

## Navajo/Apache REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL Funding Plan Update/Operational Plan

Population-Based Allocation: \$761,591

Frontier Adjustment: \$304,205

Emergency Child Care Scholarship Allocation: \$197,621

Emergency Food Box Allocation: \$4301.00

**Total Funding to Date: \$1,267,718**

#	Strategy Name	Description	Regional Allocation	Funding Agreement	Status	Cross Regional Opportunities
1	Early Childhood Learning Lab/Model School	During the next year, the Council will create a collaborative partnership between Northland Pioneer College, regional school districts and school boards, regional child care centers, regional NACOG Head Start Centers, Department of Economic Security, Navajo and Apache County Workforce Development, teachers, parents and families, and other community partners to create an Early Childhood Development, curriculum-based, learning lab model for child care and preschool.	\$50,000.	<p>April 2009 - government to government agreement with Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, Educational Service Agency as lead agency. This agreement calls for the inclusion of all school districts in the region to be involved in the creation of the model that will be developed to describe the child care/preschool lab school. Linda Morrow and Lannie Gillespie will be the primary contacts on this grant.</p> <p>This agreement is going to the Board for the June 9 meeting so that it can fund in July 2009.</p> <p>Agreement was approved in June.</p> <p>Agreement signed by both parties 9-11-09</p>	<p>9-17-09 Learned that the agreement has been signed and sent to Lannie. Sent email to Lannie letting her know.</p> <p>10-1-09 Dr. Ehmke is convening the Advisory Council, will meet on October 20 in Holbrook at Rainbow Academy</p>	

2	<b>Recruitment of Early Care and Educational Professional Workforce</b>	Professional development scholarships; intended for child care providers working in the region who are pursuing CDA/AA/BA degrees who do not qualify for TEACH, PCPP, or PELL (or have additional allowable costs)	<del>\$14,000.</del> 5-13-09 ammended to be \$21,551.00	Government to government agreement with Apache County, with Apache County Higher Education Committee.	9-8-09 Met with Melissa, reviewed agreement and discussed Apache County's approach. Melissa will create an implementation and forward to me and Karalea. 9-15-09 Received MW's implementation plan, and sent comments to her and Karalea. Karalea needs to complete the line item budget, budget narrative, other funds page, and then get it back to me to forward to Charlene. Once Charlene is good with it, then it goes to AK and MK for their review. 9-30-09 Karalea sent nearly completed version to me, and Melissa sent the Work Obligation Form as well as the application process form/instruction form to me for review. I sent the agreement back to Karalea asking her to get the name of the firm doing the county audit, and then to please send it back to me. Let Charlene know that the contract is nearly ready for her to review – once I get it back from Karalea, I'll send it along to Charlene.	
3a	<b>Professional Development Pathway System</b>	Offer additional T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to child care professionals outside of <i>Quality First!</i>	\$27,000.	Buying into state-wide strategy	9-8-09 Several Council concerns related to TEACH roll-out in this region. 9-15-09 Received call from Sharon Brady asking to come to the October meeting to give TEACH update on status of scholarships awarded, TEACH communications, etc. Called Shaorn back – the Council would appreciate this type of presentation. 10-02-09 Received TEACH data update tables, will provide to the Council within the context of the next RPC meeting.	
3b	<b>Professional Development Pathway System</b>	Planning year to create a workable infrastructure and tracking system for community-based trainings.	\$2,000.	Government to government with Northland Pioneer College	10-02-09 Claude is convening the Advisory Council – will meet in St. Johns on October 7 at Head Start.	
4	<b>Advocate for on-site, employer-sponsored child care</b>	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will encourage and advocate for large employers to sponsor employer-based child care settings for employees <sup>ivv</sup> . This strategy would include a training component intended for employers to let them know the requirements, costs, procedures and “employer-felt” benefit information to promote establishing employer-based child care centers	\$50,000.	Procurement agreement with Applied Economics, Inc.	8-27-09 Received MK's approval, have AK's approval. Todd will get Elliot's signature, and I've sent the agreement to Sarah at Applied and have asked her to please make 3 copies and sign them all, and to please have them delivered to Charlene at FTF> Once we've got them, Elliot will sign and then a copy will go back to Applied. 8-27-09 Sarah emailed that she will work on questionnaire development prior to making hospital contact and will forward that to me for review in September. 9-3-09 Charlene has been given the signed contract. I'll email Saretha to be sure she has a copy and has/will open a purchase order. 9-15-09 Received questionnaire for interview with WMRMC – looks good to me! Sent her a note to continue with interview with Michael Zimmerman. 9-17-09 Received message from Micheal that he lost Sarah's number – emailed it to him so he can schedule the interview and site visit with him.	
5	<b>Child Care Home Study</b>	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will partner with the Coconino Regional Partnership	\$50,000.	6-9-09 Potential inclusion/participation in state-wide study and IGA with the University Consortium.	4 9-3-09 Amy Kemp has indicated that we should be seeing an RFP response form NAU towards the end of next week. Clarified with	Collaborating with Coconino Region; possibly

		<p>Council to conduct an area-wide study over the course of one year regarding this phenomena:          Family choice for child care          Barriers to becoming a certified Family Child Care provider          Barriers to certified Family Child Care providers engaging in established programs for increasing quality.</p>			<p>Trudy that each of our RPC's is expecting a single report – with the hope that there will be delineation of communities when possible.          9-17-09 Reviewed initial proposal from NAU with Trudy – she will combine our comments and go back to NAU for their revisions.          9-21-09 Trudy got a revised version from NAU, and has sent it on to Mk, AK, and TM for review          9-30-09 Revised contract has been reviewed by AK, MK, TR, KD, AK, MJ and has been sent back to NAU fofo the to address a few points around methodology, specific questions around parent choice for care, and the fact that each RPC wants to see a snap-shot of their region, that we don't need or want this data compared to any other set of data. Reducing the amount of data versioning that needs to happen may make the entire scope of work possible.          10-5-09 Team Meeting today: Trudy will follow up with Amy and profs at NAU about status of contract meetings.</p>	<p>participating in state-wide study looking at Supply/Demand for Child Care, as well as reasons behind child care quality levels of centers/homes and reasons behind parent's choices for child care that they make.</p>
6	<b>Expansion of Child Care Openings</b>	<p>Administrative Home to manage a Fund to be used for grant award to child care centers and/or homes to expand high quality child care and preschool openings.</p>	<p><del>\$275,000.</del>  <b>DISCRETIONARY REQUEST</b>  <b>275,000</b>            \$182,008</p>	<p>4- 8-09 this went out as as RFGA for an Adminsitrative Home.</p>	<p>9-8-09 The RPC has elected to pursue a contract with a vendor off of the SPO list to act as third party administrator so that this strategy can move forward for SFY 2010 this spring.          9-18-09 Emailed Jeanne Weeks, Saretha, Charlene, and AdiShakti to begin the process of getting the listof vendors to pull from.          9-21-09 Jeanne emailed to say that there are no contracts applicable to this work on the SPO vender list. 9-30-09 talked with Michelle in general about expanding child care in this economic climate, agreed that it may make sense to support child care scholarships for some families, but that it likely doesn't make sense to make dollars available for expansion of slots when there is no demand. I've given the Council the task of thinking through how they want to spend these dollars to move the system forward, or to build the infrastructure to support the movement of the system.</p>	
7	<b>Child Care Health Consultant</b>	<p>The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to provide increased access to Child Care Health Consultants for lawfully operating child care homes and centers who are not enrolled in Quality First.</p>	<p>\$50,000.</p>	<p>Buying into state-wide strategy.</p>	<p>8-13-09 Rec'd update from Kelley that Apache County has officially signed the contract.</p>	
8	<b>Oral Health Screens and Varnish</b>	<p>The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will provide oral health screens and varnish application to infants and toddlers in early child care settings and other appropriate community settings. This process will include a parent education section for each child seen, as well as community education, outreach, and awareness tor the general community to raise awareness related to the importance of good oral health.</p>	<p>\$15,000.</p>	<p>4-8-09 Went out as RFGA          7-8-09 Navajo County Public Health District is ony applicant, funding has been recommended.          8-26-09 Board approved</p>	<p>9-8-09 Annoucned award to Navajo County Public Health District to the RPC.</p>	

9	<b>Implement Healthy Steps</b>	Healthy Steps represents a significant innovation in the way pediatric primary care can be delivered. Based on the standards and principles of Bright Futures and the American Academy of Pediatrics Health Supervision Guidelines, Healthy Steps enhances and expands traditional pediatric care by including a child development specialist as part of the pediatric practice team.	<del>\$105,000.</del> \$104,519 is amount requested	6-8-09 RPC recommendations are going forward to the FTF Board for funding, on the June 9 agenda. This will be an RFGA with North Country Health Care.	9-16-09 Met with Deborah Lewis, discussed progress of Healthy Steps Program, and discussed shifting her days in RV and Holbrook to 2 days a week each, and one day a week in Show Low. 9-25-09 Received letter from Jorja outlining the request – forwarded to Charlene. Will share with the Council as information only. No need for a formal approval.	
10	<b>Collaborate with state and community based organizations to provide outreach, education and guidance on nutrition and prevention of childhood obesity to service providers and parents who work with children birth through age five.</b>	Because of the widespread problem of childhood obesity, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council is particularly interested in ensuring that early care and education providers, as well as families, receive guidance around nutrition issues. This topic will be an area of emphasis for individuals working with early care providers and others who work with young children in the region. This strategy is a comprehensive approach to prevent childhood obesity by reaching children, parents, child care staff, and the community.	\$13,750.	3-5-09 RFGA released 4-16-09 no applications received.	5-13-09 RPC voted to carry forward these funds to FY 2011 for re-release of the same strategy in RFGA form.	
11	<b>Expand or create new early literacy, language, and child development programs within the region</b>	Given these facts, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will work to expand the capacity of early language and literacy programs to provide supports and services to young children and their families.	<del>\$39,000.</del> \$31,931.	3-5-09 Released as RFGA Reach Out and Read in the Applicant who is recommended for funding.	9-30-09 Notified by Claude that the coordinator for this region has been hired and is based in Winslow.	
12	<b>Expand home visiting program network</b>	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to augment the provision of the Arizona Parent's Kit with the addition of a home visiting component to support new parents as they become more accustomed to parenting their infants.	\$139,788.	4-1-09 RPC met to approve funding program under FTF emergency response bid waiver. Contract is an agreement/partnership is between Northland Therapy Services, Hummingbird Early Intervention, and Summit Regional Healthcare.	8-27-09 Joe asked for my attendance at joint meeting with Healthy Steps once they are up and running – if I'm available once he schedules the meeting, I will attend. 8-26-09 Joe reported that many families do not Parenting Kits and that Northland does not have them to give out – not part of the SOW for parenting kits for toddlers to have the kits. RPC suggested that he coach families to look at the kits at the library. It was suggested that if the program is renewed, that a line time be added to the budget for the purchase of additional kits for families who do not have them. Additionally, Joe reported that he's gotten 70 referrals total to BB; so he is fairly sure that he is not receiving all yes/no forms from the hospital. This is part of the system that was set up for this program,	

					so it was suggested that he contact Tammy Borrego at the hospital to see if she is getting the forms to track the babies – and to help determine where the breakdown in the system is. 10-5-09 Joint meeting not yet scheduled, will follow up with Joe this week.
13	<b>Working in partnership with the Regional Partnership Councils and FTF Board, implement a community awareness, education, and mobilization campaign to build the public and political will necessary to make early childhood development and health one of Arizona’s top priorities</b>	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council recognizes the importance and effectiveness of working in partnership with the Regional Councils and the FTF Board, speaking with one unified voice for young children to mobilize the community around a call to action. The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will determine the mechanisms most appropriate for this region to deliver the messages as developed from the statewide communications plan, raising the community’s awareness, and enlisting individuals as champions for early childhood development and health.	\$25,000. \$16,250.00  State-wide allocation: \$9750 Statewide allocation: \$6500		10-5-09 Communications plan in development.
14	<b>Emergency Food Boxes</b>	Provision of supplemental food and commodity boxes to families in need; boxes will meet the WIC guidelines for food contents for infants and toddlers, additionally diapers and other baby items may be included in the boxes.	\$132,000.00 from RPC; \$4301.00 statewide funding. Total for region is \$136,301.	Emergency response funding under bid waiver	8-27-09 David came to see me – he had questions related to payment timeframe/reimbursement process, also wanted to get finalized copies of data reporting templates. Sent email to Charlene and AK re same. Charlene sent him finalized templates, and reassured him of the 3-week timeframe. 9-22-09 Melissa would like to see additional distribution days per month – 2 additional days per month in each city would be fine. 9-22-09 Salvation Army – David called to say that he is working with St. Mary’s Food Bank to purchase food boxes and they ought to be delivered later this week – he’s using Snowflake Food Bank as the primary distribution/delivery point. 10-5-09 Will schedule site visit with Sharon and Melissa for October 15 with Melissa.
15	<b>Emergency Child Care Scholarships</b>	Provision of emergency child care scholarships to families at or below 200% FPL, scholarships are provided to child care centers/homes who have applied for QFI.	\$180,000 from RPC; \$197,621 statewide funding. Total funding for region is \$377,621.		9-3-09 10 Sites are enrolled as of today. 9-21-09 Talked with Jill about my region’s enrolled centers’ concerns related to payment delays, and communications issues. Jill will work with UWVS to work out the payment issues/delay issues. 10-5-09 64 scholarships are currently being provided per month
<b>Carry Forward to FY 2011</b>			<del>166,053.00</del> 0.00 13,750.00		3-11-09 RPC moved all carry-forward funds to home visiting strategy. 5-13-09 RPC voted to hold Nutrition strategy funds as carry-forward to FY 2011 for same strategy.

<b>Total Regional Allocations</b>	\$1,267,718
<b>TOTAL Expenditures FY 2010</b>	\$1,253,968

**Statewide/State Funded Strategies**

Strategies	Statewide funding or numbers	In Our Region	Status
Quality First!	6-9-09 213 enrolled; 91 pending orientation	3 centers and 2 homes	9-22-09 15 centers/homes are on the waitlist; need clarification on why 4 centers/homes are listed on the QF! report. 9-23-09 Met with Allison Comport w/ ASCC, she indicated that ASCC is in the process of hiring 12 new coaches, there is an acting coach for this region, it is not clear where the newly hired coaches will be placed. 10-5-09 One family child care home had to drop out of QF!, which is why there are 4 enrolled sites now.
QF! Rating Scale			6-9-09 Planned end date for planning/design is July 31, 2010 for implementation. Mini pilot study possibly planned for spring 2010
T.E.A.C.H.		\$27,000 additional funding outside of QF!	10-5-09 Process outlined for handling of applications, for both QF! and non-QF! TEACH applicants. ASCC is doing significant work to ramp up staff to meet the need for additional people to handle the influx of new TEACH applications.
Child Care Health Consultants			8-14-09 Rec'd update, Apache county has signed the contract.
Parent Kits	To date, over 15,000 have been distributed since Feb. 2009		Update on state-wide Parent Kit Strategy expected in late October.
Physician Loan Forgiveness Admin Home			Scope of work being worked on now, RFGA should go out this summer
Early Childhood Advisory Group			AZ has a state-wide grant to fund this work; in conversation now with other state agencies
WAGES Administrative Home			RFGA was cancelled; SOW will be re-worked and RFGA will be released this summer 8-14-09 Work still being done on the SOW, branding concerns related to FTF being the funder, and Rhian wants this to be a flagship initiative for FTF – like QF!.
State-wide Longitudinal Study			6-5-09 Study design being done now; tools have been identified to assess child development; regional presentations will be scheduled in the next few months 8-24-09 Karen Applequist with NAU contacted me looking for evaluators, I asked her for a job description and requirements and will forward to ACYC and Navajo County Connection groups, as well as the RPC. I'm recommending Randy Heinrick, will ask him who else he recommends. 8-26-09 Karen forwarded along the job description – I sent it along to the group.

<sup>i</sup> "Child development knowledge and early childhood teacher preparation: Assessing the relationship—A special collection"

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<sup>ii</sup> "Preparing the workforce: early childhood teacher preparation at 2- and 4-year institutions of higher education"-

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<sup>iii</sup> "Child development and classroom teaching: a review of the literature and implications for educating teachers"

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<sup>iv</sup> Meeting the Needs of Today's Workforce: Child Care Best Practices (1998); World Wide Web: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/wb/>

<sup>v</sup> National Child Care Information Center; World Wide Web: <http://nccic.org>