staff to distribute to families with young children.
	Parent Outreach and Awareness	√				Improves child development by educating parents and connecting them to resources and activities that promote healthy growth and school readiness. Provides families with education, materials and connections to resources and activities that promote healthy development and school readiness.

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Coordination	Service Coordination		√			In the three Phoenix Regions, this strategy is supporting the Maricopa-Phoenix coordination of Family Resource Centers and Family Support Coordination grantees. "Family Resource Collaborative Network".
	Court Teams	√		√	North Phoenix is a multi-regional agreement with Yavapai Region.	Promotes children's wellbeing and reduces recurrence of abuse and neglect. Assign multidisciplinary teams, led by superior court judges, to monitor case plans and supervise placement when a child 5 or younger is involved with the court system.
Community Awareness	Community Awareness	√	√	√		Provides support to parent, family and early childhood events throughout the region; as well as materials to support community outreach and engagement efforts.
	Community Outreach	√	√	√		Provides grassroots support and engagement to increase parent and community awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health.
	Media	√	√	√		Increases public awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health via a strategic media campaign.
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation	√	√	√		Statewide evaluation includes the studies and evaluation work which inform the FTF Board and the 31 Regional Partnership Councils, examples are baseline Needs and Assets reports, specific focused studies, and statewide research and evaluation on the developing early childhood system.
	Needs and Assets (additional funds)	√		√		Biennial, overall assessment of data on opportunities and challenges for children zero through five and their families undertaken to inform regional strategic planning. This is additional funding for specific enhancements to the baseline regional report.
	Regional Family Support Strategies (Study)			√		Evaluation study conducted to determine the effectiveness, impact, and relative merits of regional family support strategies.
Total number of strategies:		22	23	26		

If maintaining all strategies in SFY15 Total # of strategies, new regions	
Phoenix NORTH	29
Phoenix SOUTH	32