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Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council took place on October 11, 2014 at the Tohono O'odham Nation Education Center Conference Room, Sells, Arizona 85634. Chair Mildred Manuel welcomed everyone, recognized the two new members, and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Members Present: Joseph Mease, Kymberlii Tenario, Jeanne Leon, Rose Lopez, Cheryl Conde, and Mildred Manuel

Members Present telephonically: Dr. Albert Adler (joined at 10:30)

Members Absent: Ella Begay

Invocation

Regional Director Travis Le Duc provided the invocation.

Approval of August 9, 2014 Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Vice Chair Tenario that the Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the August 9, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by member Mease. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Karen McIlroy, Tohono O'odham Community College- Ms. McIlroy provided an update to the Regional Council regarding TOCC and the Pathways Scholarships, which have begun being used by the students. She shared that electronic student action plans are now available and that more classes are being offered at non-traditional times. She ended by sharing that two students have graduated with Bachelor's degrees and that they plan to continue working at Head Start.

Tohono O'odham Nation Vice Chairwoman Wavalene Romero arrived. Regional council Chair Manuel welcomed her to the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action: Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Partnership Council Grant Agreement GRA-RC026-14-0674-01 Quality First Child Care Scholarships with the Tohono O'odham Nation

Chair Manuel introduced the item and turned the floor over to Travis Le Duc, who provided the members with an update. He stated that the Tohono O'odham Nation Chairman had decided to move the agreement forward and that the next step is for the agreement to be reviewed by Legislative Council. Mr. Le Duc added that he expects the resolution will be available for regional council review in November or December.

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Chair Manuel introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Mr. Le Duc, who stated that currently renovations are occurring on the building. He added that he had met with the Chairman regarding this topic as well, and that the process might take a little longer as it also involves the San Lucy District. A member asked if funding had been expended, and Mr. Le Duc replied not at this time.

Parent Outreach and Awareness & Parent Education Community-Based Training Update and Discussion

Chair Manuel turned the floor over to presenters Maria Francisco, Monica Morgan, and Francis Johnson (supervisor), who gave a presentation to the members with information about the Parent Outreach & Parent Education Community Based Training programs, increased service numbers, activities, and successes. Members had a few questions regarding aging out and behavioral health, which the presenters addressed with program policy and information. Presenters also stated in response to sustainability question that it is an issue they need to think about. Members thanked everybody that implements the program for their work.

Regional Director's Report

Mr. Le Duc went over the Director's report (attachment #2) and provided some highlights of the regional and state updates. Members and Mr. Le Duc had discussion regarding sustainability of programs funded by First Things First and public private partnerships. Mr. Le Duc then thanked Chairwoman Manuel for providing a letter of support for the MIECHV funding. He then went over the data report and highlighted the family support programs increase in numbers from last year. Mr. Le Duc then provided information regarding the regional council's options for carry forward spending. Vice Chairwoman Romero stated that at the Tribal Consultation, it was mentioned that some Tribes had asked for an extension for submitting data, and asked if Tohono O'odham Nation was one of them. Mr. Le Duc responded yes for the Needs and Assets report, and that is was done so out of respect for the Legislative Council establishing a Research Code, IRB (Institutional Review Board). He stated that the Needs and Assets report was moving forward without school readiness indicator data for #1 and #10. Vice Chairwoman Romero stated that the IRB will review who owns the data and if it is public. She then thanked the regional council for their work, expertise and time, stating that the work is meaningful.

Strategic Planning for SFY 2016-2018: Reflection and Discussion

Chair Manuel introduced the agenda item and turned the floor over to Mr. Le Duc. Mr. Le Duc went over expenditures and asked the members for their thoughts on continuing to support the scholarships based on cost and implementation. Members shared their thoughts, coming to an agreement that the council wants to support the access to education, but need to figure out how to implement the strategy. Mr. Le Duc thanked the members and asked the members to let him know if additional information is needed for their decision making process at the next meeting.

Recommended Future Agenda Items

Mr. Le Duc stated that the main priority was funding planning, and members asked to move the meeting from the 8th to the 15th of November.

Call to the Public

Victoria Hobbs, Tohono O'odham Nation Education Department Director- Director Hobbs provided information to the Regional Council regarding the IRB and the Needs and Assets Report. She shared that part of her role as Education Director was to protect the data of the Tohono O'odham Nation, and that caution has to be used with all requests for data.

Adjourn

Chair Manuel adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:17p.m.

Submitted By _____
Vanessa Verduzco, Administrative Assistant

Approved By _____
Mildred Manuel, Chair

Dated this ____ day of _____, 20____.

FY 2015 Tohono O'odham Nation Expenditure Report

	Grantee Name	Contract Period	Total Allotment	Awarded	YTD Expense	Expense Variance	% of Award Expended	Reimbursement Activity		
								Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)	
Community Awareness	Community Awareness Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$35	\$4,965	0.7%			
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$5,000	\$35	\$4,965	0.7%			
	Community Outreach Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$24,032	\$55,968	30.0%			
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$80,000	\$24,032	\$55,968	30.0%			
	Media Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$8	\$4,992	0.2%			
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$5,000	\$8	\$4,992	0.2%			
		Goal Area Subtotal:		\$90,000	\$90,000	\$24,075	\$65,925	26.8%		
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$34,564	\$34,564	\$34,564	-	100.0%			
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$34,564	\$34,564	-	100.0%			
		Goal Area Subtotal:		\$34,564	\$34,564	\$34,564	-	100.0%		
Family Support	Parent Education Community-Based Training Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$70,000	\$70,000	-	\$70,000	0.0%			
	Tohono O'odham Nation	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$70,000	-	\$70,000	0.0%			
	Parent Outreach and Awareness	Strategy Subtotal:	\$292,690	\$292,690	-	\$292,690	0.0%	\$43,471		
	Tohono O'odham Nation	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$292,690	-	\$292,690	0.0%	\$43,471		
		Goal Area Subtotal:		\$362,690	\$362,690	-	\$362,690	0.0%	\$43,471	
Health	Child Care Health Consultation	Strategy Subtotal:	\$22,230	\$22,232	\$5,001	\$17,231	22.5%		\$1,284	
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$1,387	\$1,387	-	100.0%			
	Maricopa County Department of Public	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$476	\$61	\$415	12.8%		\$61	
	Pima County Health Department	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$19,504	\$3,356	\$16,148	17.2%		\$1,161	
		07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$865	\$197	\$668	22.8%		\$62	
		Goal Area Subtotal:		\$22,230	\$22,232	\$5,001	\$17,231	22.5%		\$1,284

	Grantee Name	Contract Period	Total Allotment	Awarded	YTD Expense	Expense Variance	% of Award Expended	Reimbursement Activity	
								Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
Professional Development	Community Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$7,544	\$92,456	7.5%		\$4,497
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$100,000	\$7,544	\$92,456	7.5%		\$4,497
	Scholarships TEACH Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$0	-	-	-	0.0%		
				-	-	-	0.0%		
		Goal Area Subtotal:	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$7,544	\$92,456	7.5%		\$4,497
Quality and Access	Expansion: Increase slots and/or Quality First Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$40,000	-	-	-	0.0%		
		Strategy Subtotal:	\$0	-	-	-	0.0%		
				-	-	-	0.0%		
	Quality First Academy Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$8,460	\$8,460	\$629	\$7,831	7.4%		
	Southwest Human Development	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$8,460	\$629	\$7,831	7.4%		
	Quality First Child Care Health Consultation Warmline Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$423	\$301	\$49	\$252	16.4%		\$49
	University of Arizona Cooperative Extension	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$301	\$49	\$252	16.4%		\$49
	Quality First Coaching & Incentives Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$123,152	\$116,984	\$58,742	\$58,242	50.2%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$116,984	\$58,742	\$58,242	50.2%		
	Quality First Inclusion Warmline	Strategy Subtotal:	\$1,890	\$1,667	\$343	\$1,324	20.6%		\$115
	Southwest Human Development	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$1,667	\$343	\$1,324	20.6%		\$115
	Quality First Mental Health Consultation Warmline Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$1,944	\$1,944	\$485	\$1,459	24.9%		\$164
	Southwest Human Development	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$1,944	\$485	\$1,459	24.9%		\$164
	Quality First Scholarships Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$580,622	\$224,077	\$57,211	\$166,866	25.5%		
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$2,010	\$2,010	-	100.0%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$222,067	\$55,201	\$166,866	24.9%		
	Quality First Warmline Triage	Strategy Subtotal:	\$684	\$684	\$173	\$511	25.3%		\$56
Southwest Human Development	07/01/2014-06/30/2015		\$684	\$173	\$511	25.3%		\$56	
	Overall Total:	\$1,366,659	\$963,603	\$188,816	\$774,787	19.6%	\$43,471	\$6,166	

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council & Tohono O'odham Nation Regional Council

Attachment #3



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September & October 2014 Outreach Activities

Required presentations /Outreach events (2) per month:

- 1) 9/3/14 Attended Woman Wellness Fair at the Indian Health Service unit in Sells. I set up a table with ERI's and used my laptop to show people the FTF Facebook page
 - 2) 9/17/14 Held Speakers Series Training at FTF Tucson office .
 - 3) 9/20/14 Attended Pascua Tribal Recognition event.
 - 4) 10/8/14 Early Childhood Everyday Presentation at the children's home in Sells for group home staff.
 - 5) 10/29/14 Early Childhood Everyday TOCC West Campus
 - 6) 10/30/14 Guest on KPYT morning radio show talked about safety tips for Halloween.
 - 6) Indian Oasis Elementary School: One on One with Silva Valdez
 - 7) Networking meeting set-up with Baboquivari High School
- Community Awareness (as needed)
- Learning session in Phoenix 10/12, 11/14
 - Parent Resource guide updated 10/14
 - Wrote article for E-News profiling family from Pascua Yaqui Library (attached)

Upcoming Events:

- Presenter at ITCA Conference on 12/4-5
- American Indian Day at Indian Oasis school 11/26/14
- 12/6/14 Community of Practice Event in Sells with Suzette Torres

ERI Distribution:

- 200 books for Pascua Yaqui Recognition
- 50 Onesies to Indian Health Services and Pascua Yaqui Home Visitation
- 250 boxes of Crayons for Indian Oasis Elementary Trunk or Treat.

FTF Core Message of the Month

"Critical Skills, like motivation, self-discipline, focus and self-esteem, begin to take root from birth to 5 years old. "

Use this message to demonstrate how Early Childhood impacts a child's future performance in the workplace or school. Successful people share these traits and we must give our kids they need to develop these skills.



(Pascua Yaqui Tribe Home Visitation staff at Early Childhood Everyday Training at Tucson Office)

5 Events

4 Networking or 1:1 Meetings

2 Speakers Trainings

3 Presentations

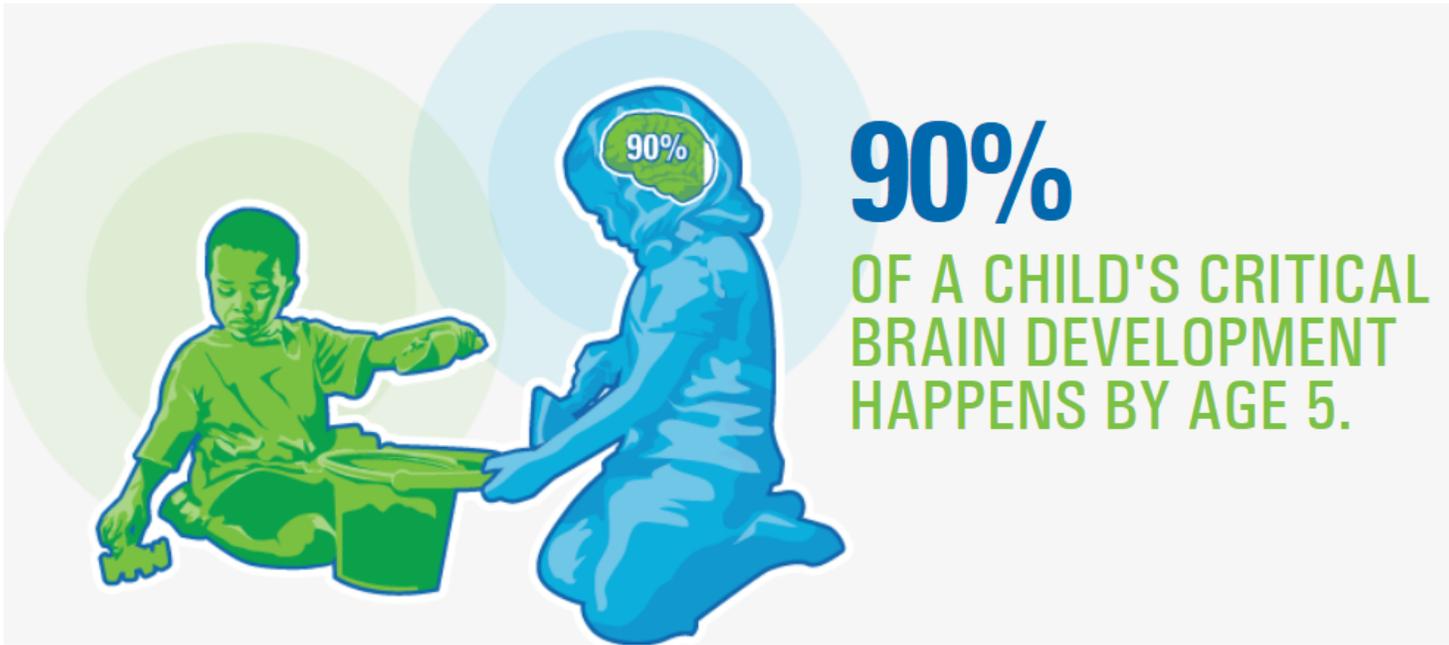
5 Referrals

5 Actions Taken by

Supporters or Champions

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Community Outreach and Awareness Suggestions

Have an idea about people, place or events where the Early Childhood message can be shared? Do you have suggestions for earned media opportunities or success stories? Please complete this form and share it with me!

People or Groups (Please share contact information):

Places or events (Please share all relevant information):

Media Opportunity or Success story idea:

Your contact information:

Thank you for your input!

1300+ benefit from Early Learning Stations

“TWO! That’s my number, that’s how old I am!”

Joaquin’s eyes light up as he sees the number two flash across the screen on the Early Literacy Station, a children’s computer that promotes school readiness and a love of learning.



“Many parents and grandparents bring in their young children, and they utilize the computers. They’re starting to realize that the computers are learning tools that’ll help their children,” said Amalia Reyes, supervisor of the Dr. Fernando Escalante Community Library & Resource Center and current Vice Chair of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council.

First Things First partners with communities to give more children the tools to start kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed. Programs funded by First Things First build on research that show that 90% of a child’s brain develops before kindergarten and early experiences lay the foundation for a lifetime.

Reyes explained the library purchased the Early Literacy Stations with a grant from First Things First. Since the Early Literacy Stations became available in State Fiscal Year 2013 there have been over 1300 users that have benefitted from them.

“Families are always present in the new library, finding ways to make learning fun,” Reyes said. She went on to explain how the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council strives to find various ways to reach families with young children. For example, by partnering with the tribal library FTF helps empower parents and families in their role as their child’s first teacher.

Caregivers can utilize technology that is safe, age appropriate and educational. It helps community members bridge learning and technology so that children will get an early start in education. To further promote early learning, the library also offers a hands-on, engaging story hour called the Hummingbird Huddle every other Wednesday.

“Joaquin is learning so much! He’s learning his numbers, colors and ABC’s.” Joaquin’s mom, Jessica Flores, proudly said. “My 4-year-old daughter, Oriana, is doing great in school, too! She gets 100% on all her work!” Flores realizes the importance of reading and helping her children learn. The family comes in daily to read and work on the computer; they also attend the Hummingbird Huddle every other week.



From his stroller, 1-year-old Antonio intently watches big brother Joaquin on the computer. Then mom says “It’s time to go.” Without hesitation, 2-year-old Joaquin logs off the computer, wraps the cord around the headphones and walks to the front desk. With his big bright eyes barely visible over the counter, he places the headphones in the cubby and says “Thank you.”

Tohono O'odham Nation
Allocation with proposed allotments

Allocations and Funding Sources	2016	2017	2018
FY Allocation	\$160,243	\$496,379	\$496,379
Population Based Allocation	\$160,243	\$324,628	\$324,628
Discretionary Allocation		\$171,751	\$171,751
Other (FTF Fund balance addition)			
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$964,117	\$212,996	\$105,824
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$1,124,360	\$709,375	\$602,204

Strategies	Proposed Allotted	Current Allotted	Proposed Allotted	Proposed Allotted
Child Care Health Consultation				
Community Awareness	\$10,000		\$5,000	\$5,000
Community Based Professional Development Early Care and Education Professionals	\$120,000		\$120,000	\$120,000
Community Outreach	\$80,000		\$80,000	\$80,000
Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense	\$150,000		\$0	\$0
Family Support Coordination	\$225,000		\$225,000	\$225,000
Food Security			\$0	
Media	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$5,000
Parent Education Community-Based Training	-			
Parent Outreach and Awareness	-			
Quality First	\$144,787		\$141,974	\$140,406
Quality First Academy	\$7,520		\$7,520	\$7,520
Quality First Child Care Health Consultation	\$19,760		\$19,760	\$19,760
Quality First Coaching & Incentives	\$113,107		\$110,294	\$108,726
Quality First Inclusion Warmline	-		-	-
Quality First Mental Health Consultation Warmline	-		-	-
Quality First Pre-K Scholarships	-		-	-
Quality First Scholarships	\$150,000		\$0	\$0
Quality First Warmline Triage	-		-	-
Scholarships TEACH	-		-	-
Specialized Technical Assistance	\$4,400		\$4,400	\$4,400
Statewide Evaluation	\$26,577	-	\$26,577	\$26,577
Total	\$911,364	-	\$603,551	\$601,983
Total Unallotted/Unawarded/Unexpended:	\$212,996		\$105,824	\$221

Proposed Funding Plan Summary

FY 2015 - 2018 Tohono O'odham Nation

Total Allocation:		\$1,124,360	\$709,375	\$602,204			
Strategy	SFY15 Allotment	Proposed SFY16 Allotment	Proposed SFY17 Allotment	Proposed SFY18 Allotment	Notes:	Target Service Unit	Additional Notes
Quality First	\$158,783	\$144,787	\$141,974	\$140,406	Approximate amounts	8 centers	Hickawan, North Komelik, Santa Rosa, Pisinemo, Sells TON, Sells B.U.S.D. and San Xavier; San Lucy center will enroll once renovations are complete and classes commence Unfunded approach: reach out to organizations that can inform national, Tohono O'odham Nation and state legislators on funding for early care and education ORIS
Quality First Scholarships	\$580,622	\$150,000	-	-	These targeted scholarships will support the B.U.S.D. early care and education program at Indian-Oasis Elementary School; Support beyond FY 16 is dependent on the availability of funding	20 targeted scholarships	Unfunded approach: reach out to organizations that can inform national, Tohono O'odham Nation and state legislators on funding for child care scholarships
Family Support Coordination	-	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	This new strategy is in response to the Tohono O'odham Nation's request to combine the two opportunities supporting the work of the Maternal & Child Health Advocates	90 Families	Unfunded Approach: Convene all family support service providers to insure they have up-to-date information on early intervention services and understand how to make referrals
Community Based Professional Development	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	Increased to serve an additional 5 professionals	45 professionals	Average cost for cohort member is ~\$2500 Unfunded approach: Convene partners and provide leadership in the development and implementation of a comprehensive early care and education professional career path and development system

Strategy	SFY15 Allotment	Proposed SFY16 Allotment	Proposed SFY17 Allotment	Proposed SFY18 Allotment	Notes:	Target Service Unit	Additional Notes
Expansion: Increase slots and/or capital expense	\$40,000	\$150,000	-	-	Increased to better serve the needs of the Tohono O'odham Nation in expanding early care and education environments; Support beyond FY 16 is dependent on the availability of funding	20 early care and education slots	The Tohono O'odham Nation requested that funds be made available through this strategy versus QF scholarships Unfunded approach: reach out to organizations that can inform national, Tohono O'odham Nation and state legislators on funding for development and expansion of early care and education environments
Community Awareness	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Increase for FY16 only		FY16 increase is to support the one-time procurement cost for stocked outreach items
Community Outreach	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	Maintain		Supports the work of the Community Outreach Liaison
Media	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Maintain		Supports statewide and regional area communications plan
Statewide Evaluation	\$34,564	\$26,577	\$26,577	\$26,577	Board Directed		Supports statewide and regional Needs and Assets reports
Parent Outreach and Awareness	\$292,690	-	-	-	Discontinued strategy		Family Support Coordination in FY 16
Parent Education Community-Based Training	\$70,000	-	-	-	Discontinued strategy		Family Support Coordination in FY 16
Total Allotment:	\$1,366,659	\$911,364	\$603,551	\$601,983			
Total Unallotted:		\$212,996	\$105,824	\$221			