



Funding Plan Review 2013 - 15



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For 2013 – 2015, the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council has invested in strategies that create a continuum of services and supports for families with young children; from universal to targeted, across four of the six identified goal areas developed by the First Things First State Board:

- Quality and Access
- Family Support
- Health & Mental Health
- Professional Development



Central Maricopa Priorities

2013 – 2015 Funding Cycle

- Access to high quality early care and education (including infant and toddler settings)
- Expand families' access to high quality, diverse and relevant information and resources to support their child's optimal development.
- Access to early preventive medical and dental care for children birth – five years of age.
- Coordination of existing resources and services for young children and their families.



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Where We Are: Fiscal Year 2013

Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Pyramid Model Tiered Service Delivery System

- Food Security (imbedded in Family Resource Centers) (\$210,000)

- Mental Health Consultation (\$250,000)

Intensive Intervention for Children with Additional Needs

- Home Visitation (\$600,000)
- Care Coordination/Medical Home (\$362,000)
- Childcare Scholarships
 - Quality First: 1,694,846
 - Pre-K (\$930,000)

Targeted Services for Children (reducing risk factors)

- TEACH/PCPP Scholarships (\$251,000)
- Community Based Professional Development (\$400,000)
- Director Mentoring (\$75,000)
- REWARD\$ (\$200,000)
- Quality First! (\$826,799)
- Infant/Toddler Professional Dev. (\$400,000)
- Childcare Health Consultation (\$103,320)
- Parent Education Community Based (400,000)
- Family Resource Centers (\$1,300,000)
- Oral Health (\$350,000)
- Physician Outreach/Education (165,000)
- Communications (\$150,000)
- Service Coordination (50,000)

Services & Supports for all Children & Families (universal)

Platform Elements for All Supports and Services:

- Information for Families
- Standards / Practice
- Cultural Responsiveness
- Workforce
- Financing



Setting the Strategic Direction

School Readiness Indicators were chosen as those most closely aligned with the identified priority needs as well as the strategic direction the Council is taking:

1. #/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical

Central Maricopa Strategies:

Quality First

Infant and Toddler Professional Development

Home Visitation

Parent Education Community Based Training

Family Resource Centers

TEACH and PCPP Scholarships

Director Mentoring/Training

FTF REWARDS: Wage compensation

Mental Health Consultation

Scholarships – Pre-K and Quality First

Service Coordination



2. #/% of children receiving timely well child visits

Central Maricopa Strategies

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance

Physician Outreach and Education (Medical Home)

Care Coordination/Medical Home

3. % of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being

Central Maricopa Strategies:

Home Visitation

Parent Education Community Based Training

Family Resource Centers (Food Security, Health Insurance Enrollment)

Care Coordination/Medical Home

Resource Coordination

4. #/% of children age 5 with untreated tooth decay

Central Maricopa Strategies:

Oral Health and Education

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance

Physician Outreach and Education (Medical Home)

Care Coordination



Summary

All of the Central Maricopa Regional Partnership Council's strategies collectively build and strengthen the region's early childhood system. Each strategy provides support to the people in a child's life, be it a parent, a care-giver, a teacher, or a health care provider. Taken as a group, the impact is compounded and is more likely to result in better outcomes for children.

Note: Attachment 2.1



Planning For Fiscal Year 2014: Central Maricopa Fund Balance Ending in Fiscal Year 2012

In total, the fund balance for Central Maricopa now stands at \$6,996,086. While this appears to be a significant amount, the balance is based off of multiple fiscal years and recognition of the need to plan for increasing costs related to Quality First.

To determine the current \$6.9 million carry forward balance, **Fiscal Year 2011** and **Fiscal Year 2012** is taken into consideration and is based on the following:

- o ***Unallotted funds*** (funds not specifically allotted to a particular strategy or line item);
- o ***Unawarded funds*** (funds specifically designated to a strategy but were not contracted); and
- o ***Reconciled funds*** (funds designated to a strategy that were awarded and contracted to a grantee but not expended by the grantee)



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- These are funds that were unexpended and will carry forward into **Fiscal Year 2014**.
- In **Fiscal Year 2013**, carry forward funds began to be used and intentionally spent down, which accounts for the 8% reduction in the Central Maricopa fund balance for 2014.
- In 2015 there is a further reduction of 37% intentionally spent down and needed to continue to fund strategies at the allotted level.



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How the Central Maricopa Regional Allocation is Computed For Fiscal Year 2014

The FTF Board approved allocations for Fiscal Year 2014 on October 2, 2012. To summarize, it is important to keep in mind the following factors:

Population of young children birth to five: The population for each region is based on the number of young children from birth *up to* age five (i.e. up to 4 years, 11 months). Fiscal Year 2014 is the first year the population is based on the newly released 2010 Census numbers.

Population of young children birth to five in poverty: Also included in the population base allocation is a formula based on the number of young children in poverty.

- o Attachment 3.2, there was a decline in the birth to five population; however there was a slight increase in the number of young children in the region who are considered to be in poverty, in proportion to the state.

Note: The proportional changes noted are in relationship to the 31 Regional Partnership Councils throughout the state, not specific to solely Central Maricopa.



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Population Allocation for Central Maricopa

2000 Census – 2009 = 54,256

2010 Census = 31,001



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Regional Allocations

	FY13	FY14	FY15
FY Allocation	\$7,130,935	\$6,100,534	\$6,122,951
Population Allocation	\$5,161,393	\$4,840,030	\$4,820,267
Discretionary Allocation	\$985,520	\$985,784	\$1,069,942
Other (FTF Fund balance addition)	\$984,022	\$274,720	\$232,742
Carry Forward from Previous Year	\$6,996,086	\$5,573,935	\$2,085,243
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$14,127,021	\$11,674,469	\$8,208,194



Influential Decisions Related To the Fiscal Year 2014 Allocation

- At the FTF Board meeting in August, members expressed a desire to minimize the amount of the Other (FTF fund balance) drawn down to the Regional Councils. Rather, the Board desired a priority on the \$94 million regional fund balance to be eliminated or at least significantly reduced.
- For Regional Councils to spend down the regional fund balance, the Board did not designate Other (FTF fund balance) funds as has typically occurred in the past. For Fiscal Year 2014, the Other (FTF fund balance) funds will offset a portion of statewide evaluation costs only. Comparing the Other allotments for Central Maricopa's Fiscal Year 2013 and Fiscal Year 2014, this is a significant reduction.

Additional Considerations that Factor Into the Fiscal Year 2014 Central Maricopa Allocation

- In Fiscal Year 2014; the Quality First scholarships will be tied to the program's Quality First Star Rating. This shift also accounts for a more accurate compilation of scholarship costs. Many regions are experiencing a negative or positive impact under the new financing.

Note: **For Central Maricopa, the Quality First scholarship costs will increase.

- Also beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, the Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships has also been revised to align scholarships with Quality First Star Rating. The revision will rightfully increase the scholarship amounts for quality pre-k programming and will align with Quality First Scholarship costs.

****Note: the Pre-Kindergarten strategy costs will also increase.**



Additional Considerations that Factor Into the Fiscal Year 2014 Central Maricopa Allocation

Research and Evaluation Plan:

****Costs to Region will increase**

Components:

- Data Systems:
 - Capture child-level data
 - Integrate enhanced FTF service data
 - Coordinate partner data
 - Support data reporting & interactive displays
- Dash Boards and Continuous Improvement:
 - Display data for decision making
 - Enhance technical assistance & capacity building to interpret data
- Regional Councils and meaningful use:
 - Ensure Data, Evaluation, and Research meets the needs of Regional Councils
 - Integrate data into regional needs and assets
 - Gain insights from communities





Research and Evaluation Plan:

- Indian Tribes and Nations:
 - Ensure that Indian Tribes and Nations are full participants in research and evaluation
- Kindergarten Readiness Developmental Inventory
 - Develop or adopt a kindergarten developmental inventory
 - Understand the extent of a child's learning and development
 - Facilitate instruction leading to child's academic success

Overall Evaluation Budget

	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17
Data System	\$1.8M	\$4.5M	\$4M	\$4M	\$4M
Studies	\$1.4M	\$3.5M	\$4M	\$4M	\$3M
Kindergarten Developmental Inventory	N/A	N/A	\$1M	\$1M	\$1M
Total	\$3.2M	\$8M	\$9M	\$9M	\$8M



What This Means for Central Maricopa

- Fiscal Year 2014 is the middle year in the standard three year funding plan cycle.
- Cost projections of service levels for Quality First and Pre-K Scholarships were made such that Fiscal Year 2013 funding levels would be held constant for FY 2014 and 2015 and like the other Regional Councils, Central Maricopa was not anticipating increased costs.
- Due to the revised projections of the two scholarship programs and the focus on spending down the regional fund balance, Central Maricopa will spend down funds faster than expected.
- There is a significant increase in costs associated with research and evaluation (\$251, 621 to \$409,025).
- Due to the increase cost of scholarships, AND to maintain the number of scholarships currently serving children, **it is necessary to adjust the current 2013 budget to cover the costs.**
- **NOTE: This is necessary in order to ensure that NO children will loose scholarships for the remainder of FY 2013.**



Council Decision Points

- SFY 2013 Budget Adjustments
- SFY 2014 Revisions



Potential Adjustments to SFY 2013 Budget

Due to the increase cost of scholarships, AND to maintain the number of scholarships currently serving children, **it is necessary to adjust the current 2013 budget to cover the costs. Doing this will ensure that no children will loose scholarships.**

Unawarded amounts that can be used to address this issue:

- Quality First-- \$110,909
- Prekindergarten Scholarships--\$13,351
- Food Security-- \$60,000
- Family Resource Centers -- \$164,839
- Oral Health -- \$13,248

Total \$362,946



SFY 2014 Revisions

Considerations Related to Fiscal Year 2014

- Attachment 2.1 reflects the maintenance of the Fiscal Year 2013-2015 funding plan.
- Strategies shown on Attachment 2.1 are maintained at the current level of service delivery, which reflects the increased costs associated with the revision to Quality First Scholarship and Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship strategies. (** Lindsay/Dana)
- Note **DECISION POINT** : Physician Education and Outreach is not being continued; therefore \$165,000 allotted in 2014 and 2015 can be moved to another strategy, if the Council desires.
- Potential Motion: Move \$165,000 to _____(strategy name)



Considerations Related to Fiscal Year 2015

- While the focus of strategic planning is setting the funding allotments for Fiscal Year 2014, it's imperative to simultaneously look at Fiscal Year 2015.
- A significant number of Regional Councils will have a negative balance in Fiscal Year 2015, including Central Maricopa.
- In Fiscal Year 2015, Central Maricopa's negative balance is projected to be \$1.7 million.
- Unlike last year, the FTF Board will consider approving a funding plan with a negative balance in Fiscal Year 2015. This will help the FTF Board understand how much fund balance may possibly need to be drawn down for Fiscal Year 2015 and subsequent years.

NOTE: The intent is to maintain services and contracts already in place for both Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015.



Questions?

- What other information do you need to understand, in order to move forward?
- Overall questions, other ideas?