



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2014

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Safford Public Library
808 South 7th Avenue
Safford, Arizona 85546

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (1), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A) (2) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Regional Partnership Council may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, to discuss personnel items, records exempt from public inspection and/or to obtain legal advice on any item on this agenda.

The Regional Partnership Council may hear items on the agenda out of order. The Regional Partnership Council may discuss, consider, or take action regarding any item on the agenda. The Regional Partnership Council may elect to solicit public comment on certain agenda items.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order Laurie Smith, Chair

2. Roll Call and Declarations of Conflict of Interest Laurie Smith, Chair
Members will address potential conflicts of interest regarding items on this agenda.

3. Call to the Public Laurie Smith, Chair
This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Council may not discuss or take legal action regarding matters that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of Meeting Minutes Laurie Smith, Chair
*08-11-2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
(Attachment 01)
09-08-2014 Committee Meeting Minutes
(Attachment 02)*

5. Read On Arizona Presentation

**Kathy Hrabluk,
Read On Arizona**

**6. Presentation and Discussion of Regional Assessment,
Needs and Assets and Workgroup Recommendations**

**Laurie Smith, Chair
Shari Elkins,
Regional Director**

- A. Snapshot of 2014 Needs and Assets Report (*Attachment 03*)
- B. Review of SFY2013-2015 and Proposed SFY2016-2018 Strategic Direction, School Readiness Indicators and FTF Priority Roles (*Attachment 04*)
- C. Historical Operational Plan (*Attachment 05*)

**7. Discussion of SFY16-18 Strategic Direction for Public Input
(Attachment 06)**

**Laurie Smith, Chair
Shari Elkins,
Regional Director**

**8. Community Outreach Update
(Attachment 07)**

**Paulette LeBlanc,
Outreach Coordinator**

9. Regional Council Member Updates

Regional Council

The Council may engage in general discussion regarding items of possible interest as new business, and regarding the agency's missions, goals, initiatives, priorities, and strategies. The Council's discussion may include First Things First staff members. No official action will be taken at this time; any matters deemed appropriate for future action will be placed on a future agenda for deliberation and a possible vote.

**10. Next Meeting – November 10, 2014
1:00 p.m. at the Safford City-Graham County Library**

Laurie Smith, Chair

11. Adjournment

Laurie Smith, Chair

A person with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter by contacting Shari Elkins, Graham/Greenlee Regional Director, Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council, 504 2nd Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85552. Telephone: Office (928)428-0193. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council
August 11, 2014

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on August 11, 2014 in the Early Literacy Room at the Safford Public Library, 808 South Seventh Avenue, Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Regional Council Members Present in person:

Pam Patt, Laurie Smith Ryan Henry, Stacy Morris, Donna McGaughey, Susan Norton, Kasey Ekman, Christie Rivera

Regional Council Members Absent:

JoAnn Morales

Call to the Public

Chair Smith announced Call to the Public. There was no response.

Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Chair Smith requested declaration of any possible Conflicts of Interest. None declared.

Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 09, 2014 Regular Meeting was made by Member McGaughey, seconded by Member Morris. Motion carried (8-0-0).

Welcome New Council Members

New council members Kasey Ekman and Christie Rivera were introduced to the council.

Chair and Vice Chair Elections

A discussion took place on the annual election of the Chair and Vice Chair for SFY 2015. Member Patt motioned to retain Laurie Smith as Chair and JoAnn Morales as Vice Chair for SFY 2015 for the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council, seconded by Member Henry. Motion carried 8-0-0.

Smart Conference Report

Member Norton gave an overview of the Smart Conference she attended in North Carolina. Member Norton provided a PowerPoint presentation that included brain development, useful early education links, and case studies.

FY14 Grantee Year End Report

Director Elkins provided a PowerPoint presentation that included successes and challenges from the grantees and included the year-end data.

2014 Needs and Assets Report/Discussion

Steven Wind from LeCroy and Milligan lead a discussion on the 2014 Needs and Assets Report. Each council member was assigned a specific section of the report to review and gave feedback regarding their section. Mr. Wind gathered all the feedback and informed the council he would make the necessary changes to the report.

A motion by Member Henry was made to approve the 2014 Needs and Assets based on changes noted with staff approval, seconded by Member Patt. Motion carried 8-0-0.

Member Henry left the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Outreach Update

Outreach Coordinator, Paulette LeBlanc, reported on her activities for June and July. Her year-end report included 9 newspapers articles, 24 newsletter articles and 50 presentations to 643 people. Ms. LeBlanc highlighted the four articles featured in the Courier and Copper Era, Countdown to Kindergarten, which utilized a variety of quotes, pictures, and venues from all over the region.

Strategic Planning Timeline

Director Elkins presented a timeline for the three year strategic/funding plan for SFY 16, 17 & 18. This plan included regional assessment, prioritization of needs and priority roles, approaches to address needs and implementation plan.

Director's Report

Director Elkins presented her report that included new council members Kasey Ekman and Christie Rivera's biographies and the new FTF Public Awareness Campaign. She reminded the members attending the Summit about their hotel arrangements and the location of the event. She led a discussion on the day and time of the council meetings to determine if there needed to be a change. It was decided that the council meetings would continue to be on the 2nd Monday of the month at 1:00.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location

The next regular meeting will be held on October 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at the Safford Library. Note this is the 3rd Monday of the month due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Shari Elkins,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Director

Approved:

Laurie Smith,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Chair



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Arizona Early Childhood Development & Health Board
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council
September 08, 2014

Call to Order

The workgroup meeting of the First Things First – Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council was held on September 08, 2014 at the First Things First Regional Office, 502 2nd Avenue, Safford, AZ 85546.

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

Regional Council Members Present in person:

Laurie Smith Ryan Henry, Susan Norton, and JoAnn Morales

Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order

Chair Smith welcomed the council members and outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Regional Priorities Discussion and Strategic Direction for SFY2016-2018

Regional Director Elkins led a discussion with the workgroup as they looked at the Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council's regional SFY2013-2015 priorities, school readiness indicators, FTF priority roles and a historical look at the strategies that have been funded from SFY2010 to the present. The group had an in-depth discussion using the attachments presented as well as the 2014 Graham/Greenlee Needs and Assets Report to determine if any priority changes were needed in order to present recommendations to the full council at their October 20, 2014 regional council meeting.

The workgroup members recommend the following SFY 2016-2018 priorities to the Regional Council:

- Inadequate access to parenting information and resources to support children's healthy growth and development
- Limited access to quality, affordable early care and education
- Lack of community awareness of services available as well as the importance of early childhood development and health

The workgroup members directed Regional Director Elkins to begin strategic planning for SFY 2016-2018 to include the continuation of the following strategies in order to address the priorities listed above:

- Quality First
- Additional Quality First Scholarships
- Home Visitation
- Parent Outreach and Awareness
- Reach Out & Read
- Community Awareness
- Community Outreach
- Media
- Statewide Evaluation

No new strategies or approaches were recommended.

Adjournment

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:48 a.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

**Shari Elkins,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Director**

Approved:

**Laurie Smith,
Graham/Greenlee Regional Partnership Council Chair**



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

GRAHAM/GREENLEE REGION EARLY CHILDHOOD DATA

Data was derived from the 2014 Graham/Greenlee Regional First Things First Needs and Assets Report.

Population of the Graham/Greenlee Region

Graham and Greenlee counties have a combined population of 46,531 people.

Approximately 3,725 of the population are children under age five, roughly 8% of the population.

Households

Between 2008 and 2012, an average of 26% of Graham County's married couple families with children under five years of age were living below the federal poverty level.

In Greenlee County 10% of such families were below the federal poverty line.

75% of the female-headed households with no husband present and children under five years of age in Graham County were living in poverty.

Language and Ethnicity

A language other than English is spoken in the homes of 20% of the population five years of age and older in Graham County; in Greenlee County this is so for 23% of the population.

Graham County

White 52% Hispanic 31% American Indian 13% Other 4%

Greenlee County

White 48% Hispanic 48% American Indian 2% Other 2%

Poverty

Below Poverty Level

18% of Graham County residents live in poverty.

13% of Greenlee County residents live in poverty.

Unemployment

8.1% Unemployment rate in Graham County

6.7% Unemployment rate in Greenlee County

3% of Families with Children ages 0-5 in the Region are enrolled in TANF and SNAP

Parental Educational Attainment

	High School Graduate	Some College	Assoc. Degree	Bach. Degree
Graham	34%	30%	8%	8%
Greenlee	36%	29%	8%	9%

AIMS scores

In 2013, 72% of Graham County 3rd grade students met or exceeded the standard in Mathematics AIMS and 80% did so in the Reading AIMS.

In Greenlee County, 81% 3rd grade students met or exceeded the standards on the Mathematics AIMS test in 2013 and 86% did so on the Reading AIMS test.

Child Care

	1-2 Star Rating		3-5 Star Rating	
	0-2 Yrs.	3-5 Yrs.	0-2 Yrs.	3-5 Yrs.
Region	15	190	16	42
Arizona	12,628	20,866	2,101	8,040

Cost: Data from the market rate survey published by the Arizona DES in 2012 shows 75% of full-time DES-approved child care centers charged \$32 per day for children under one year of age and about \$31 for children one to five years old

Area	County	Oct. 2011 - Mar. 2012	Apr. 2012 - Sept. 2012	Oct. 2012 - Mar. 2013	Apr. 2013 - Sept. 2013
Number of Reports Received	Graham	113	105	124	144
	Greenlee	21	22	26	26
Number of Reports Substantiated	Graham	12	*	12	*
	Greenlee	*	*	*	*
Substantiation Rate ^v	Graham	0.4%	0.3%	0.5%	0.2%
	Greenlee	<0.1%	<0.1%	0.1%	1%
Number of New Removals	Graham	12	10	19	16
	Greenlee	*	0	*	*

Child Welfare Reports

The number of new removals from the home in Graham County ranged from seven to 19 for the five most recent periods; in Greenlee County, the number of new removals ranged from 0 to 2.

Health Indicator

Prenatal Indicators

of Prenatal Visits by Pregnant Women, 2008-2012

	Number of Visits	2011	2012
Graham County	No visits	2%	2%
	1-4 visits	10%	12%
	5-8 visits	32%	31%
	9-12 visits	44%	43%
	13+ visits	12%	13%
Greenlee County	No visits	1%	1%
	1-4 visits	8%	6%
	5-8 visits	41%	24%
	9-12 visits	45%	53%
	13+ visits	5%	17%

In the region, the percentage of women who had 13 or more prenatal visits has increased over the last three reported years. These data suggest that an increasing number of pregnant women have visited their doctor at least once a month, on average, during their pregnancy.

Birth Indicators

Occurrence of Selected Characteristics of Newborns and Expectant Mothers, 2012

	Graham	Greenlee
Preterm Births (gestational age <37 weeks)	12%	11%
Births with complications of labor and/or delivery	57%	54%
Births with abnormal conditions reported	21%	21%
Births with medical risk factors reported	55%	55%
Primary and repeat caesarean births	27%	37%
Infants admitted to newborn intensive care units	5%	9%
Tobacco used during pregnancy	8%	12%
Alcohol use during pregnancy	<1%	0%

2013-2015 Strategic Direction, School Readiness Indicators and FTF Priority Roles

Regional Priority to be addressed	School Readiness Indicators Correlated to the needs and priority roles	FTF Priority Roles in the Early Childhood System	SFY13-15 Strategies
<p>Limited access to quality, affordable early care and education</p> <p>Inadequate access to parenting information and resources to support children's healthy growth and development</p> <p>Limited Access to Health Services for Young Children</p> <p>Lack of Community Awareness of Services Available as well as the Importance of Early Childhood Development and Health</p>	<p>#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>#/% of children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars</p> <p>% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well being</p>	<p>Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings – Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for increased availability of and access to high quality, regulated, culturally responsive and affordable early care and education programs.</p> <p>Supports and Services for Families - Convene partners, provide leadership, provide funding, and advocate for development, enhancement, and sustainability of a variety of high quality, culturally responsive, and affordable services, supports, and community resources for young children and their families.</p> <p>Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services- Collaborate with partners to increase access to high quality health care services (including oral health and mental health) and affordable health care coverage for young children and their families.</p> <p>Building Public Awareness and Support - Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for efforts to increase public awareness of and support for early childhood development, health, and early education among partners, public officials, policy makers, and the public</p>	<p>Quality First (including CCHC, CC Scholarships, TEACH)</p> <p>Additional CC Scholarships</p> <p>FTF Professional REWARDS (SFY14 & SFY15)</p> <p>Home Visitation</p> <p>Parent Outreach and Awareness</p> <p>Reach Out and Read</p> <p>Food Security</p> <p>Oral Health</p> <p>Recruitment Stipends/Loan Forgiveness (SFY14)</p> <p>Community Awareness</p> <p>Community Outreach</p> <p>Media</p> <p>Statewide Evaluation</p>

Proposed 2016-2018 Strategic Direction, School Readiness Indicators and FTF Priority Roles

Regional Priority to be addressed	School Readiness Indicators Correlated to the needs and priority roles	FTF Priority Roles in the Early Childhood System	SFY13-15 Strategies
<p>Inadequate access to parenting information and resources to support children's healthy growth and development</p>	<p>#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p>	<p>Supports and Services for Families - Convene partners, provide leadership, provide funding, and advocate for development, enhancement, and sustainability of a variety of high quality, culturally responsive, and affordable services, supports, and community resources for young children and their families.</p>	<p>Home Visitation</p> <p>Parent Outreach and Awareness</p> <p>Reach Out and Read</p>
<p>Limited access to quality, affordable early care and education</p>	<p>#/% of children enrolled in an early care and education program with a Quality First rating of 3-5 stars</p>	<p>Quality, Access, and Affordability of Regulated Early Care and Education Settings – Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for increased availability of and access to high quality, regulated, culturally responsive and affordable early care and education programs.</p>	<p>Quality First (including CCHC, CC Scholarships, TEACH)</p> <p>Additional CC Scholarships</p>
<p>Lack of Community Awareness of Services Available as well as the Importance of Early Childhood Development and Health</p>	<p>% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well being</p>	<p>Building Public Awareness and Support - Convene partners, provide leadership, and provide funding for efforts to increase public awareness of and support for early childhood development, health, and early education among partners, public officials, policy makers, and the public</p>	<p>Community Awareness</p> <p>Community Outreach</p> <p>Media</p> <p>Statewide Evaluation</p>

HISTORICAL OPERATIONAL PLANS

Strategy/Name	Grantee	2010 Allotment	TSU	2011 Allotment	TSU	2012 Allotment	TSU	2013 Allotment	TSU	2014 Allotment	TSU	2015 Allotment	TSU	Proposed 2016 Allotment	TSU
Quality First	FTF Statewide Initiative	\$86,670.00	4 centers 3 homes	\$88,440.00	3 centers 3 homes	79,500.00	4 centers 3 homes	\$151,183.00	5 Centers 3 Homes	136016 10-20-2014 GRHGR Attachment 01	6 Centers 3 Homes	\$177,693.00	7 Centers 3 Homes	\$103,652 or \$149,348	4 or 5 Centers 3 Homes
Child Care Scholarships	VSUW	\$193,402	54 Children	\$94,000.00	23 Children	\$123,000.00	18 Children	\$415,487.00	68 Children	\$349,009.00	70 Children	\$622,555.00	79 Children	\$443,590 or \$402,500	56 or 61 Scholarships
TEACH Scholarships	Quality First	\$119,080.00	6 Scholars	\$119,080.00	6 Scholars	\$9,900.00	6 Scholars	QF package	12 Scholars	\$0.00	12 Scholars	\$0.00	13 Scholars	\$0.00	
Arizona Parent Kits	State Procurement	\$5,000.00	55 Kits 10 Agencies												
Parent Outreach & Awareness	Safford City-Graham County Library	\$100,000.00	500 Attendees 1500 Children	\$110,000.00	500 Attendees 2,000 Children	\$110,000.00	2,000 Children 20,000 Books	\$110,000.00	2,000 Children 20,000 Books	\$120,000.00	2,000 Children 20,000 Books	\$130,000.00	2,000 Children 24,000 Books	\$130,000.00	500 Adults 2,000 Children 24,000 Books
Therapist Recruitment	ADHS	\$150,000.00	4 Therapists		2 Therapists	\$17,250.00	1 Therapist	\$79,460.00	2 Therapists	\$33,210.00	1 Therapist	\$0.00			
Home Visitation	Child & Family Resources	\$152,249.00	55 Families	\$300,000.00	110 Families	\$300,000.00	110 Families	\$120,000.00	20 Families	\$120,000.00	20 Families	\$420,000.00	20 Families	\$120,000.00	20 Families
Food Security	G.C. Interfaith Alliance	\$10,000.00	149 Children	\$10,000.00	1,500 Boxes	\$15,000.00	1,500 Boxes	\$10,000.00	1,000 Boxes	\$10,000	1,000 Boxes	\$12,000	1,000 Boxes	\$12,000	20 Families
Oral Health	U of A Coop. Extension			\$120,000.00	1,000 Children	\$80,000.00	650 Screenings 650 Varnishes	\$80,000.00	500 Screenings 60 Varnishes	\$80,000	500 Screenings 60 Varnishes	\$80,000	500 Screenings 60 Varnishes	\$80,000	
Reach Out & Read	AZ Academy of Pediatrics					\$5,000.00	1 Practice 1,750 Books	\$10,675.00	1 Practice 1,403 Books	\$10,675.00	1 Practice 1,750 Books	\$10,675.00	1 Practice 1,750 Books	\$10,765.00	1 Practice 1,750 Books
REWARDS	VSUW									\$27,000.00	20 Scholars	\$40,500.00	90 Scholars		
Needs & Assets	Lecroy & Milligan	\$4,500.00													
Evaluation						\$31,874.87		\$20,852.00		\$47,196.00		\$59,763.00		\$45,552.00	
Community Awareness		\$15,000						\$7,320.00		\$7,320.00		\$12,320.00		\$10,320.00	
Media								\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00		\$15,000.00		\$15,000.00	
Community Outreach				\$13,680		\$13,680		\$13,680.00		\$13,680.00		\$16,080.00		\$16,080.00	
		Total: \$710,33		Total: \$748,580.79		Total: \$788,623.63		Total: \$764,390.00		Total: \$964,106		Total: \$1,296,589		Total: \$902,882 or \$901,475	



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Graham/Greenlee Funding Plan Summary SFY 16-18 Proposed Strategic Direction

Option 1

FY16: 4 QF centers with 22 additional scholarships, 56 total scholarships
 FY17: 4 QF centers with 19 additional scholarships = 58 total scholarships (projected)
 FY18: 4 QF centers with 17 additional scholarships = 51 total scholarships (projected)

Allocations and Funding Sources	2015	2016 Proposed	2017 Projected	2018 Projected
FY Allocation	\$874,377	\$850,766	\$850,766	\$850,766
Carry Forward	\$666,817	\$53,208	\$53,208	\$53,208
Total Funds Available	\$1,541,193	\$903,974	\$903,974	\$903,974
Strategies	Allotment	Allotment	Allotment	Allotment
Quality First Package	\$177,693	\$103,652	\$95,137	\$91,197
Quality First Scholarships	\$622,558	\$443,590	\$456,544	\$462,165
FTF Professional REWARDS	\$40,500	-	-	-
Home Visitation	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Parent Outreach and Awareness	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Reach Out and Read	\$10,675	\$10,675	\$10,675	\$10,675
Food Security	\$12,000	-	-	-
Oral Health	\$80,000	-	-	-
Community Awareness	\$12,320	\$10,320	\$10,320	\$10,320
Community Outreach	\$16,080	\$16,080	\$16,080	\$16,080
Media	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Statewide Evaluation	\$59,763	\$45,552	\$45,552	\$45,552
Total	\$1,296,589	\$902,882	\$899,308	\$900,989



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

Graham/Greenlee Funding Plan Summary SFY 16-18 Proposed Strategic Direction

Option 2

FY16: 6 QF centers with 8 additional scholarships = 61 total scholarships

FY17: 6 QF centers with 4 additional scholarships = 65 total scholarships (projected)

FY18: 6 QF centers with 2 additional scholarships = 58 total scholarships (projected)

Allocations and Funding Sources	2015	2016 Proposed	2017 Projected	2018 Projected
FY Allocation	\$874,377	\$850,766	\$850,766	\$850,766
Carry Forward	\$666,817	\$53,208	\$53,208	\$53,208
Total Funds Available	\$1,541,193	\$903,974	\$903,974	\$903,974
Strategies	Allotment	Allotment	Allotment	Allotment
Quality First Package	\$177,693	\$149,348	\$140,833	\$136,893
Quality First Scholarships	\$622,558	\$402,500	\$411,605	\$417,226
FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$40,500	-	-	-
Home Visitation	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Parent Outreach and Awareness	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Reach Out and Read	\$10,675	\$10,675	\$10,675	\$10,675
Food Security	\$12,000	-	-	-
Oral Health	\$80,000	-	-	-
Community Awareness	\$12,320	\$10,320	\$10,320	\$10,320
Community Outreach	\$16,080	\$16,080	\$16,080	\$16,080
Media	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Statewide Evaluation	\$59,763	\$45,552	\$45,552	\$45,552
Total	\$1,296,589	\$901,475	\$902,065	\$901,746



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

GRAHAM/GREENLEE REGION COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES August 2014

Highlighted sections are facilitated by FTF Supporters or Champions.

Date	Description	# of Partic.	Comments
August 1	Published article in the Graham County Schools Newsletter, <i>Tips for Easing Kindergarteners' First Day Jitters.</i>		This followed our kindergarten preparedness push in the newspapers. Thanks, Donna!
August 5	Attended staff meeting at Canyonlands Health Care in Duncan.	6	I was given a tour of the building and met the staff. Spoke briefly of FTF and the services to their Greenlee County clientele. As a board member for Canyonlands, I will have ongoing access to staff for presentations. I was also given a tour of the soon-to-open Canyonlands clinic in Clifton.
August 12	Attended staff meeting of Canyonlands Health Care in Safford.	16	Spoke of my interconnection between Canyonlands and FTF. Distributed Resource Guide, Family Guide, Helpline magnets, and article on physicians/early literacy. Also discussed the grant application I am writing for Canyonlands to make their waiting rooms more infant/toddler/preschool friendly.
August 18-19	Attended the FTF Early Childhood Summit.		Very informative event.
August 22	Met with Angela Mussi by phone.		Angela reviewed the material which was discussed at the August 15 th webcam meeting. (I had attempted a conference call but was unsuccessful.)
	Total	22	

Cumulative Report (July - August 2014):

Earned Media: 7 *Countdown to Kindergarten* Series in the *Courier* and *Copper Era*.

Newsletter Articles: *Seize the Summer* (kindergarten prep); *Tips for Easing Kindergarten Jitters*;

Stories: 0

3 presentations/events to 30 people

Respectfully submitted,
Paulette LeBlanc
Community Outreach Coordinator



FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ready for School. Set for Life.

**GRAHAM/GREENLEE REGION
COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES
September 2014**

Highlighted sections are facilitated by FTF Supporters or Champions.

Date	Description	# of Partic.	Comments
Sept 2	Published article in the Graham County Schools Newsletter, <i>Save the Date for the Graham/Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition Meeting</i>		The Coalition is planning a Read On AZ presentation on October 20 th . Thanks, Donna!
Sept 23	Attended the Greenlee County Community Networking meeting	8	I shared information from the FTF 2014 Annual Report and distributed copies to interested attendees.
Sept 26	Had a phone conversation with Angela Mussi, my FTF supervisor.		Angela had mailed copies of handouts from the September in-service meeting. We reviewed them and talked about my outreach plans for October.
Sept 30	Interviewed the Moir family for a literacy story.		Dollie Moir, grandmother, and her daughter and granddaughter met me at the library for an interview, photo and signed release. This will turn into an October story.
	Total	8	

Cumulative Report (July – September 2014):

Earned Media: 7 *Countdown to Kindergarten* Series in the *Courier and Copper Era*.

Newsletter Articles: *Seize the Summer* (kindergarten prep); *Tips for Easing Kindergarten Jitters*; *Save the Date (Coalition)*;

Stories: 0

4 presentations/events to 38 people

Respectfully submitted,
Paulette LeBlanc
Community Outreach Coordinator

For RPC: Important Dates in October:

Monday, 10/20. Graham Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition meeting at 4:00 at General Services Building. Presentation of Read On Arizona with Kathy Hrabluck.

Tuesday, 10/28. Site Visit at Morenci Early Learning Center. 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, 10/30. The Write Way Training, 4:00 at the Safford Library.

GRAHAM-GREENLEE EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

GRAHAM COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES BUILDING

4:00– 5:30 P.M.

***Mission:** The Graham-Greenlee Early Childhood Coalition is a network of educational advocates who connect and support communities, families and educators by building a strong foundation for young children and a passion for life-long learning.*

AGENDA

Welcome: Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent

Presentation: Becoming a Read On Arizona Community: Kathy Hrabluk, retired ADE Associate Superintendent. *Read On Arizona is a statewide, community based literacy project. It partners with organizations to determine gaps, identify solutions, and implement a collaborative early literacy approach to improve language and literacy outcomes for Arizona's children ages 0 – 8.*

Activity: Creating a Tagline for our Coalition: Paulette LeBlanc, Graham/Greenlee Education Coordinator

THE GRAHAM-GREENLEE EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION IS OPEN TO EARLY CHILDHOOD PROVIDERS AND DIRECTORS, PRE K-3 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, AND ANYONE COMMITTED TO YOUNG CHILDREN.

PLEASE JOIN US!

*RSVP to Paulette LeBlanc at pleblanc@aznex.net by Wed., October 15th.



When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

