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<p>Quality First!</p> <p>2010 Budget: \$6.71 Million</p> <p>Budgeted to Date: \$1,662,964</p> <p>Spent to Date: \$1,623,665</p> <p>26% Spent</p>	<p>Total Funded: 637</p> <p>Statewide: 300</p> <p>Regional: 337</p>	<p>Total Awarded: 611</p> <p>Statewide: 295</p> <p>Regional: 316</p> <p>Total Enrolled: 537</p> <p>74 programs are in process of completing the QF Orientation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTF began discussions with Coaching and Assessment Grantees for FSY 2011 Quality First expansion. FTF and Quality First grantees will develop a timeline for FSY 2011 Quality First expansion implementation. The timeline will include: contract amendment completion, hiring and training of new Quality First service deliverers and selections and awards of Quality First expansion slots. • Quality Rating Scale indicators were revised and public comment is still being gathered and analyzed from provider focus groups which were scheduled throughout October and November. The public input will assist in the design and development of the Star Rating Pilot Project. • Applications for Star Rating Pilot participation will be available in Spring 2010. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical difficulties with the Quality First System/Extranet have delayed timely and successful data entry of assessments, creating delays in the development of Quality Improvement Plans (QIP) and incentive distribution. • Simultaneous enrollment of 600+ programs within the same period, creating a burden on assessment and coaching grantees • Longer than expected timeline for entering, proofreading and finalizing assessments. • Some continued vacancies in coaching and assessment staffing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTF IT and Policy Divisions are continuously working together in analyzing and modifying the assessment database component to further improve the assessment process. • FTF and assessment grantee have agreed to steps designed to reduce caseloads, add assessors and reduce time from initial assessment visit to final assessment approval. • Assessor grantee conducted interviews for new assessors on November 20, 2009. • Coaching subcontractor held interviews to fill vacant coach positions.

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<p>T.E.A.C.H. ARIZONA</p> <p>2010 Budget: \$1.5 Million</p> <p>Budgeted to Date: \$80,000</p> <p>Spent to Date: \$74,969</p> <p>5% Spent (See barriers and plans to address barriers)</p>	<p><u>Statewide Quality First:</u> Scholarships awarded: 200 by 12/31/09 450 by 6/30/10</p> <p><u>Regional Quality First:</u> Scholarships awarded: 100 by 12/31/09 475 by 6/30/10</p> <p><u>Regional TEACH only:</u> Scholarships awarded: 433 by 12/31/09 1,224 by 6/30/10</p>	<p><u>Statewide Quality First:</u> Scholarships awarded: 115 by 11/23/09</p> <p><u>Regional Quality First:</u> Scholarships awarded: 14 by 11/23/09</p> <p><u>Regional TEACH only:</u> Scholarships awarded: 32 by 11/23/09</p>	<p>FTF and TEACH developed a plan to achieve objectives by 6/30/10</p> <p>Sharon Brady resigned as TEACH Coordinator effective 11/18; Dawn Henry has been appointed the new Coordinator effective 11/18</p> <p>TEACH Grantee met with the ECE Task Force on 11/13 to discuss application process and scholarship requirements-10 colleges attended, 9 were absent (including the 2 Tribal colleges)</p> <p>TEACH Informational Sessions/Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arizona Indian Education Association (10/09) • Yuma (10/14; 12 attendees) • Quality First Coaches Training (10/15) • Arizona Self-Study Project (10/16) • Yuma Early Childhood Conf. (10/17) • Globe (10/20; 5 attendees) • Tempe (10/21; 30 attendees) • Webinar at FTF (10/28) • Payson (11/3; 1 attendee) • Green Valley (11/4; 60 attendees) • Avondale (11/05; 15 attendees) • Phoenix (11/9; 30 attendees) • Sierra Vista (11/10; 12 attendees) • Prescott (11/19; 8 attendees) • TEACH Advisory Board Meeting (11/2) • Rio Salado Collaboration Mtg (11/5) • NW Maricopa RPC Meeting (11/17) • C Maricopa RPC Meeting (11/18) • Live Meeting with FTF Coordinators (11/24) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misunderstandings among some community colleges about application process and requirements for scholarships have resulted in fewer applications than projected • Some barriers to engaging the 2 Tribal colleges; therefore, scholarships for Tribal classes less that desired • Time required for verifying and processing applications has been greater than expected • Large number of scholarships funded by regional councils created capacity challenge for grantee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting at CAC on 11/13 with community colleges; discussed questions/ concerns and developed strategies for increasing student awareness and applications • In consultation with Katie Stevens and tribal coordinators, additional outreach is planned for engaging Tribal colleges in TEACH and increasing scholarship applications in tribal areas • 7 new TEACH Specialists have been hired and trained, and additional staff will be hired in January 2010 • New staff are being assigned to cover specific regional areas to provide assistance in completing applications and to liaison with colleges for additional support to TEACH scholars

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<p>Child Care Health Consultation</p> <p>2010 Budget: \$1 Million</p> <p>Budgeted to Date: \$20,000</p> <p>Spent to Date: \$29,153</p> <p>2% Spent (See barriers and plan to address barriers)</p>	<p>31 regions with signed contracts with county health departments and other agencies to employ CCHCs</p> <p>95% of Quality First participants have an assigned CCHC by 6/30/09</p>	<p>*21 regions with signed contracts 3 contracts awaiting signature 7 with no identified provider (6 tribal regions)</p> <p>11% QF participants have assigned CCHC by 11/23/09</p> <p>*These 21 regions represent 43.5 of the 45 total FTE's to be hired.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCHC staff were trained on Omaha documentation system & Care Facts on 11/17/2009 • CCHC page in Extranet is now completed and ready for use by contractors. • CCHC software database link to FTF database still in process. • CCHC have begun visiting Quality First participants in Tucson and southern Arizona. • Grantees continue to hire child care health consultants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges in finalizing contracts with Local Health Departments due to state budget cuts and H1N1 virus. • Extended time required to transfer the CCHC software to the FTF database – projection that it will not be completed until 2/10. • Identification of health agencies to employ CCHC a challenge in tribal regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy staff continues personal outreach to entities in 7 regions without a contract, as well as work through regional coordinators and councils. • Plan developed for CCHCs to do documentation on paper until database linkage is completed • Policy staff attempting to gain permission for County Contractors to provide service in tribal regions.
<p>Arizona Parent Kits</p> <p>2010 Budget: \$6.71 Million</p> <p>Budgeted to Date: \$1,662,964</p> <p>Spent to Date: \$1,623,665</p> <p>26% Spent</p>	<p><u>Recruitment:</u> 100% of Birthing Centers/Hospitals</p> <p><u>Distribution</u> 80% of total births annually</p> <p><u>Outreach, Monitoring & TA:</u> All sites via phone once monthly.</p> <p>10% of all sites receive on-site visits monthly</p>	<p>100% Recruited</p> <p>1st qtr. data report to be available and analyzed by 1/10</p> <p>100% monthly phone calls</p> <p>10% completed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kits are now voluntarily distributed in ALL Arizona birthing hospitals and centers. 55 sites statewide. • Consultant continues to receive signed participation agreement MOUs from each site. 25 have been completed and returned as of November 1, 2009. • 5,244 kits delivered to sites statewide October, 2009: 4548 English; 696 Spanish • Monitoring/TA provided to 6 rural birthing hospitals, including 1 tribal site, and 1 urban hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation varies from site to site – all operate on a voluntary basis and some sites are more consistent than others. • Lack of storage capacity at some sites. • Turnover of staff at some sites who stock and distribute kits. • Lack of community/ family awareness in some locations about kit availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant contacts all sites monthly via phone to review # kits, # births, and provide TA. • Consultant is prioritizing site visits based upon phone contacts and regular feedback from regional staff. • TA includes strategies to offer the kit prior to birth e.g. tours, birth education classes, antepartum visits. • Awareness plan by FTF Communications Division to begin no later than 1/31/10.

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Health Strategy Physician Outreach and Training	Recommendation for grant approval to Board by 12/8/09.	Recommendation ready for 12/8/09 Board meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date 10/30/09 • Review Committee met 11/4/09 • Decision by Review Committee • Recommendation forwarded to Board for 12/8/09 meeting 	N/A	N/A
Health Strategy Workforce Development (SLP) 2010 Budget: \$280,000 Budgeted to Date: \$275,000 Spent to Date: \$275,000 100% Spent**	At least 7 students in FY10	11 students enrolled for FY10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTF sponsored and staff attended the POPSICLE conference for families with children who have feeding concerns • Coordination meetings being planned with ASU and DHS, which is implementing a recruitment strategy for regions <p>**Contract written as an upfront payment rather than a cost reimbursement</p>	N/A	N/A
Health Strategy Mental Health Consultation and Training	Recommendation for grant approval to Board by 12/8/09.	Recommendation ready for 12/8/09 Board meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing date 10/30/09 • Review Committee met 11/4/09 • Decision by Review Committee • Recommendation forwarded to Board for 12/8/09 meeting 	N/A	N/A
Health Strategy Oral Health	First meeting 10/23/09 Completion of plan for oral health services by 6/30/10	First meeting held 10/23/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September, ADHS received notice of a federal award to plan for oral health services for underserved communities in AZ. • Planning continues with ADHS to coordinate prevention strategies 	N/A	N/A

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Health Insurance Outreach	Interagency agreement to expand utilization of Health E Application in targeted FTF regions to be completed by November 2009	No interagency agreement per DES leadership decision on 11/24/09	Decision by DES leadership to suspend work on an interagency agreement with FTF in support of regional outreach strategies using the Health E Application	This outcome affects efforts to help Arizona draw additional federal matching funds for Health E Application outreach	Regions should proceed with RFGA or governmental agreements to implement health care outreach, continuing to focus on the Health E Application with enrollment assistance as the vehicle for outreach and enrollment
FTF Professional REWARD\$	Closing date 11/20/09 Award recommendation will be forwarded to FTF Board at 1/26/10 meeting	Grant closed and Review Committee met on schedule - 11/20/09	Review Team Orientation and distribution of proposal applications occurred 11/20/09 Review Team scheduled to discuss proposal applications on 12/4/09 Clarifications and processing will occur 12/7/09--1/4/10	N/A	N/A
Competitive Statewide Grants: The Arizona Kith and Kin Project 2010 Budget: \$578,069 Spent to Date: \$75,108 13% Spent	First Quarterly Report Due October 20, 2009	Quarterly report received October 20, 2009	Policy, Evaluation and Finance staff have reviewed quarterly data and narrative reports, and are requesting clarification from the Grantee on 11/25/09	Lack of data reported on Data Reporting Narrative	FTF will clarify Grantee's understanding of data reporting document and procedures FTF will troubleshoot issues with the process and set expectation for re-submittal of data information

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<p>Arizona Reach Out and Read (RORAZ)</p> <p>2010 Budget: \$459,140</p> <p>Spent to Date: \$99,742</p> <p>22% Spent</p>	<p>Establish RORAZ regional coalitions in underserved areas by hiring new staff:</p> <p>1 Executive Director 1 Coordinator Yuma 1 Coordinator Graham/Greenlee 1 QI Manager</p> <p>Add 19 new RORAZ sites by spring 2010: 3 Yuma 3 Graham/Greenlee 6 Maricopa 4 N. Arizona 3 S. Arizona</p>	<p>All new staff vacancies have been filled.</p> <p># of new sites as of 11/23/09: 0 Yuma 0 Graham/ Greenlee 0 Maricopa County 0 Northern Arizona 0 Southern Arizona</p> <p>Expected by 12/31/09: 4 sites</p>	<p>Reporting period: April 13- June 30, 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> distributed books, recruited and trained in 6 RPC areas 77 outreach, recruitment and retention contacts made Recruited 28 new medical practitioners Trained 12 new medical practitioners in 4 new sites 4586 books distributed 	<p>Some medical practitioners decline to participate during recruitment</p>	<p>Continued outreach to medical practitioners in targeted areas to add new in RORAZ sites</p>
<p>Birth to Five Helpline</p> <p>2010 Budget: \$70,685</p> <p>Spent to Date: \$31,855</p> <p>45% Spent</p>	<p>Public awareness – availability for all families with children birth through five</p>	<p>Ongoing statewide outreach</p>	<p>Reporting period: April 13 – June 30, 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 620 calls from 22 FTF RPC areas 70% new calls 30% repeat calls Of new calls: 83% from parents of children birth through age five 23% of callers referred for follow-up <p>Based on preliminary data from July 1 to August 21, 2009:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two primary referral sources to Helpline: Arizona Parent Kit (about 46% of calls) and pediatricians (approximately 10% of calls) 	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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Coordination: Home Visiting Taskforce	First meeting: 10/31/09 Second meeting: 11/20/09 Additional meetings: 1/10 and 2/10 State Plan by 3/1/10	First meeting held: 10/31/09 Second meeting held: 11/20/09. The plan development process is on schedule.	Two Taskforce meetings occurred in October and November 2009 Taskforce is on target in meeting goals to develop a State Plan which will address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uniform standards of practice • interagency agreements (MOU's or ISA's) that provide for coordination of effort of each funding agency (FTF, ADHS, DES, ADE and Head Start) • home visitation staff training • program monitoring and quality assurance • national certification and accreditation of programs and staff • mechanisms for sharing data and determining gaps and needs • evaluation guidelines State Plan will inform state applications for federal grants (S.244 & H.R. 2205; H.R.3047) pending in Congress	N/A	N/A