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Pima North Regional Partnership Council

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order & Introductions

The Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pima North Regional Partnership Council was held on November 12, 2014 at Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona, Board Meeting Room, 140 West Speedway Boulevard, Tucson, Arizona 85705.

Chair Peg Harmon welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 p.m.

Members Present:

Jil Feldhausen, Peg Harmon, Scott Ingram, Dorothy Johnson, Amber Jones, Marcia Klipsch, Wade McLean, and Annabel Ratley

Members Not Present:

Sharon Taddeo and Ann Mastergeorge

II. Consent Agenda

Chair Peg Harmon stated that all items on the agenda that are in italics, underlined, and marked with an asterisk are consent matters that will be considered by a single motion with no discussion (unless a member wished to pull an item off of consent agenda for further discussion, which did not occur).

A motion was made by member Wade McLean that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the consent agenda, seconded by member Dorothy Johnson. Motion carried.

III. Potential Conflicts of Interest

The following members have declared potential conflicts of interest:

Chair Peg Harmon has a potential conflict with *Quality First* and *Quality First Scholarships* due to her employment with Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona.

Member Amber Jones has a potential conflict with the following strategies: *Quality First*, *Quality First Scholarships*, *Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals*, *Home Visitation*, and *Expansion: Increase Slots/Capital Expansion* due to her employment with Child & Family Resources, Inc.

Chair Peg Harmon asked if there were any additional conflicts or disclosures not listed on Attachment #2- Declaration of Conflict of Interest. Member Annabel Ratley disclosed that she is a former employee of Easter Seals Blake Foundation; however she no longer works there and does not have a conflict. Member Jil Feldhausen has

potential conflict of interest with *Home Visitation* due to her involvement the Nurse Family Partnership Advisory Board.

IV. State Fiscal Year 2016 through 2018 Strategic Planning Discussion

Chair Peg Harmon outlined the tools provided to assist in the Strategic Planning Discussion. She reminded the members and public that during the October meeting the Regional Council identified regional priorities, outlined on Attachment #3. In addition to identifying regional priorities, the Regional Council affirmed the continuation of the following strategies: Quality First, Quality First Scholarships, Home Visitation, and Parenting Education.

Regional Director Jessica Brisson shared that the regional allocation for State Fiscal Year 2016 is \$9,736,389, approximately a 25% decrease from State Fiscal Year 2015. The members discussed the strategies that will not be funded for State Fiscal Years 2016-2018.

Kindergarten Transition

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, eliminate the Kindergarten Transition strategy from the State Fiscal Year 2016 strategic direction and regional funding plan, seconded by member Jil Feldhausen. Motion carried.

Expansion: Increase Slots/Capital Expense

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, eliminate the Expansion: Increase Slots/Capital Expense strategy from the State Fiscal Year 2016 strategic direction and regional funding plan, seconded by member Jil Feldhausen. Member Amber Jones did not participate due to a potential conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Care Coordination/Medical Home

A motion was made by member Jil Feldhausen that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, eliminate the Care Coordination/Medical Home strategy from the State Fiscal Year 2016 strategic direction and regional funding plan, seconded by member Amber Jones. Motion carried.

Recruitment-Loan Forgiveness

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, eliminate the Recruitment-Loan Forgiveness strategy from the State Fiscal Year 2016 strategic direction and regional funding plan, seconded by member Marcia Klipsch. Motion carried.

Community Partnerships

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, eliminate the Community Partnerships strategy from the State Fiscal Year 2016 strategic direction and regional funding plan, seconded by member Jil Feldhausen. Motion carried.

Break 4:25-4:35

Chair Peg Harmon reviewed the remaining strategies/approaches that had been funded by Central Pima and North Pima in State Fiscal Year 2015. The members affirmed that they wanted to support the strategies/approaches.

Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council include Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings strategy in the State Fiscal Year 2016

strategic direction and regional funding plan, seconded by Vice Chair Scott Ingram. The strategy combines what is formally known as Center-based Early Literacy and Consultation: Language and Communication. Motion carried.

Chair Peg Harmon asked Vice Chair Scott Ingram to facilitate the portion of the meeting related to Quality First.

Quality First

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Strategy package for State Fiscal Year 2016 for 95 centers and 25 homes, with an estimated funding amount of \$1,884,011, through an amendment to the statewide contract. The Quality First package includes the following strategies: Quality First Coaching and Incentives, Quality First Academy, Specialized Technical Assistance and Child Care Health Consultation, seconded by member Marcia Klipsch. The expectation is that staff will bring the finalized funding amounts back to the Regional Council at a later date. Chair Peg Harmon and member Amber Jones did not participate due to potential conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

Quality First Scholarships

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Scholarships strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 through an amendment to the statewide contract with an estimated funding amount of \$2,616,825 (50% of funding base amount of scholarships for all 3-5 Star Programs), to provide approximately 306 scholarships. The expectation is that staff will bring the finalized target service numbers and funding amount back to the Regional Council at a later date. Motion failed.

A motion was made by member Jil Feldhausen that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Scholarships strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 through an amendment to the statewide contract with an estimated funding amount of \$3,266,796 (70% of funding base amount of scholarships for all 3-5 Star Programs), seconded by member Wade McLean. The expectation is that staff will bring the finalized target service numbers and funding amount back to the Regional Council at a later date. Chair Peg Harmon and member Amber Jones did not participate due to potential conflicts of interest. Motion carried. The Regional Partnership Council members approved with the understanding that the funding could be adjusted based on the funding of the remaining strategies.

Vice Chair Scott Ingram passed the Chair back to Peg Harmon.

Home Visitation

A motion was made by member Annabel Ratley that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the home visitation strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$2,150,000 to serve approximately 550 families with the intent of coordinating with the Pima South region to release a multi-regional Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Dorothy Johnson. Members Amber Jones and Jil Feldhausen did not participate due to potential conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

Parenting Education

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Parenting Education strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$500,000 to serve approximately 500 adults with the intent of coordinating with the Pima South region for a multi-region Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Annabel Ratley. Motion carried.

Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals, aka Communities of Practice

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Professional Development for Early Care and Education Professionals strategy using the Communities of Practice model for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$780,000 to serve approximately 312 early childhood professionals with the intent of coordinating with the other neighboring Regional Partnership Councils for a multi-region Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Jil Feldhausen. Member Amber Jones did not participate due to a potential conflict of interest. Motion carried.

College Scholarships for Early Childhood Professionals

A motion was made by member Jil Feldhausen that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the College Scholarships for Early Childhood Professionals strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$10,600 to support 1 scholar pursuing a Bachelor's degree through an amendment to the statewide contract, seconded by Vice Chair Scott Ingram. Motion carried.

First Things First Professional REWARD\$

A motion was made by member Jil Feldhausen that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the First Things First Professional Rewards strategy in the amount of \$270,000 to support a minimum of 200 incentives for State Fiscal Year 2016, with the intent that up to 50% of funds will be distributed during the first half of the fiscal year and the remaining 50% in the second half of the fiscal year, through an amendment to the statewide contract, seconded by member Marcia Klipsch. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Friend, Family, and Neighbors

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Family, Friend, and Neighbors strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$200,000 to support 100 FFN providers with the intent of coordinating with the Pima South Regional Partnership Council for a multi-region Request for Grant Application. Motion failed.

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Family, Friend, and Neighbors strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$150,000 to support 75 FFN providers with the intent of coordinating with the Pima South Regional Partnership Council for a multi-region Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Marcia Klipsch. Motion carried.

Chair Peg Harmon asked Vice Chair Scott Ingram to facilitate the portion of the meeting related to Quality First.

Quality First Scholarships

A motion was made by member Wade McLean that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Quality First Scholarships strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 through an amendment to the statewide contract with a *new* estimated funding amount of \$2,761,114, seconded by member Dorothy Johnson. The expectation is that staff will bring the finalized target service numbers and funding amount back to the Regional Council at a later date. Chair Peg Harmon and member Amber Jones did not participate due to potential conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

A motion was made by member Wade McLean that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve adding approximately \$12,915 (for a total funding amount of approximately \$2,774,029) to Quality First Scholarships strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 through an amendment to the statewide contract, seconded by member Dorothy Johnson. The expectation is that staff will bring the finalized target service numbers and funding amount

back to the Regional Council at a later date. Chair Peg Harmon and member Amber Jones did not participate due to potential conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Scott Ingram passed the Chair back to Peg Harmon.

Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings

A motion was made by member Dorothy Johnson that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Language, Communication and Literacy in Early Care and Education Settings strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$100,000 to serve 66 early care and education programs with the intent of coordinating with the Pima South Regional Partnership Council through a Request for Grant Application, seconded by member Jil Feldhausen. Motion carried.

Mental Health Consultation

A motion was made by member Jil Feldhausen that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Mental Health Consultation strategy for State Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$428,365 to serve approximately 25 child care centers and 10 child care homes through an amendment to the statewide contract, seconded by member Dorothy Johnson. Motion carried.

Cross-Regional Communications

A motion was made by Vice Chair Scott Ingram move that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, approve the Pima County cross-regional communications strategy in State Fiscal Year 2016 at the following funding levels: Community Outreach in the amount of \$ 49,800, Community Awareness in the amount of \$12,000; and Media in the amount of \$56,280, seconded by member Wade McLean. Motion failed.

A motion was made by member Amber Jones that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council, approve the Pima County cross-regional communications strategy in State Fiscal Year 2016 at the following funding levels: Community Outreach in the amount of \$ 49,800, Community Awareness in the amount of \$12,000; and Media in the amount of \$30,000, seconded by member Jil Feldhausen. Motion carried.

Chair Peg Harmon asked Vice Chair Scott Ingram to facilitate the portion of the meeting related to Quality First.

REWARDS/Quality First Scholarships

A motion was made by member Wade McLean that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve using the remaining amount of approximately \$76,280 to fund REWARDS (for a total funding amount of approximately \$308,140) and Quality First Scholarships (for a total funding amount of approximately \$2,812,169), seconded by member Annabel Ratley. The expectation is that staff will bring the finalized target service numbers and funding amount back to the Regional Council at a later date. Chair Peg Harmon and member Amber Jones did not participate due to potential conflicts of interest. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Scott Ingram passed the Chair back to Peg Harmon.

Statewide Evaluation

A motion was made by member Amber Jones that the Pima North Regional Partnership Council approve the Statewide Evaluation strategy in the amount of \$521,304 for State Fiscal Year 2016 statewide evaluation activities, seconded by Vice Chair Scott Ingram. Motion carried.

Member Jil Feldhausen left the meeting.

V. Call to the Public

Leah Eckley, Smart Support

Ms. Eckley distributed a handout summarizing the results of evaluation findings from 2010-2014. She highlighted positive outcomes related to Smart Support. Ms. Eckley mentioned that Smart Support worked with First Things First to lower the cost by almost 25%.

Natalia Hoffman, Make Way for Books

Ms. Hoffman informed the Pima North Regional Partnership Council that Make Way for Books implements a center-based literacy program in the Pima South region. The program includes parent education and family engagement, as well as provides classroom books and a lending library.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by member Wade McLean to adjourn the meeting, seconded by member Dorothy Johnson. Motion carried. There being no further business, Chair Peg Harmon adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Submitted By _____

Approved By _____

Dated this ___ day of _____, 20__.

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Placeholder



Pima North Regional Partnership Council Strategic Intent for SFY2016 Strategies

At the November 12, 2014 Pima North Regional Council meeting, members approved the State Fiscal Year 2016 (SFY2016) Regional Funding Plan and the three year strategic direction for SFY2016-SFY2018. Next, the First Things First State Board will be presented with the Pima North funding plan on January 20-21, 2015 for consideration of approval. Once the funding plan is approved by the State Board, the strategies will evolve into Request For Grant Applications (RFGA), which are competitive bids released to the communities. In preparation for the RFGA process, some remaining details for the strategies outlined below are needed.

Strategy	Funding Allotment	Strategy Context	Information Needed from Regional Council	Considerations
Home Visitation	\$2,150,000	<p>Historically, a specific and separate RFGA has been issued for the home visitation model, Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) in the former Central Pima region. In addition to the NFP specific RFGA, another RFGA has been issued jointly with the other Pima Regional Councils to offer home visitation, with no specificity of model with the exception that it must be a recognized, evidence-based model.</p> <p>The NFP RFGA has been issued separately because of the significant cost and implementation difference associated with the NFP model. The NFP model has also been the home visitation model used when partnering with Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) and leveraging of Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) funds. There may be possible coordination opportunities with AZDHS in the future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members need to affirm NFP as a home visitation model for SFY2016-SFY2018. • Members need to affirm the number of RFGAs released specific to the Home Visitation strategy; two options presented at right. 	<p>Two options for members to consider:</p> <p><u>Option One: Two RFGAs for Home Visitation</u> Should the NFP home visitation model be affirmed, the Regional Director recommends the NFP model to be issued as a separate RFGA specific to Pima North. Suggested funding amount: \$1,100,000 to serve a minimum of 200 families.</p> <p>The remaining funds, \$1,050,000 would be included as part of a joint RFGA with Pima South for home visitation without specific mentions of models, with the exception they be evidence-based, serving a minimum of 350 families.</p> <p><u>Option Two: One RFGA for Home Visitation</u> Pima North jointly issues a RFGA for home visitation with Pima South. Pima North would not specify a home visitation model and the one RFGA with Pima South would total \$2,150,000, serving anywhere from 430 families to 716 families specific to the Pima North region.</p>

Strategy	Funding Allotment	Strategy Context	Information Needed from Regional Council	Considerations
Parenting Education	\$500,000	Historically, the Pima Regional Councils have partnered to jointly issue RFGAs for Parenting Education. A variety of models and approaches have been utilized. For SFY2016, the Pima South Regional Council has allotted \$80,000 to the Parenting Education strategy and intends to strategically target urban zip codes in the region through an early literacy intensive, evidence-based parenting education program, with the intent to cross-regionally issue a RFGA with Pima North.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members need to affirm the joint RFGA with Pima South, focusing on literacy intensive, evidence-based parenting education program. Members need to affirm any additional target populations and/or zip codes or communities. Members need to affirm the number of RFGAs released specific to the Parenting Education strategy. 	<p>The Regional Director recommends the Pima North Regional Council jointly issues with Pima South Regional Council a RFGA that is literacy intensive and evidence-based. If the Regional Council opts to support a similar early literacy model currently implemented in the region, the recommendation is to focus on the urban zip codes and communities of the region. Suggested funding amount: A range from \$100,000 to \$300,000 with the intent to target the more urban zip codes and communities of the region.</p> <p>Remaining funds issued through a separate RFGA specific to the Pima North region with any identifying targeted populations, zip codes, communities, etc. Recommendation for no specific models identified, with the exception programs proposed are evidence-based.</p>
Family, Friends and Neighbors	\$150,000	The former Central Pima partnered with the South Pima (now known as Pima South) region to issue a joint RFGA for Family, Friends and Neighbors. Due to the FFN model and using the approach of FFN caregivers meeting nearby in locations considered as community hubs, targeted zip codes were identified in the previous RFGA. For SFY 2016, the Pima South region identified the following zip codes: 85629, 85706, 85746 and 85756.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members need to affirm the targeted zip codes in the Pima North region. 	<p>The Regional Director researched the communities/zip codes with higher numbers of young children and the lower numbers in regulated care. Also taken into account, areas that are known to have higher numbers of FFN care due to geography and/or cultural reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 85705 (Urban, Flowing Wells): 52 early care and education programs for 4,904 young children (also the most populated and highest number of children and families living below the poverty line). 85713 (Urban, Includes City of South Tucson): 4,542 young children with an available 69 early care and education programs. 85743 (Rural, Picture Rocks Area): 2,342 young children reside in the region with a total of 16 early care and education programs. 85653 and 85654 (Rural, Includes Avra Valley, Rillito, Marana). 1,420 young children with 13 early care and education programs; however there has been considerable growth in population that may not be accounted for in the Needs and Assets reports.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

December 2014 Pima Regions

Attachment #4



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November Outreach Activities

PLEASE NOTE:

Asterisks indicate Referrals or Engagement Actions by supporters or champions. Community Outreach Coordinators work to increase awareness of ECE and to move supporters of the ECE movement to Take Action on behalf of ECE.

*Referral

**Action Taken by a Supporter or Champion

One on one with Nyki Harrington

November 5: Pima South.

Site Visit: Parents as Teachers Stay and Play Story time Scavenger Hunt

November 6: John F. Kennedy Park, 85713

Presentation: Claudia Salallandia, DES*

November 7: 85715

I shared parent resources and FTF information and strategies with DES workers from Cochise, Graham/Greenlee, Pima North, Pima South, Pinal and Santa Cruz.

Event: Surviving Toddler Mealtimes in collaboration with Mealtime Connections*

November 10: Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services, 85701

Networking: United Way's First Focus on Kids and Early Childhood Awareness Subcommittee (Champion groups)**

November 12: City of Tucson Sentinel Building, 85709

Presentation: Early Intervention Therapists*

November 12: Tucson Medical Center, 85712

Presented FTF information and parent resources to TMC therapists working with families of young children.

Speakers Training: The Write Way*

November 17: Westside Police Station, 85705

ECE professionals from TOPS, Arizona's Children, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, United Way, Marana Parents As Teachers, Make Way for Books, AMPHI Parents as Teachers, Parent Aid, University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, and Amistades attended.

Networking: Early Intervention Therapists**

November 17: Child and Family Resources, 85716

EI teams from the University of Arizona, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, Mealtime Connections, United Way, and Intermountain Center for Human Development adopted a November goal of ensuring that the legislature knows Arizona kids need Early Intervention services that work. They encouraged parents, families, and fellow colleagues to share impact stories and questions at the Community Forum for Legislators on December 3rd.

Networking: Early Childhood Education Joint Technical Education District Advisory Committee Meeting (JTED)***

November 17: University of Arizona, 85721

ECE professionals from AMPHI, Marana, Flowing Wells, Sunnyside, Vail and TUSD were in attendance, as well as representatives from the Tucson Metro Chamber of Commerce, University of Arizona, and Pima Community College.

Presentation: ESBF New Visions for Families: Infant Program*

November 19: ESBF, 85710

Children search for clues at John F. Kennedy Park during a story time scavenger hunt. Casa de los Niños parent educators share ideas with parents for engaging activities that help families bond and children learn.



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

December 2014 Pima Regions



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November

Outreach

Activities

Young kids expand learning *and* character skills with holiday traditions

When we involve young children in holiday traditions, we do more than make festive memories; we help them build character skills that are as important to their success in school and in life as natural intelligence and test scores.

Research shows these so-called “soft skills” – the ability to communicate, get along well with others, control oneself and delay gratification, among other things – impact various outcomes for kids, including test scores and high school graduation.

First Things First reminds us that the holidays naturally offer opportunities to build these critical skills in toddlers and preschoolers. For example:

Religious services – in addition to teaching children values, they give kids the opportunity to learn the importance of getting along well with others, to pay attention, and to control themselves.

Family gatherings and cultural traditions – especially having a specific role or responsibility in the celebration (setting the table for a family dinner, for example) – give children a sense of security and help them to build self-esteem.
Charitable contributions or events – teach children how to consider the needs and feelings of others.

The holiday season also offers many opportunities to teach or reinforce academic skills with young children. For example:

In holiday decorating, children can learn about shapes and colors.

Through helping with cooking or baking, they can learn about numbers and textures.

Singing along to festive music and telling stories about family traditions build vocabulary.

And, the #1 activity to help kids learn? Reading! 15 minutes per day with infants; up to 30 minutes a day for toddlers and preschoolers. The holiday season offers a bevy of books that introduce children not only to their own culture or family traditions, but others around the world.

By making young kids part of our holiday traditions, we are doing more than passing on holiday rituals and practices; we are giving them the skills that will be crucial to their success in school and beyond!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

***January 23rd: 7:30 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.**

Sue Trinacty at Sunshine Preschool in Oro Valley will be hosting an **Open House** for the business community. Sue has invited ECE representatives from Child & Family Resources, First Things First, Trusting Connections, as well as the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce of Oro Valley, to enjoy coffee and donuts and see first hand what goes on at her school. Her faculty, as well as community ECE partners, will be available to answer questions about child care and its importance to the business community in the greater Oro Valley region. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Lisette at 602-320-4011 by 1/16/2015.

BENCHMARKS :

- 1 Event**
- 4 Networking or 1:1 Meetings**
- 1 Site Visit**
- 3 Speakers Trainings**
- 1 Presentations**
- 7 Referrals**
- 3 Actions Taken by Supporters or Champions**

Simple toys best for young kids' learning *and* your wallet

Thanksgiving is barely over and already we're bombarded with ads heralding the latest learning toys for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. These toys promise fantastic educational rewards, sometimes with a price tag to match.

Turns out, the toys that can be most beneficial to children's learning are also budget friendly. First Things First has compiled this list of simple toys that appeal to the way the brains of young kids learn; for example:

- **Infants (under 1 year old)** – Babies are fascinated by their surroundings, especially faces and bright colors. Older babies start moving around and experimenting with holding, moving and throwing objects. Toys that stimulate that initial curiosity include: board books; toys where touch creates sounds, flashing lights, etc.; safe, chewable toys; and, toys with mirrors. For older babies, toys they can push or pull and soft blocks are also appropriate.
- **Toddlers (1-3 years old)** – Toddlers are on the move. They start experimenting with words and test their muscles with climbing and jumping. They can also figure simple things out for themselves. Toys that encourage imagination and problem-solving include: books; pretend versions of everyday objects; toys to ride on or climb on; balls to roll or catch; and, building-type toys, including fill and dump varieties. For older toddlers, matching and sorting toys; large crayons or markers with plain paper; simple puzzles; and, musical toys are also appropriate.
- **Preschoolers (3-5 years old)** – Preschoolers are ready for more physical play. They are building their vocabulary and learning to get along with others – including sharing, taking turns and following the rules. Older preschoolers may be ready for simple concepts like numbering, letter sounds and reading basic words. Toys that help preschoolers relate to each other and the world around them include: books; toys that encourage imaginative play, like dress-up clothes and kid-size furniture; simple board games; counting and letter games; sports equipment suitable to their size; musical instruments, and, art supplies, including play dough, safety scissors, glue, etc.

By engaging in our children's play and choosing gifts that promote creativity, we can help our kids build the skills they need to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. And, that's the gift that keeps on giving!

Pima North Regional Partnership Council Expenditure Report

State Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

	Grantee Name	Total Allotment	Awarded	YTD Expense	% of Award Expended	Reimbursement Activity	
						Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
Community Awareness	Community Awareness	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$467	3.9%		
	Community Outreach	\$69,540	\$69,540	\$12,119	17.4%		
	Media	\$56,280	\$56,280	\$200	0.4%		
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$137,820	\$137,820	\$12,786	9.3%		
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation Strategy	\$686,279	\$686,279	\$686,279	100.0%		
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$686,279	\$686,279	\$686,279	100.0%		
Family Support	Home Visitation	\$2,160,600	\$2,158,570	\$536,225	24.8%	\$67,091	\$218,340
	Arizona Department of Economic Security		\$14,883	-	0.0%		
	Casa de los Ninos, Inc.		\$977,343	\$213,762	21.9%	\$67,091	\$68,874
	Sunnyside School District		\$596,551	\$171,427	28.7%		\$96,386
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$569,793	\$151,036	26.5%		\$53,079
	Community-Based Parent Education	\$530,856	\$530,856	\$140,956	26.6%	\$8,573	\$36,827
	Make Way for Books		\$98,216	\$22,869	23.3%	\$8,573	\$8,917
	Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services		\$195,888	\$66,776	34.1%		\$19,250
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$236,752	\$51,312	21.7%		\$8,660
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$2,691,456	\$2,689,426	\$677,181	25.2%	\$75,664	\$255,167
	Health	Care Coordination/Medical Home	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$14,782	14.8%	\$5,459
International Rescue Committee			\$100,000	\$14,782	14.8%	\$5,459	
Child Care Health Consultation (part of QF)		\$279,110	\$279,109	\$77,953	27.9%		\$15,237
First Things First (FTF-Directed)			\$17,411	\$17,411	100.0%		
Maricopa County Department of Public Health			\$5,970	\$762	12.8%		
Pima County Health Department			\$244,873	\$56,540	23.1%		\$14,458
			\$10,855	\$3,240	29.8%		\$779
Mental Health Consultation		\$536,280	\$536,280	\$152,172	28.4%		
Southwest Human Development			\$536,280	\$152,172	28.4%		
Recruitment – Stipends/Loan Forgiveness		\$30,750	\$30,750	\$19,345	62.9%		
Arizona Department of Health Services			-	\$1,574	0.0%		
		\$30,750	\$17,771	57.8%			
Goal Area Subtotal:	\$946,140	\$946,139	\$264,251	27.9%	\$5,459	\$15,237	

Professional Development	Professional Development for ECE Professionals	\$780,000	\$780,000	\$141,865	18.2%		\$83,022
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$780,000	\$141,865	18.2%		\$83,022
	FTF Professional REWARD\$	\$359,750	\$359,750	\$182,531	50.7%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way		-	\$2,734	0.0%		
			\$359,750	\$179,797	50.0%		
	Scholarships Non-TEACH (PCPP)	\$45,000	\$45,000	-	0.0%		\$8,360
	Central Arizona College		\$45,000	-	0.0%		\$8,360
	Scholarships TEACH	\$360,782	\$180,391	\$854	0.5%		\$304
	Association for Supportive Child Care		\$180,391	\$854	0.5%		\$304
		Goal Area Subtotal:	\$1,545,532	\$1,365,141	\$325,251	23.8%	\$8,664
Quality and Access	Center-based Literacy	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$8,049	28.7%		\$2,281
	Make Way for Books		\$28,000	\$8,049	28.7%		\$2,281
	Expansion: Inc. Slots and/or Capital Expense	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$51,600	27.2%		\$11,477
	Child and Family Resources Inc.		\$75,000	\$23,476	31.3%		\$5,910
	United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona		\$115,000	\$28,124	24.5%		\$5,567
	Family, Friends & Neighbors	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$23,820	15.9%		\$16,262
	Association for Supportive Child Care		\$150,000	\$23,820	15.9%		\$16,262
	Kindergarten Transition	\$46,492	\$46,492	\$23,248	50.0%		
	Arizona Department of Education		\$46,492	\$23,248	50.0%		
	Quality First (QF) Academy	\$112,800	\$112,800	\$19,130	17.0%		\$5,467
	Southwest Human Development		\$112,800	\$19,130	17.0%		\$5,467
	QF Child Care Health Consultation Warmline	\$5,311	\$3,798	\$624	16.4%		
	University of Arizona Cooperative Extension		\$3,798	\$624	16.4%		
	QF Coaching & Incentives	\$1,439,201	\$1,371,871	\$685,935	50.0%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way		\$1,371,871	\$685,935	50.0%		
	QF Inclusion Warmline	\$23,730	\$20,933	\$5,783	27.6%		
	Southwest Human Development		\$20,933	\$5,783	27.6%		
	QF Mental Health Consultation Warmline	\$24,408	\$24,408	\$8,212	33.6%		
	Southwest Human Development		\$24,408	\$8,212	33.6%		
	QF Scholarships	\$5,925,160	\$5,925,160	\$2,988,917	50.4%		\$1,467,710
First Things First (FTF-Directed)		\$53,156	\$53,156	100.0%			
Valley of the Sun United Way		\$5,872,004	\$2,935,761	50.0%		\$1,467,710	
QF Warmline Triage	\$8,588	\$8,588	\$2,927	34.1%			
Southwest Human Development		\$8,588	\$2,927	34.1%			
	Goal Area Subtotal:	\$7,953,690	\$7,882,050	\$3,818,244	48.4%	\$18,543	\$1,487,491

