



Navajo/Apache Regional Needs and Assets, 2010

Key Findings

Demographics

- In 2009, 6075 children aged birth – 5; in 2010 the total population was projected to be 78,500
- In 2000, 22% of children lived in families at or below the federal poverty level
- In 2000, median family income for married couples with kids under 18 – Apache County: \$34,943 and Navajo: \$39,473, Arizona state average of \$53,815
- In 2000, 22% of children younger than age 5 lived in single parent households – median income Apache Co: \$13,836 and Navajo Co: \$14,335
- In 2009, 7% unemployment rate across the region as a whole, compared to Arizona State rate of 9%
- High school graduation rates are high across the region, but only 17% of adults older than 25 hold a Bachelor’s degree, or higher
- In school year 2009/10, 400 students were reported as being homeless

Early Childhood System

- Infant mortality rates are higher than the State average – in 2008, the rate for all of Arizona was 6.3 per 1000 live births, in Navajo County it was 8.7 and in Apache County it was 10.7 per 1000 live births
- In 2000, 19% of children in Navajo County did not have insurance, 22% in Apache County
- 40% of families travel more than 20 miles for their children’s dental care
- In 2010, a total of 1635 licensed child care “slots”; number of children with all parents working was 2380, leaving a total number of 745 child care slots needed
- In 2008, Average cost of child care per day: infants, can be upwards of \$30 per day – but very few licensed slots; 1 and 2 year olds: \$20-\$25 per day; 3, 4, and 5 year olds: \$20-\$23 per day
- In Jan. 2010, only 72% of eligible families were receiving child care subsidies (Child Care Development Funds), less than the Statewide rate of 77%
- In 2009, 78 kids were removed from their homes by CPS, and of substantiated reports of child abuse/neglect in the region, 33 were due to neglect, 7 to physical abuse, and 3 to sexual abuse
- In Navajo and Apache Counties, in 2007, an estimated 900 children had a parent in jail, 22% of those under the age of 4
- Kindergarten readiness, DIBELS scores showing “at grade level”: Show Low USD - 48%; Holbrook USD -28%; Sanders USD – 14%; Snowflake/Taylor – 42%; St. Johns – 18%
- In 2009, between 40.4% (Joseph City USD) – 90.2% (Sanders USD) of children were eligible for Free and Reduced Priced Meals
- Jan 2010, 1,666 families with children under the age of 5 receiving SNAP benefits

Health

- In 2008, between 7-9% of babies born in the region were at a low birth weight (less than 2500 grams)
- Between 2004 and 2008, 74.6% of women began prenatal care in the first trimester

- In 2008, 10% of infants were born preterm (gestational age less than 37 weeks), similar to the Arizona State rate
- In 2008, 14% of live births were to teen mothers
- Between Jan-March 2010; of the 126 children screened through N/A Oral Health program; 42% had untreated tooth decay, 56% had early childhood caries, 27% had treated tooth decay
- In 2009, 56% of children ages 19-35 months had received the recommended set of vaccines
- In 2007/8 school year, 96% kindergarten aged children were current on immunizations
- In 2008, obesity rate in Apache County was 31%, Navajo County 26%
- In 2009, there were 2,418 ER visits by 2,187 children under the age of 5; 26% due to respiratory illnesses and 21% due to injuries and poisonings