

Yavapai Regional Partnership Council
Director's Report: December 2013

UPDATES

A. Business Education Summit

- Held 11/20/13, facilitated by Susan Carlson from Arizona Business and Education Coalition. www.azbec.org
- Attended by about 50 people from across the region.
- Speakers included John Morgan, Dean of Career and Technical Education from Yavapai College and Janice Palmer, Director of Governmental Affairs, Arizona School Boards Association.
- Excellent workgroup conversations about goals and methods by which to engage the business community in Yavapai region.
- 1/31/14 Arizona Business Education Partnership Symposium. Topics include:
 - **Early Literacy** - Explore how business partners and educators can participate in or replicate "Read On Arizona," a movement to ensure our youngest children are reading at grade level by third grade.
 - **Career Exploration** - Hear different ways businesses and educators are partnering to introduce career opportunities to students, as early as middle school.
 - **STEM** - Learn about key initiatives that promote career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math and the link to business.

B. First Things First Capacity Building Initiative (see attachment 10)

- Statewide First Things First Initiative to address some of the difficulties potential and successful grantee applicants face in the RFGA process.
- Community Forum held 11/18/13 with about 15 participants
- Follow up materials were sent to the entire distribution list 12/2/13.
- Will personally follow-up with agencies that are potential or current partners in First Things First work.

C. Raising a Reader (RAR) Follow-Up

- Question was posed as to whether RAR seeks other funding to support the program, assist in sustainability efforts.
 - Yavapai County Community Foundation, Target Education Foundation and the Wish You Well Foundation. Have applied to each of them several times

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This section will provide updated information about events or topics taking place between the posting of the meeting notice and the Regional Partnership Council meeting.