

Navajo/Apache REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL Funding Plan Update/Operational Plan

Population-Based Allocation: \$761,591

Frontier Adjustment: \$304,205

Emergency Child Care Scholarship Allocation: \$197,621

Emergency Food Box Allocation: \$4301.00

Total Funding to Date: \$1,267,718

#	Strategy Name	Description	Regional Allocation	Funding Agreement	Status	Cross Regional Opportunities
1	Early Childhood Learning Lab/Model School	During the next year, the Council will create a collaborative partnership between Northland Pioneer College, regional school districts and school boards, regional child care centers, regional NACOG Head Start Centers, Department of Economic Security, Navajo and Apache County Workforce Development, teachers, parents and families, and other community partners to create an Early Childhood Development, curriculum-based, learning lab model for child care and preschool.	\$50,000.	<p>April 2009 - government to government agreement with Navajo County Superintendent of Schools, Educational Service Agency as lead agency. This agreement calls for the inclusion of all school districts in the region to be involved in the creation of the model that will be developed to describe the child care/preschool lab school. Linda Morrow and Lannie Gillespie will be the primary contacts on this grant.</p> <p>This agreement is going to the Board for the June 9 meeting so that it can fund in July 2009.</p> <p>Agreement was approved in June.</p> <p>Agreement signed by both parties 9-11-09</p>	<p>11-13-09 Second Advisory Council meeting scheduled for 11-18-09. Discussed the fact that this model will need to be presented back to the Board PRIOR to implementation in FY 2011 (per motion to approve made by Steve). Asked Charlene what the process would be for getting this model back to the Board for approval – my intention is to leave the dollars allocated for FY 2011 with the intention of program implementation sometime in FY 2011. I'll discuss with Michelle and AdiShakti the process to have the funds allocated and available for FY 2011, but have the ability to present the model to the Board for approval once that portion of work is completed.</p>	<p>12-1-09 the work of developing the model will involve identification of funding streams, creation of partnerships that may involve other institutions – perhaps, NAU, and other colleges and universities that have early childhood programs.</p>

2	Recruitment of Early Care and Educational Professional Workforce	Professional development scholarships; intended for child care providers working in the region who are pursuing CDA/AA/BA degrees who do not qualify for TEACH, PCPP, or PELL (or have additional allowable costs)	\$14,000. 5-13-09 ammended to be \$21,551.00	Proposed Government to government agreement with Apache County Higher Education Committee	11-12-09 Received the completed agreement from Karalea and sent to Charlene, Michelle, and AdiShakti. Once this is okay'd by AdiShakti and Michelle, Charlene is okay with it being signed. 11-13-09 Received email from AdiShakti asking if this needs Michelle's approval. I think it does 11-20-09 MK is back on Monday the 23 rd .	
3a	Professional Development Pathway System	Offer additional T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to child care professionals outside of <i>Quality First!</i>	\$27,000.	Buying into state-wide strategy	11-4-09 Jill updated RPC on state-wide strategies, including TEACH. Several specific comments were made about the lack of implementation of TEACH within this region, and about the problems with the requirements of TEACH that make it not workable in this region. Elliot was glad to hear the comments and said he would forward on to Alicia and other policy staff folks to work out further details with ASCC. The Council asked about PCPP and what their options are for buying into PCPP, rather than TEACH – Jill said she would get more info and report back. 11-13-09 Had a conversation with Alicia after training – the agreement with CAC for PCPP has been sent to them for their approval – Council's have the option to buy in to PCPP if they desire. Gave this info to my Council via email today. Alicia's suggestion would be to offer both PCPP and TEACH because each will work for a different set of people. Decision will need to be made at December meeting.	
3b	Professional Development Pathway System	Planning year to create a workable infrastructure and tracking system for community-based trainings.	\$2,000.	Government to government with Northland Pioneer College	11-10-09 Second planning meeting – I was sick, didn't attend. 11-16-09 Talked with Claude, she is planning a Survey Monkey survey – not sure who the intended respondents are. 12-1-09 Claude will give a brief update to the Council at the December RPC meeting.	
4	Advocate for on-site, employer-sponsored child care	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will encourage and advocate for large employers to sponsor employer-based child care settings for employees ^{ivv} . This strategy would include a training component intended for employers to let them know the requirements, costs, procedures and "employer-	\$49,966.	Procurement agreement with Applied Economics, Inc.	11-20-09 Second deliverable is due in December/January and Sarah will attend the January Council meeting. 11-30-09 Sarah is conducting follow-up questions with Micheal, once done she will write the market feasibility report and send to me for review. She will develop a condensed version to present to the Council in January, together with the marketing materials that are going to aimed at each proforma of employer – large, medium, and small. Sarah will be in town on the 14 th of January to attend a grantee coordination meeting.	

		felt" benefit information to promote establishing employer-based child care centers				
5	Child Care Home Study	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will partner with the Coconino Regional Partnership Council to conduct an area-wide study over the course of one year regarding this phenomena: Family choice for child care Barriers to becoming a certified Family Child Care provider Barriers to certified Family Child Care providers engaging in established programs for increasing quality.	\$50,000.	6-9-09 Potential inclusion/participation in state-wide study and IGA with the University Consortium.	11-13-09 Received info from Amy and Rochelle that the proposal has been received from NAU, and that a sub-committee from the eval workgroup has been assigned to read through it. There is supposed to be feedback for the eval workgroup in time for the call next week – Rochelle will keep me in the loop. 11-20-09 Still waiting on feedback from the evaluation subcommittee assigned to evaluate the proposal. 12-1-09 Conference call with Amy, Trudy, AdiShakti today to discuss the proposals from the consortium and from NAU – an additional conversation will be held later today with MK, AK, KD, and TR.	Collaborating with Coconino Region; possibly participating in state-wide study looking at Supply/Demand for Child Care, as well as reasons behind child care quality levels of centers/homes and reasons behind parent's choices for child care that they make.
6	Expansion of Child Care Openings	Administrative Home to manage a Fund to be used for grant award to child care centers and/or homes to expand high quality child care and preschool openings.	\$275,000. DISCRETIONARY REQUEST 275,000 \$182,008 10-14-09 RPC voted to move \$40,000 to Beautiful Beginnings for FY 2010; and to move the remaining \$142,008 to carry-over for SFY 2011.	4- 8-09 this went out as as RFGA for an Adminsitrative Home.	10-14-09 The Council has decided to allocate \$40,000 of these funds to the FY 2010 budget for Beautiful Beginnings, and to move the remaining \$142,008 to carry-over funds for SFY 2011. 10-16-09 Emailed AK, CS, MK with the above detail and asked for guidance on how to proceed. 10-21-09 Two conference calls scheduled to determine next steps for this action. 11-13-09 guidance form Michelle: gather data reported from grantee, have conference call with K., Wendy, Charlene and AdiShakti to determine if any concerns exist with respect to the grantee. Take staff input and suggestions to RPC in December – revisit the motion specifically in December. If the Council agrees again, then submit letter to the Board in January amending the strategy to increase the funding level. If the board approves, then the contract can be amending with any suggestions from FTF staff. 12-1-09 Meeting with grantee scheduled for tomorrow; recommendations will not be ready in time for December RPC meeting.	
7	Child Care Health Consultant	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to provide increased access to Child Care Health Consultants for lawfully operating child care homes and centers who are not enrolled in Quality First.	\$50,000.	Buying into state-wide strategy.	11-4-09 CCHC training is scheduled for mid November, and the individual hired will attend. 11-20-09 CCHC training has concluded, I'll ask Elizabeth to have the CCHC attend our December Council meeting so that the Council can meet them. No program update expected – service delivery has not started yet.	
8	Oral Health Screens and Varnish	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will provide oral health screens and varnish application to infants and toddlers in early child care settings and other	\$15,000.	4-8-09 Went out as RFGA 7-8-09 Navajo County Public Health District is ony applicant, funding has been recommended. 8-26-09 Board approved	9-8-09 Announced award to the RPC. 12-1-09 This is a round two grantee, data/narrative reporting not due until January 20, 2010.	

		appropriate community settings. This process will include a parent education section for each child seen, as well as community education, outreach, and awareness for the general community to raise awareness related to the importance of good oral health.				
9	Implement Healthy Steps	Healthy Steps represents a significant innovation in the way pediatric primary care can be delivered. Based on the standards and principles of Bright Futures and the American Academy of Pediatrics Health Supervision Guidelines, Healthy Steps enhances and expands traditional pediatric care by including a child development specialist as part of the pediatric practice team.	\$105,000. \$104,519 is amount requested	6-8-09 RPC recommendations are going forward to the FTF Board for funding, on the June 9 agenda. This will be an RFGA with North Country Health Care.	11-20-09 All data seems to be reported – finance has not indicated hasn't indicated any problems.	
10	Nutrition Education and Outreach	Because of the widespread problem of childhood obesity, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council is particularly interested in ensuring that early care and education providers, as well as families, receive guidance around nutrition issues. This topic will be an area of emphasis for individuals working with early care providers and others who work with young children in the region. This strategy is a comprehensive approach to prevent childhood obesity by reaching children, parents, child care staff, and the community.	\$13,750.	3-5-09 RFGA released 4-16-09 no applications received.	5-13-09 RPC voted to carry forward these funds to FY 2011 for re-release of the same strategy in RFGA form. 10-14-09 RPC discussed newly proposed nutrition strategy focusing on nutrition-based parent education campaign, increased WIC, TANF, and Food Stamp enrollment, as well as Healthy-E application completion – there is a possibility that this strategy will be combined with the newly proposed nutrition strategy for one larger strategy. 11-4-09 Presented proposed agreement with UA Cooperative Extension – the new strategy may replace this one. Council decision due December 9, 2009.	
11	Early Literacy and Parent Education	Given these facts, the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will work to expand the capacity of early language and literacy programs to provide supports and services to young children and their families.	\$39,000. \$31,931.	3-5-09 Released as RFGA Reach Out and Read in the Applicant who is recommended for funding.	11-20-09 Will work to have this grantee attend the grantee meeting I'll schedule for January.	
12	Expand home visiting program network	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council would like to augment the provision of the Arizona Parent's Kit with the addition of a	\$139,788. 10-14-09 RPC added \$40,000 to the FY 2010 contract using	4-1-09 RPC met to approve funding program under FTF emergency response bid waiver. Contract is an agreement/partnership is between Northland Therapy Services, Hummingbird Early	11-17-09 Had conversation with K. and Wendy – need clarification of data reported in PGMS. Reviewed this feedback with AK, LD, CS and decided to have a conference call with the grantee, finance and myself to gain further understanding.	

		home visiting component to support new parents as they become more accustomed to parenting their infants.	unspent FY 2010 funds.	Intervention, and Summit Regional Healthcare.	11-19-09 Held conference call – the unit of service is one hour. Additionally, it is clear to all that I need to have clear and supported suggestions/recommendations to take to my Council on the 9 th and that I really can't wait any longer because I need to have my FY 2011 budget approved at the 12-9 meeting, so that it can go to the Board in Jan. All agree to the timeline. Updated AdiShakti. 11-2509 Meeting with grantee scheduled for December 2; if recommendations are forthcoming, I will try to have them in time for December 9 meeting. 12-1-09 Recommendations will not be ready in time for the December 9 meeting; this will be revisited in January.
13	Working in partnership with the Regional Partnership Councils and FTF Board, implement a community awareness, education, and mobilization campaign to build the public and political will necessary to make early childhood development and health one of Arizona's top priorities	The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council recognizes the importance and effectiveness of working in partnership with the Regional Councils and the FTF Board, speaking with one unified voice for young children to mobilize the community around a call to action. The Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will determine the mechanisms most appropriate for this region to deliver the messages as developed from the statewide communications plan, raising the community's awareness, and enlisting individuals as champions for early childhood development and health.	\$25,000. \$16,250.00 State-wide allocation: \$9750 Statewide allocation: \$6500		12-1-09 Awaiting approved Communications Plan.
14	Emergency Food Boxes	Provision of supplemental food and commodity boxes to families in need; boxes will meet the WIC guidelines for food contents for infants and toddlers, additionally diapers and other baby items may be included in the boxes.	\$132,000.00 from RPC; \$4301.00 statewide funding. Total for region is \$136,301.	Emergency response funding under bid waiver	11-18-09 Clarifications sent to Sharon. 11-20-09 Visited St. Johns distribution – sent my observations to Melissa and Charlene. 12-1-09 Touched base with Charlene – no response on the clarifications from Sharon. 12-01-09 Visit with Salvation Army scheduled for 12-2-09
15	Emergency Child Care Scholarships	Provision of emergency child care scholarships to families at or below 200% FPL, scholarships are provided to child care centers/homes who have applied for QFI.	\$180,000 from RPC; \$197,621 statewide funding. Total funding for region is \$377,621.		12-1-09 Scholarship funds expected to be available at least through March, 2010.
Carry Forward to FY 2011			166,053.00 0.00 13,784.00 10-14-09 \$155,792		3-11-09 RPC moved all carry-forward funds to home visiting strategy. 5-13-09 RPC voted to hold Nutrition strategy funds as carry-forward to FY 2011 for same strategy. 10-14-09 Council moved \$142,008 from Child Care Expansion strategy to carry-over for FY 2011.
Total Regional Allocations			\$1,267,718		

TOTAL Expenditures FY 2010		\$1,253,968	
Statewide/State Funded Strategies			
Strategies	Statewide funding or numbers	In Our Region	Status
Quality First!	6-9-09 213 enrolled; 91 pending orientation	3 centers and 2 homes	6-8-09 3 centers and 2 homes are eligible; all are identified; initial assessments and visits are taking place now 6-30-09 Per Jill, all QF sites will be officially participating and listed on the web-site as of 7-6-09 9-22-09 15 centers/homes are on the waitlist; need clarification on why 4 centers/homes are listed on the QF! report.
QF! Rating Scale			6-9-09 Planned end date for planning/design is July 31, 2010 for implementation. Mini pilot study possibly planned for spring 2010
T.E.A.C.H.		\$27,000 additional funding outside of QF!	6-9-09 TEACH presentations/orientations are being scheduled – July 11 in Holbrook. Good grades are now required for continued funding and bonuses; BA's will be supported sooner than originally planned. QF scholarship apps will be completed this month 7-29-09 TEACH training session will be hosted in Lakeside 7-30-09 No QF! attendees for the 29 th . 8-19-09 QF! and non-QF! live meeting scheduled.
Child Care Health Consultants			6-9-09 contract signed with Pima Co. Dept of Health for QA and TA; contracts will local health depts. being pursued 7-16-09 Talked with Kelley, both Navajo and Apache Pub Health have declined the contract; she will contact Apache Co PH again and will offer the option to be a pass-through with the stipulation that Hummingbird Early Intervention be subcontracted with (Tam Talbot has training, is engaged with the community and is ready to go). If this doesn't work, my suggestion is to approach the Apache Co Higher Ed Committee/Apache Co to be govt-govt partner with the same agreement details (sub-contract w/ Hummingbird).. My additional input was to pursue procurement or sole source contracting with Hummingbird directly. Reviewd all with AdiShakti – she and I agree that the appropriate outcome is to have Hummingbird Early Intervention be the ultimate provider – so it makes sense to use the most expedient process to reach that outcome. Kelley indicated that she would re-contact Apache Co. PH on her own, and will copy me on the emails. I'll keep AdiShakti up to date/ 7-20-09 No emails from Kelley to Apache Co PH, or anyone else. 7-22-09 conference call scheduled for 7-28 at 10:30am with Kelley, me, and Elizabeth Kizer 8-4-09 Apache County wants the contract,BOS has approved. 8-14-09 Rec'd update, Apache county has signed the contract.
Parent Kits	To date, over 15,000 have been distributed since Feb. 2009		As of March, Az Parent Kits available at Summit Regional in Show Low. 7-14-09 Gave contact info for Sarah Basinger, new OB Dept head, to Susan Perkins Fry. 7-30-09 A second shipment of Kits was delivered to the hospital in June – 17 cases of 12 – all in English. I confirmed that Sarah can request additional Kits at any time, in English or Spanish, by contacting Susan. Beyond the amount ordered, there are no current numbers about how many have been delivered – other then to know that the initial shipment of 204 was gone by the time the second shipment arrived. So – perhaps 250 have been distrib uted from Summit since inception. 8-27-09 Dr. Barela estimated that 300 babies have been born this year, so these numbers make sense.
Physician Loan Forgiveness Admin Home			Scope of work being worked on now, RFGA should go out this summer
Early Childhood Advisory Group			AZ has a state-wide grant to fund this work; in conversation now with other state agencies
WAGES Administrative Home			RFGA was cancelled; SOW will be re-worked and RFGA will be released this summer 8-14-09 Work still being done on the SOW, branding concers related to FTF being the funder, and Rhian wants this to be a flagship initiative for FTF – like QF!. 10-15-09 RFGA re-released for state-wide administrative home 10-16-09 Detail requested from Claude on buy-in options for RPC for FY 2011, FY 2012. Initial contract period of 5 months, second contract period is 1 year.
State-wide Longitudinal Study			6-5-09 Study design being done now; tools have been identified to assess child development; regional presentations will be scheduled in the next few months 8-24-09 Karen Applequist with NAU contacted me looking for evaluators, I asked her for a job description and requirements and will forward to ACYC and Navajo County Connection groups, as wel as the RPC. I'm recommending Randy Heinrick, will ask him who

			else he recommends. 8-26-09 Karen forwarded along the job description – I sent it along to the group.
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ⁱ “Child development knowledge and early childhood teacher preparation: Assessing the relationship—A special collection”

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ⁱⁱⁱ “Child development and classroom teaching: a review of the literature and implications for educating teachers”

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