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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

October 1, 2014

Strategic Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council Strategic Planning Committee meeting was held on October 1, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Things First Regional Council Office at 601 W. Riverside Drive Suite 8 in Parker, Arizona, 85344.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Homer at 10:20 a.m.

Members Present

Veronica Homer, Patricia Fritz, Vikki Olson

Discussion on Regional Priorities

Regional Director Pascual reviewed the current priorities to be addressed by a combination of funded strategies and unfunded approaches. The committee members engaged in interactive discussion on the regional priorities. Prioritized needs derived from the discussion will be presented to the Regional Council at the next regular meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Veronica Homer, Chair
Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council
Strategic Planning Committee

Bylli Esquerra, Administrative Assistant II

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Healthy Informed Parents Program




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Introduction

- Riverside – San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. (RSBCIHI) is the lead agency for this program.
- RSBCIHI Services: medical, pharmaceutical, eye care, dental, behavioral health, diabetes treatment, health promotion, laboratory services, radiography services, nutrition education, fitness exercises and tele-medicine
- 10 tribes consortium: Agua Caliente, Cahuilla, Morongo, Pechanga, Ramona, San Manuel, Santa Rosa, Soboba, Torres-Martinez, Fort Mojave and Chemehuevi

Introduction

Native Challenge Department



Our Health Educators are dedicated to providing quality education, case management, and support, which foster positive behavior changes within local youth.

PAF Overview

- **What is Pregnancy Assistant Fund (PAF)**
 - Pregnancy Assistance Fund was funded by the Office of Adolescent Health (OAH)
- **Purpose of PAF**
 - To support pregnant and parenting teens of all races/ethnicities with an emphasis on Native American youth, (example: Schools, Tribal TANF/WIC, etc.)
- **PAF Goal:**
 - To reduce teenage repeat pregnancies and provide a support system to pregnant and parenting teens, strengthen families, reverse absentee fatherhood trends, in addition to equipping pregnant and parenting teens with skills to develop healthy relationships and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

Repeat Teen Pregnancies

Source - CDC, 2013

Although teen pregnancy is on the decline, 1 in 5 births to teens, ages 15-19 are repeat births.

In 2010, there were 365,000 births to teens; ages 15-19, 66,800 of them were repeat births.

American Indian and Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and black teens are 1.5 more likely to have a repeat teen birth, compared to white teens.

- The highest percentages were found among American Indian/Alaskan Natives at 21.6%
- non-Hispanic blacks being the second highest at 20.4%
- Approx. 91% of sexually active teen mothers used some form of birth control
 - Only 22% of the teen mothers used the most effective types of birth control.

PREVENTION EDUCATION INDEPENDENCE

We know there are many challenges for young parents. Our resources are designed to assist Pregnant and Parenting Families towards healthy goals in all phases.

- Family Planning techniques and STD prevention
- Preventative Health Measures
- Stress reduction and developing healthy relationships
- Developing Healthy Families
- Child-proofing your home and keeping your family safe

- Group classes supported by evidence-based parenting program (focus on Ages and Stages, Developing Positive Parenting, etc.)
- Independent educational support towards the completion of a GED, High School Diploma, or College Degree

- One-to-one Case Management for individualized support
- Job Readiness skills and Employment support
- Family Support Items (Diapers, Strollers, pacifiers, etc.)



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HEALTHY INFORMED PARENTS
by Native Challenge

Individual Support Through:

- Healthy Living Programs
- Case Management
- Family planning

- Setting Goals for Higher Education
- Setting Employment Goals
- Family Nights & Workshops
- Male Involvement Program
- Various Resources to help you out!



Our Service Area

- **Our service area consists of the Riverside & San Bernardino Counties → 27,278 square miles**
- Indian Schools:
 - Sherman Indian High School, Noli Indian School, Pillar Academy
- Public and continuation schools
 - Moreno Valley High School
- Specialty schools serving high risk youth
 - PAL Center
- Local TANFs, WIC and DHHS programs

Our Service Area

- **Banning/Beaumont**
- **Coachella/Thermal**
- **Palm Desert Area**
- **Hemet/San Jacinto**
- **Riverside**
- **San Bernardino**
- **Muscoy**
- **Victorville**
- **Hesperia**
- **Barstow**
- **Fort Mojave**
- **Needles**





QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PROGRAM?



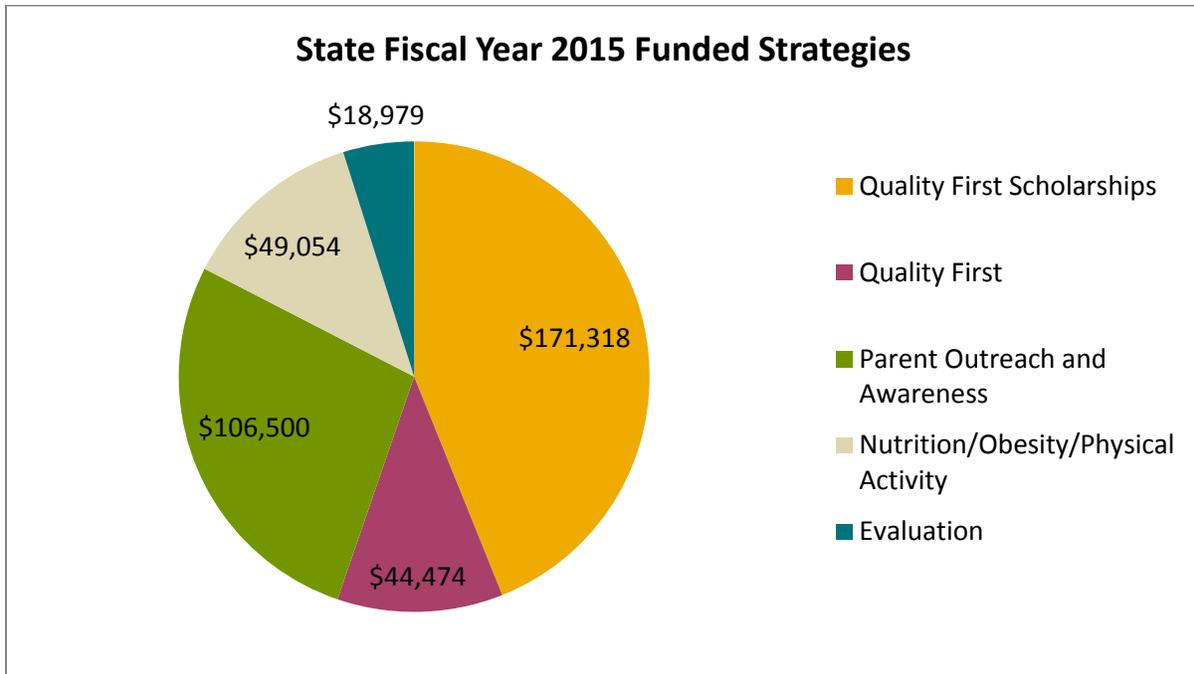
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME !





**Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council
SFY 2016 – 2018 Strategic Planning (*continued discussion*)**

Throughout the last three year strategic direction, the Regional Council has refined strategies and established partnerships, while maintaining a commitment to addressing two prioritized needs: 1) Limited access to high quality and affordable early childhood education, 2) Limited knowledge and awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health, 3) Limited access to parent education and information, and 4) Need for a more skilled and educated early childhood workforce. To carry out this important work, the CRIT Regional Council has awarded a total of \$948,331 throughout SFY 2013-2015. The chart and table below provide an analysis of the present implementation (SFY 2015).



State Fiscal Year 2015 Target Service (TSU) Numbers

FTF Strategy Name	Target Service Units	Target Service Numbers
Quality First	Number of center based providers served	2
Quality First Scholarships	Number of scholarship slots for children 0-5	18 (22)
Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity	Number of children served	216
	Number of participating adults	300
Parent Outreach and Awareness - Early Literacy	Number of books distributed	216
	Number of events held	14
Parent Outreach and Awareness – Family/Friend/Neighbor	Number of workshops held	4
	Number of events held	20



Moving through the ongoing Regional Life Cycle (Assessment→ Strategic Planning→ Grant Process→ Strategic Implementation→ Evaluation→ Assessment), the Regional Council has received the most recent Needs and Assets Assessment (September 2014) and has taken considerable time in reviewing past implementation and feedback from the community.

The Strategic Plan for SFY 2016-2018 will direct the strategic focus and guide the approaches to building and supporting a better system for early childhood development and health in the region. Collaborations across regions, partnerships with programs within the Colorado River Indian Tribes, surrounding community and across state borders, and coordination among referral sources and existing resources are included in the overall efforts to address the regional priorities (recommended). Additionally, the recommended Funding Plan Summary for SFY 2016-2018 includes the results of the discussions lead by the Regional Partnership Council around the State Board Fiscal and Program Policy decisions. The table below illustrates the major difference in funding as the Regional Partnership Council plans for SFY 2016.



Allocations and Funding Sources	2014	2015	2016	2017+
FY Allocation	\$255,159	\$277,675	\$272,121	\$272,121
Carry Forward	\$184,550	\$166,223	\$212,660	\$
Total Funds	\$439,709	\$443,898	\$300,221	\$272,121
Total Allotments	\$303,395	\$396,795		



Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council
Focus Areas for System Building
Completing the Circle

FOCUS	PARTNERS	SRIs	IMPACTS ON SYSTEM
<p>Comprehensive home-based early care and family support (Early Head Start or similar model)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be collaborative effort for the Grant Application and Implementation ▪ Quality infant child care is a high need 	<p>CRIT Tribal Council Head Start Indian Health Service School Districts CRIT Regional Partnership Council DHS/ Strong Families</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education and support leading to decreased rate of substance use/abuse, especially prenatally ▪ Community understanding (especially among the young and teenaged women) regarding infant development and the importance of prenatal health and the early years ▪ Recognition of the effects of poverty, depression and isolation = community plans for confronting the issues and supporting parents of young children
<p>Best for Babies - Court Team Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child-focused team for the most appropriate, expedient, permanent decisions ▪ Coordination with Mohave County Superior Court Infant and Toddler Mental Health Team ▪ Addressing the need for recruitment of Native American foster families (cited one infant being raised in the residential group home) 	<p>CRIT Tribal Council Tribal Court System CRIT Police Department La Paz County Courts CRIT DHSS Mohave County Superior Court CASA CRIT Regional Partnership Council</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall better infant-child health and mental health ▪ One, comprehensive and supportive community circle that is connected, knowledgeable, and highly functioning
<p>Infant/Child Mental Health: comprehensive web of support and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Link preventative services for supporting young children and families ▪ Promote preventive practices in the community ▪ High need for community education regarding Infant/Child Mental Health ▪ All areas of health, including Oral and Prenatal Health ▪ Understanding of Child Developmental Stages and appropriate expectations 	<p>Indian Health Service CRIT DHSS CRIT Police Department Head Start CRIT Regional Partnership Council AzEIP (A to Z Therapy)</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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall better infant-child health and mental health ▪ One, comprehensive and supportive community circle that is connected, knowledgeable, and highly functioning



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ACTION ITEM:	SFY 2016-2018 Strategic Funding Plan Recommendations
BACKGROUND:	<p>The strategic funding plan recommendations are presented following a robust review of strategy implementation, the history of financial expenditures, and data from the Regional Needs and Assets Assessment. Input and community considerations were incorporated through the Parent Survey conducted as part of the 2014 Needs and Assets Assessment, and through two community sessions where “voting” provided guidance in prioritizing needs and strategies. The last facilitated discussion led the regional council on a river journey to discover the regional priorities. The regional priorities were finalized by the Strategic Planning Committee to lead in to the development of approaches and strategies.</p> <p>The strategic funding plan recommendation is presented for consideration by the Regional Partnership Council. A final strategic funding plan will be presented for approval at the next Regional Partnership Council meeting.</p>
REGIONAL DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION:	The Regional Director is requesting guidance on the SFY 2016-2018 Strategic Funding Plan recommendations in order to present the final Strategic Funding Plan at the next Regional Partnership Council meeting, which is scheduled to occur on November 25, 2014.



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Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council SFY 2016-2018 Strategic Direction

Regional Priority to be addressed	School Readiness Indicators	FTF Priority Roles in the Early Childhood System	Focus Areas (<u>Unfunded Approaches</u>)	Strategies (Funded Approaches)
<p>Positive caregiver and parenting education and outreach to enhance the development of infants and young children</p> <p>Expand resources to support prenatal, infant and toddler health and development</p> <p>Increase awareness of the importance and impact of preventative health and nutrition by promoting healthy choices.</p>	<p>Kindergarten Readiness- #/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>Healthy Weight- #/% of children ages 2-5 at a healthy weight (Body Mass Index-BMI)</p> <p>Confident Families- % of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being</p>	<p>Supports and Services for Families</p> <p>Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services</p> <p>Building Public Awareness and Support</p>	<p>Home Visitation Collaboration (MIECHV/ Strong Families)</p> <p>Parenting Education Partnership</p> <p>Oral Health Coalition (U of A Cooperative Extension/ CCHC)</p> <p>Court Coordination (Infant Mental Health Team)</p> <p>Family, Friend Neighbor Training Cohorts (Kith & Kin)</p> <p>Community Awareness of Early Childhood Development</p>	<p>Quality First (including College Scholarships, CCHC, Coaching, Incentives)</p> <p>Quality First Scholarships</p> <p>Parent Outreach and Awareness (Literacy)</p> <p>Nutrition, Obesity Prevention, Physical Activity</p> <p>Court Coordination (Infant Toddler Mental Health Team)</p> <p>Evaluation</p>

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

SFY 2016 - 2018

Funding Plan Summary Recommendations

Allocations and Funding Sources	2016	2017	2018
FY Allocation	\$87,561	\$272,121	\$272,121
Population Based Allocation	\$87,561	\$177,385	\$177,385
Discretionary Allocation		\$94,736	\$94,736
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$212,660	\$41,153	\$20,577
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$300,221	\$313,273	\$292,698
Strategies	Proposed Allotment	Proposed Allotment	Proposed Allotment
Quality First	\$41,164	\$37,752	\$37,752
QF Scholarships (16)	\$113,010	\$150,050	\$150,050
NOPA - Prenatal, breastfeeding, healthy choices	\$30,324	\$30,324	\$30,324
Parent Outreach Awareness - Literacy	\$39,500	\$39,500	\$39,500
Court Team (Infant and Toddler Mental Health)/ PD	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$20,500
Statewide Evaluation	\$14,570	\$14,570	\$14,570
Total	\$259,068	\$292,696	\$292,696
Total Unallotted	\$41,153	\$20,577	\$2

Target Service Number Recommendations

FTF Strategy Name	Target Service Units	Target Service Numbers
Quality First	Number of providers served	Maintain the 2 current centers
Quality First Scholarships	Number of scholarship slots 0-5	Based on the average number of slots utilized in SFY 2014 - 16
Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity	Number of children served Number of participating adults	Further discussions needed to determine – 485 households with at least one child (birth to age 5); serving 145 adults and 221 children (including prenatal) would maintain the 30% target
Parent Outreach and Awareness - Early Literacy	Number of books distributed Number of events held	Maintain at 216 books 25 (match the Contracted Service Number for SFY 2015)
Court Coordination – Infant Toddler Mental Health Team	Number of children Number of adults	Estimated number of children (birth to age 5) in CRIT welfare system is 55 . Further discussions needed to determine expectations in monitoring participation toward the Infant Toddler Mental Health Credential



Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council October 2014 Regional Director's Report

Updates

- Information was provided during the CRIT Fair on October 4, 2014. Special thanks to the CRIT Library for partnering with FTF and sharing their booth space.
- Regional Council Member and Tribal Council Secretary Amelia Flores represented the Colorado River Indian Tribes at the Tribal Consultation held October 7, 2014. Discussion items included System Building and Public Private Partnerships.
- Regional Council Vice Chairman Brad Sale participated on the West Region Chair/Vice Chair Leadership Conference Call led by Board Chair Janice Decker on October 9, 2014. Discussion items included regional strategic planning and statewide updates from the CEO.
- At a Special Meeting on October 3, 2014, the State Board approved the Fiscal Year 2016 Regional Allocations and set the allotments for evaluation.

Save the Date!

- Mark your calendars! The 2015 First Things First Early Childhood Summit will be held August 24th – 25th, 2015, in Phoenix.

Upcoming Events

November 2nd: Red Ribbon Week – Family Fun Day, 2:00pm, Pop Harvey Parker, Parker (Contact: Erin Taylor at etaylor@azftf.gov)

November 4th: Early Childhood Collaboration Meeting with Strong Families AZ, 9:00am – 1:00pm, City Hall, Kingman; Lunch will be provided (flyer attached)

November 17th: Infant & Toddler Mental Health Training – *Children of Trauma*, 10:00am – 3:30pm, Sherriff's Boating Safety Facility, Parker; Lunch will be provided (Contact: Amber Hurley at Amhurley@courts.az.gov)

November 21st: Oral Health Coalition, 10:00am – 12:00, Parker \ Contact: Maggie Wilcox at mwilcox@cals.arizona.edu

November 25th: CRIT Regional Partnership Council Meeting, 10am, CRIT Family Activity Center

Early Childhood Collaboration Meeting

Please join us for an opportunity to understand the various statewide early childhood programs in Arizona that are the core of Arizona's Early Childhood System. We will define terms, learn more about our programs and develop collaborative relationships. All those who work with young children are welcome, including, but not limited to AzEIP, Home Visiting professionals, early childhood educators and health care providers.

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014
9am – 1pm**

**City Hall
310 North 4th Street
Kingman, AZ 86401
[register here](#)**

A networking lunch will be provided through the generous support of the BHHS Legacy Foundation.