AGENDA ITEM: Regional Director's Report

BACKGROUND: Monthly Directors Report provides the Regional Director an opportunity to inform the Regional Council on current and upcoming activities happening within the region and throughout the State.

RECOMMENDATION: The Regional Director provides this as informational purposes only.

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November 2013 Director's Report

Cochise Regional Partnership Council

General Updates

2014 Needs & Assets Report

- Donelson Consulting, LLC continues their work on our 2014 Needs Assets Report.
- They have submitted their final work plan.

New Publications Available

- Two new publications were recently released by First Things First and are available through the www.azftf.gov website.
- The *First Things First 2013 Annual Report* features data and personal stories that helps paint a picture of the impact of Arizona's commitment to young children. The report provides a snapshot of the progress and the role of First Things First to prepare more Arizona young children for success in kindergarten and beyond.
- The *Strong Families: A Key to School Readiness and Success* is a policy brief that describes how family factors impact a young child's development. The brief also outlines the role First Things First plays in partnering with families so they feel empowered in making the best choices for their young children.

2013 Early Childhood Summit Wrap Up

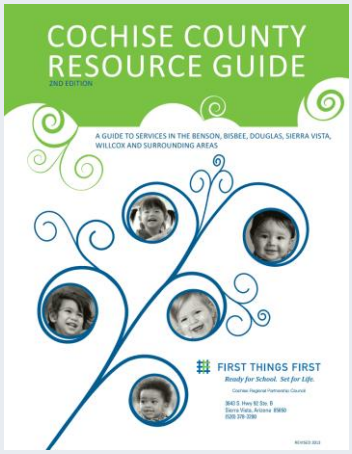
- A new record achieved! 1,223 participants attended the Early Childhood Summit held August 25th-27th.
- Of the 1,233 attendees, 216 were Regional Council members and 70 were First Things First staff.
- The Pre-Summit registration count was 353 and 235 attendees participated in the Tribal Gathering.

First Things First State Board Meeting

- The First Things First State Board met on October 1st in Phoenix. Board agenda items included: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2015 budget and Regional Partnership Council allocations, presentation of the Regional Council member survey, presentation on the Intervening Early Opportunity Assessment and a presentation of the Public/Private Partnership report.
- The next First Things First State Board meeting on **December 9-10** will be held in **Tucson**. Members and community are highly encouraged to attend both days.
- Date, time and location of the December meeting in Tucson are in the process of being finalized.

In The News

- Cochise County Resource Guide!



2nd Edition - All corrections and edits have been completed - along with a new cover color design created by our Communications Division!

Should be on the street, soon!