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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

February 25, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Regional Partnership Council was held on February 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Johnson O’Malley Computer Lab at 13392 First Avenue in Parker, Arizona, 85344.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Veronica Homer at 10:06 A.M.

Members Present

Veronica Homer- Chair, Jackie Flores-Vice-Chair, Monica Rosnagle, Amelia Flores, Brad Sale, Dru Waggoner

Members Absent

Gloria Flores-Lopez, Arlinda Setoyant, Patricia Fritz

Approval of Minutes from December 3, 2013 (Attachment 1)

A motion was made by Member A. Flores to approve the December 3, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member J. Flores. The motion passed unanimously by members present.

Statewide Family Support and Literacy Update

This item was tabled due to the absence of Dr. Aaliyah Samuel, Senior Director of Family Support and Literacy.

Updates on the implementation of the FY2014 Regional Funding Plan (Attachments 2 and 3)

Regional Director Pascual presented the 2nd quarter grantee reports and highlighted events held and number of participants that attended each event. Director Pascual also presented the FY2014 Financial Expenditures for each grant.

Implementation of the FY2015 Regional Funding Plan (Attachment 4)

Regional Director Pascual presented the implementation of FY2015 Funding plan and highlighted important deadline dates and programs Scope of Work.

Discussion of the FY2016 - FY2018 Strategic Planning (Attachment 5)

Regional Director Pascual presented the implementation of FY2015 Funding plan and highlighted important deadline dates and programs Scope of Work. Chair Homer stated the Regional Council needed to take a good in depth look at the Needs and Assets before the strategic planning meetings. She also recommended that the entire Regional Council be a part of the planning instead of a committee. The Regional Council discussed some of the current needs.

Community Outreach and Awareness Update (Attachment 6)

Community Outreach Coordinator Erin Taylor provided an update on events she has attended and plans on attending in the CRIT Region. Coordinator Taylor also asked the Regional Council members to prepare a short bio and send to her for a project she is working on for Week of the Young Child. Ms. Taylor would also like to work with Parker Unified School District and Head Start to hold an activity during the Week of the Young Child.

Director’s Report (Attachment 7)

Regional Director Ashley Pascual provided the Regional Council with information on upcoming trainings and other community events.

Senior Regional Director shared which Regional Council seats have terms expiring in 2014 and encouraged recruiting to fill these seats and the other existing vacancies on the regional council. Senior Director Arnold also stated he would like to form an interview committee to hold interviews in March.



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Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

Member Flores shared that Head Start is currently taking applications for the next school year.

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25th, 2014, at 10:00 am. The location is to be determined.

Adjourn

Member A. Flores moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 AM. Motion was seconded by Member Rosnagle. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

Veronica Homer, Chair CRIT Regional Partnership Council

Bylli Esquerra, Administrative Assistant II

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FY 2014 Colorado River Indian Tribes Contract Detail

	Grantee Name	Contract Period	Awarded	YTD Expense	Expense Variance	% of Award Expended	
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation Strategy		Strategy Subtotal:	\$13,648	\$13,648	-	100.0%
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	\$13,648	\$13,648	-	100.0%	
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$13,648	\$13,648	-	100.0%	
Family Support	Parent Outreach and Awareness		Strategy Subtotal:	\$105,000	\$37,500	\$67,500	35.7%
	Colorado River Indian Tribes DHSS	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	\$60,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	25.0%	
	Colorado River Indian Tribes Library	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	\$45,000	\$22,500	\$22,500	50.0%	
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$105,000	\$37,500	\$67,500	35.7%	
Health	Child Care Health Consultation		Strategy Subtotal:	\$7,418	\$4,528	\$2,889	61.0%
	Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity		Strategy Subtotal:	\$27,102	\$13,551	\$13,551	50.0%
	Colorado River Indian Tribes	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	\$27,102	\$13,551	\$13,551	50.0%	
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$34,520	\$18,079	\$16,440	52.4%	
Professional	Scholarships non-TEACH Strategy		Strategy Subtotal:	\$1,500	-	\$1,500	0.0%
	Central Arizona College	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	\$1,500	-	\$1,500	0.0%	
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$1,500	-	\$1,500	0.0%	
Quality and Access	Quality First Strategy (all)		Strategy Subtotal:	\$46,148	\$33,768	\$12,380	74.0%
	Quality First Scholarships Strategy		Strategy Subtotal:	\$102,580	\$77,138	\$25,442	75.2%
	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	\$102,580	\$77,138	\$25,442	75.2%	
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$148,728	\$110,906	\$37,822	74.6%	
Overall Total:			\$303,395	\$180,133	\$123,262	59.4%	

PARENT OUTREACH & AWARENESS

CRIT DHSS – FAMILY, FRIEND & NEIGHBOR

(*3rd Quarter Narrative Report is pending)
Through data submission, the program has reported providing another workshop in February with nine participants; the topic was child injury prevention.

CRIT LIBRARY – FAMILY LITERACY

During this quarter, the Library initiated a program to provide recordable storybooks to families involved with the Child Protection Services offices for La Paz County and for CRIT; book lists have been distributed to the organizations and the books are ready for delivery when a qualified client expresses interest. Participation in this program will be determined appropriate for the child's welfare.

The Library will also begin offering Story Time on Saturdays, in hopes of being more accessible to working families.

Ongoing collaboration with two local child care centers and the CRIT Head Start include monthly onsite activities, and information and materials for staff and parents.

NUTRITION, OBESITY, PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

CRIT DHSS – NOPA

During this quarter, CRIT DHSS began holding NOPA events at the newly renovated Family Activity Center, and feedback on the location has been positive.

Collaboration has occurred among the DHSS programs to further promote nutrition and physical activity; there were about 200 participants at the DHSS Community Health Fair.

The DHSS is currently in the process of hiring a program coordinator to focus on the operation, outreach, and continued program implementation.

SCHOLARSHIPS (NON-TEACH)

CENTRAL AZ COLLEGE - PROFESSIONAL CAREER PATHWAYS

During this quarter, the Recruitment Specialist participated in the La Paz/ Mohave Coordination Meeting held in Lake Havasu City, and provided information and outreach materials to the participants.

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Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

Grantee Renewal Report

Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage
GRA-RC030-13-0561-01-Y2	Colorado River Indian Tribes - DHSS	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$60,000.00	\$15,000.00	25.0%	No	-5.0%

This program will provide four total workshops throughout the year, starting August 29, 2012. These workshops are designed to implement the Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy for parents, family, friend and neighbor at home child providers who parent children ages 0-5. The program is designed to reach 132 families, principally from the Colorado River Indian Tribes reservation and the Town of Parker, but also including families from the Cocopah reservation and the Hualapai reservation. The goal is to promote happy and healthy families. Presentations available at each workshop will touch on a variety of diverse and challenging topics that today's families struggle with on a daily basis. Topics may include but are not limited to, child development, prenatal/postnatal brain development and preventative strategies, domestic violence and its impact on the struggling family as well as health issues and substance abuse issues.

Family Support

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	2014 Q3 Actuals**	2014 Q4 Actuals**
Number of books distributed	0				
Number of workshops held	4	0	3		
Number of resource guides distributed	0				
Number of events held	12	0			

GRA-RC030-14-0602-01	Colorado River Indian Tribes - Library	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$45,000.00	\$22,500.00	50.0%	Yes	0.0%
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The proposed program will continue to enhance the early and family literacy services of the CRIT Library and the La Paz County Career Center. The program will expand educational services as well as engage rural and under-served families who might not visit the library on a regular basis. It will also impact the bonding of parents and children in an early learning environment. Early Literacy Stations consisting of child-friendly computers, adult and child literacy nooks and software will be utilized to promote early literacy and school readiness. Outreach activities will be conducted by the Early Childhood Literacy Coordinator with the region's early childhood centers and parents to educate the community on Arizona's new Third Grade Promotion Law which will begin in 2014. Curricula and materials will be provided to prepare our community's families for this requirement.

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	2014 Q3 Actuals**	2014 Q4 Actuals**
Number of books distributed	500	54	137		
Number of workshops held	0				
Number of resource guides distributed	0				
Number of events held	25	10	13		

Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract Months	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage
GRA-RC030-13-0521-01-Y2	Colorado River Indian Tribes - DHSS	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$27,102.00	\$13,551.00	50.0%	Yes	0.0%

Services under this grant will provide education, information, and support to parents, the community, as well as early care and education professionals to promote and physical activity among young children in an effort to reduce obesity and the prevalence of diabetes among children ages 0-5. The CRIT WIC Program will coord regional community service agencies and other CRIT and local programs and agencies to expand family access to the relevant information and resources on a variety specifically related to healthy child development including but not limited to prenatal/postnatal services and infant/child health (especially nutrition and physical ac WIC Program will also expand on the populations served by creating a physical activity schedule for pregnant and post-partum women and their children ages 0-5 as educating fathers regarding the importance of breast feeding, thereby supporting the sustainable development of healthy habits in the family unit.

Health

The CRIT WIC Program will specifically offer (in addition to those programs currently offered by WIC and in coordination with the Indian Health Service, the Special I the Food Distribution Program, and other stakeholders) nutrition education classes for parents of children ages 0-5 with emphasis on obesity and diabetes preventic the CRIT WIC Program will coordinate with the Special Diabetes Program, the Indian Health Service, and other local healthcare providers as well as the CRIT Recreati to conduct a tailored physical activity and fitness program for children ages 0-5 and their parents and will coordinate with the CRIT SDP Program and IHS to refer inc additional programming and opportunities as appropriate, aiding in the marketing of these essential programs. The CRIT WIC Program will provide, coordinate, and incentives for participation in the First Things First funded fitness activities by coordinating post-partum walking activities, etc. and by purchasing and loaning walking strollers, educational, and publicity materials, etc.

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	2014 Q3 Actuals**	2014 Q4 Actuals**
Number of children served	216	12	74		
Number of participating adults	300	12	74		

Child Care Health Consultation Strategy

Contract Number	Grantee	Contract Period	Number of Contract	FY 2014 Award	FY 2014 Expenditures YTD	FY 2014 Expenditures as % of Award	Within 30-60% Range (Yes/No)	Out of Range Percentage
GRA-STATE-13-0512-01-Y2	Yuma County Public Health Services District	07/01/2013-06/30/2014	12	\$6,522.00	\$3,867.64	59.3%	Yes	0.0%

CCHC provides a trained outreach health consultant throughout the Yuma region in regulated childcare settings. CCHC identifies and assists with provider centered issues. CCHC's work together with early care and education providers to promote healthy and safe environments for young children and to improve the quality of care. CCHC's provide expert information, resources and referrals to child care providers.

Service Unit	2014 Contracted Units	2014 Q1 Actuals**	2014 Q2 Actuals**	2014 Q3 Actuals**	2014 Q4 Actuals**
Number of center based providers served	2	2	2		
Number of home based providers served	1				
Number of Non-QF Centers					
Number of Non-QF Homes					

FY 2015 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Regional Council	Regional Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
Renewal Considerations			

\$60,000.00	Yes		
d Awareness for rado River Indian d healthy families. lude but are not is behavioral	The CRIT DHSS implementing this Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy is on track to exceed the number of workshops contracted for, and has not reported holding any events, yet. The grantee's renewal proposal includes a shift where the program will focus on holding more (6) workshops, and less (10) community events, as the workshops have proven to be more popular by the community.		

Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2015 Proposed Contracted Units
0				
3	75.0%	No	15.0%	
0				
0	0.0%	No	-30.0%	

\$46,500.00	Yes		
and access of rd children within the imprtance of reschools to s children and	The CRIT Library, implementing this Parent Outreach and Awareness strategy for increasing literacy, is on track to meet the number of books distributed, and has already met the service number for number of events. Additionally, the CRIT Library has reported reaching almost 500 parents and children through this grant for Fiscal Year 2014.		

Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2015 Proposed Contracted Units
191	38.2%	Yes	0.0%	500
0				0
0				0
23	92.0%	No	32.0%	25

FY 2015 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Regional Council	Regional Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
Renewal Considerations			

\$49,054.00	Yes		
<p>healthy eating inate with / of topics tivity). The CRIT s well as</p> <p>Diabetes Program, on. Additionally, on Department ividuals for make available</p>	<p>For this program implemented by CRIT DHSS, participation reaches a high point in the third quarter of the fiscal year, as a majority of the events are held in the spring time. Taking the potential third quarter increase in to consideration, the program is on track to meet target service numbers.</p>		

Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2015 Proposed Contracted Units
86	39.8%	Yes	0.0%	216
86	28.7%	No	-1.3%	300

FY 2015 Proposed Renewal Amount	Staff Recommendation to Regional Council	Regional Council Recommendation	Recommendation to Board
Renewal Considerations			

\$4,334.00			
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concerns and are provided.

The FY14 quarter 2 service numbers of QF sites reflect the number of centers currently enrolled in all CCHC tier levels. Actual numbers are lower than contracted numbers due to QF vacancies and pending QF selection. CCHC service only sites (formally identified as non QF sites) reflect the number of centers currently enrolled in all CCHC tier levels. During the June 2014 meeting, the Board will be presented with a recommendation to renew this statewide contract. Analysis of the quantitative data collected, a consideration of the qualitative data provided through narrative reports, and individualized grantee follow up by FTF program and finance staff was presented and considered by the FTF executive team for statewide initiatives. The executive team utilized this data and information as the basis for this recommendation to the Board.

Year-to-Date Actuals**	Percent of Contracted	Within 30-60% Range	Out of Range Percentage	FY 2015 Proposed Contracted Units
2	100.0%	No	40.0%	

****Quarterly Data Submission Value (Double Asterisk)**

Null (empty box) = Grantee reported that this is not part of the grantee's contract and did not indicate a number reported by grantee.

Colorado River Indian Tribes

Contract Renewal

provide data. Any other numeric entry (zero or greater)



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Sustaining Arizona's Commitment to Young Kids

Finance Committee Recommendation to the Board - Summary

Tobacco taxes are a declining source of revenue; in fact, funding for First Things First has decreased from almost \$171 million in fiscal year 2008 to \$132 million in FY2013, a 23% drop in five years. By statute, the Board is ultimately responsible for ensuring that FTF funds are used as Arizona voters intended. Therefore, one of the Board's primary responsibilities is to set a fiscal policy that allows FTF to: sustain program funding for the longest term possible; maximize current and future revenues; and, promote thoughtful and proactive planning for future funding reductions so as to minimize the impact to children and families statewide.

In setting a fiscal policy direction, the Board has focused specifically on trends in tobacco tax collections – which led to revenue projection models researched by Arizona State University – and analysis of expenditures. The initiative that created FTF was written so that an organizational fund balance would accrue for a period of time before expenditures began. This was an intentional, strategic move on the part of the initiative's authors to ensure that funds would be available to sustain FTF's efforts over a longer period of time.

What were not anticipated were sizeable regional carry-forward balances. The Board noted the reasons for and monitored the regional carry-forward balances in fiscal years 2010 and 2011. In 2012, when the total regional carry-forward balance exceeded \$90 million – the Board looked more closely at the regional carry-forward balance and set fiscal policy that focused on spending down that balance.

While fiscal year 2013 was the first year in which the regional fund balance did not grow, the reduction was minimal. As regions complete the last year in the current funding cycle (FY13-15) and begin planning for the next three years (FY16-18), it was a logical next step for the Board – through its Finance Committee and with support from FTF staff – to undertake a deeper review of revenue, organizational fund balance and regional carry forward and to establish the fiscal policy direction that regional councils can use as a basis for discussion of the next three-year strategic direction and budgeting.

Recommendation of the Finance Committee

To expand the discussion and ensure a diverse set of views on the matter, the Chair of the Finance Committee, member Nadine Mathis Basha, invited special guests to both meetings to participate in the conversations. The additional participants represented both Board and regional council members.

Over the course of two meetings the Finance Committee reviewed how allocations are set; discussed the variables involved in the allocation process; examined how future allocations would support current spending budgets; looked at how regional fund balance is related to and impacts spending; reviewed how the organizational fund balance can be used to support a targeted spending level; and, developed recommendations for the Board on future program spending budgets and how the regional fund balance should be used.

Two formal recommendations have been made to the Board. These will be discussed at the April 2014 Board meeting and voted on at the June 2014 Board meeting. They include:

- 1) Beginning in FY16, the start of the new three-year Funding Plan Cycle, allocate \$126.6 million in revenues to support Program spending (statewide and regional combined), and keep this amount constant for successive years.
- 2) In FY16, the total means of financing available to support regional allotments should equal the targeted \$126.6 million level, and so regional allocations should be adjusted such that each region's projected fund balance (regional carry forward) is part of the allocation level rather than being in addition to.

These recommendations are based on reasonable (neither overly optimistic nor pessimistic) revenue projections and will allow FTF to maintain its program spending at a consistent level for an estimated 9-15 years.

The alternatives reviewed included the following:

1. Allow regional councils to spend down their carry forward, hitting fiscal cliffs at varying points between fiscal years 2015 to 2018. Under this proposal, regional councils would need to initiate a round of cuts because – even with their carry forward balance spread out over the next several years – their total revenue would be less than their projected FY15 allotments. Then, regional councils would need to initiate another round of cuts when their carry forward is fully exhausted and only the base-level allocation (based on the \$126.6 million recommended amount) is available.
2. Using large-scale draw-downs of organizational fund balance to maintain spending levels that have been set using regional carry-forward balances. The organizational fund balance would be exhausted within three years and, therefore, resulting in radical reductions in services at that point.

The Finance Committee acknowledged that moving to the recommended allocation methodology will raise questions from regional councils as it will mean an almost 30% reduction in total regional funds available for spending in FY16 (impact to individual regions will vary around this average amount). While this will be a challenge for regional councils to absorb initially, the following points were discussed by the Committee and include:

1. All regions are looking at significant funding reductions in the near future (as a result of spending down carry-forward), and in most cases, would need to make those cuts in FY16 or shortly thereafter.
2. Updating the fiscal policy at the beginning of a three-year planning cycle gives regional councils time to thoughtfully and proactively plan spending that reflects available revenues at the onset of a strategic planning process.
3. The funding available for each region will be very stable over time (with population and/or regional boundary changes being the only real drivers for change).
4. The recommendation sets a targeted spending level and, in FY16, uses regional carry forward in combination with new Board-allocated revenues to achieve that targeted spending level. Therefore, regions will be spending their regional carry-forward balances. In futures years, the targeted spending level will be fully achieved with new Board-allocated revenues.
5. Regions may still experience carry-forward balances, but these will be significantly lower and much more easily managed.

In addition, the Finance Committee discussed whether guidance should come from the Board on how regional councils plan to align programming to available revenues – for example, Board strategy or indicator priorities.

In the first of two meetings, the Board's Policy and Program Committee reviewed this issue at its April 3 meeting. Outlined below are questions the Committee was asked to consider and provide feedback on by the next meeting on May 15. In addition, feedback will be solicited from the regional Chairs and Vice Chairs at their May 1 meeting. All of the feedback obtained will be summarized and presented to the Board for consideration at its June 2014 meeting, so that complete guidance can be provided to the regional councils as they begin their three-year planning cycle.

Items the Program Committee members have been asked to provide feedback on include:

- Should guidance come from the Board on how regional councils plan to align funded programming to available revenues – for example, Board preferred strategy(ies) or School Readiness Indicator priorities?
- Currently, regional funding plans are developed by regional councils and are submitted for Board approval. If and when the Board has concerns with a funding plan presented for approval, they address these concerns on an individual basis and final approval is held until both Board and regional council concerns are resolved. As such,
 - Should this practice continue?
 - Should all regional councils be allowed to prioritize independent of each other, and/or Board priorities?
- Should the Board provide parameters for how a funding plan should be constructed? For example:
 - Should the number of strategies be limited?
 - Are there School Readiness Indicators which should be prioritized?
 - Should X% of funding have to be committed to the Board's signature Quality First strategy?
 - Should only Y% of funding be committed to strategies for which other state agencies have primary or statutory responsibility?
- The Quality First program and Quality First Scholarships collectively comprise the largest funding investment of FTF. Should FTF research whether the QF model can be adjusted in ways that lower the cost but still preserve the overall design and policy intent?
 - One such example would be reducing the number of scholarships made available to providers receiving them by some amount. If that amount were 1/3, a potential savings of \$15.7 million could be yielded.
 - Another example is considering a decision made by regional councils to fund additional scholarships, which is a significant investment of resources beyond that "required" under the Quality First model. As regional councils make choices to fund additional scholarships, it increases the total investment and in many cases, these additional scholarships are under-utilized.
- Are there other FTF program costs that FTF should research to see if they can be lowered while still preserving the design and policy intent?

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council – System Focus Areas

FOCUS	PARTNERS	SCHOOL READINESS INDICATORS	IMPACTS ON SYSTEM
<p>Early Head Start or other comprehensive home-based early care and family support model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Must be collaborative effort for the Grant Application and Implementation § Quality infant child care is a high need 	<p>CRIT Tribal Council Head Start Indian Health Service School Districts CRIT Regional Partnership Council DHS/ Strong Families</p>	<p>#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Education and support leading to decreased rate of substance use/abuse, especially prenatally § Community understanding (especially among the young and teenaged women) regarding infant development and the importance of prenatal health and the early years § Recognition of the effects of poverty, depression and isolation = community plans for confronting the issues and supporting parents of young children § Overall better infant-child health and mental health § One, comprehensive and supportive community circle that is connected, knowledgeable, and highly functioning
<p>Best for Babies - Court Team Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Child-focused team for the most appropriate, expedient, permanent decisions § Coordination with Mohave County Superior Court Infant and Toddler Mental Health Team § Addressing the need for recruitment of Native American foster families (sited one infant being raised in the residential group home) 	<p>CRIT Tribal Council Tribal Court System CRIT Police Department La Paz County Courts CRIT DHSS Mohave County Superior Court CASA CRIT Regional Partnership Council</p>		
<p>Infant/Child Mental Health: comprehensive web of support and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § Link preventative services for supporting young children and families § Promote preventive practices in the community § High need for community education regarding Infant/Child Mental Health § All areas of health, including Oral Health and Prenatal Health § Understanding of Child Developmental Stages and appropriate expectations 	<p>Indian Health Service CRIT DHSS CRIT Police Department Head Start CRIT Regional Partnership Council AzEIP (A to Z Therapy)</p>		

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

April 2014, Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council



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March – April FY14

March 20—**CRIT Head Start Screenings**; Provided 35 books to toddlers getting health screenings

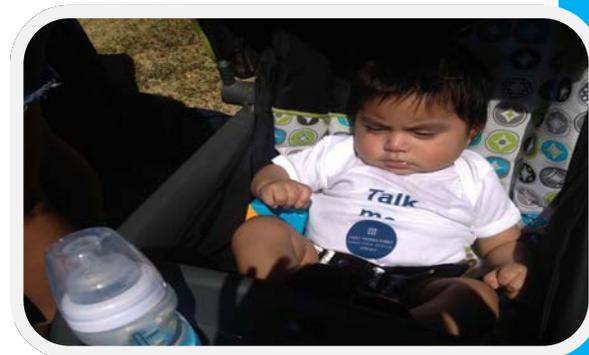
March 21- **CRIT Department of Health Services Health Fair** at Tin Shed/Four Corners- spoke with 20 parents/families



March 24 - **CRIT Head Start Parent/Teacher Training:** “Brain Science and the Importance of Play,” with Shelley Fischer from Parents As Teachers

March 26—**Community Outreach Resource Exchange (CORE)** at La Paz Career Center

April 5—**La Paz County Health Department EXPO** at Western Park, 200 in attendance



April 6-12—**Week of the Young Child stories** in Parker Pioneer and Manataba Messenger

April 16—**Parent Outreach and Awareness workshop** with **Enrique Feldman, “Learning while Playing”**; Department of Health and Social Services, with Arizona Kith and Kin project

FTF Core Message of the Month

CHILDREN WHO HAVE
QUALITY EARLY
EDUCATION HAVE
BETTER MATH,
LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL
SKILLS AND ARE MORE
LIKELY TO GO
TO COLLEGE

Use this message to demonstrate how Early Childhood impacts a child's future performance in the workplace or school. Successful people share these traits and we want our kids to be successful!

Week of the Young Child: Early Childhood Celebrated with Events



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(PARKER) - Strong families are the building blocks of strong societies, which is why community organizations that support local families are partnering to celebrate the national Week of the Young Child.

Week of the Young Child is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and was created to highlight the work being done at the local level by early educators and caregivers. Quality early education can impact a child's emotional and social development and improve high school graduation rates, according to Parker Unified School District Assistant Superintendent Brad Sale. Sale also serves on the Colorado River Indian Tribes First Things First Regional Partnership Council, which funds programs in the region to improve the health and education of children ages birth to 5.

"About 90 percent of critical brain development happens before kindergarten, so the job of helping children succeed starts the day they're born," Sale said.

Kids who start behind stay behind, he added, which is why it's critical parents have the tools they need to be their child's first and best teacher.

Multiple events to recognize Week of the Young Child will take place across the region throughout the month of April.

The Colorado River Indian Tribes Department of Health and Social Services' Fitness Club for Kids is celebrating Week of the Young Child with a special session by the CRIT Special Diabetes Project Wednesday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m. The CRIT Library's early literacy coordinator will lead a story time, and the tribe's Women, Infants and Children department will share a healthy snack to promote better food choices. The CRIT Head Start is also celebrating with a week of activities for its students and their parents during the week of April 6.

The Bullhead City and Mohave Valley Head Start centers are hosting a Week of the Young Child celebration from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, April 12, at Ken Fovargue Park, 2255 Trane Road. Last year's celebration attracted about 200 people, Head Start said.

"It's a chance for families and children to come together and have some fun," said Matilde Andrade from the Bullhead City Head Start center.

The Hualapai Tribe First Things First Regional Partnership Council will have a Children's Health Fair from 10 a.m. to noon at Friday, April 11, Peach Springs Elementary School to promote resources available to families and provide health screenings to toddlers living in Peach Springs. Other partners in the event include Hualapai Head Start, Hualapai Maternal Child Health, Peach Springs Boys and Girls Club, A to Z Therapies, and Child & Family Resources.

As part of its Week of the Young Child activities, the First Things First La Paz/Mohave Regional Partnership Council named La Paz County Director of Nursing Diana Grazier its 2014 Champion for Young Children recipient.

Under Grazier's leadership, the La Paz County Health Department has been recognized seven times in the last eight years with the Daniel T. Cloud award for ensuring that at least 90 percent of all children under the age of 2 at the La Paz County Health Department have received vaccination against preventable diseases. Grazier will formally accept the award at the April 21 La Paz County Board of Supervisors meeting.



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Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

April 2014 Regional Director's Report

Regional Council Member Recognition

- Happy Anniversary and thank you for your leadership and commitment to young children!
 - Ø Dru Waggoner, 2 years
 - Ø Gloria Flores-Lopez, 5 years

CRIT Regional Update

- On March 31st, a packet was submitted to the CRIT Cultural and Human Resources Review Board requesting approval to the data collection and monitoring for the 10 School Readiness Indicators
- On January 28th, a letter was submitted reminding the CRIT Tribal Council of the opportunity for a decision regarding the FTF regional boundaries. Action was taken by the Tribal Council in April, renewing the Tribes' approval for a separate CRIT region of FTF.

Statewide Update

- At the April meeting, the Board discussed the Finance Recommendations for Regional Allocations and Sustainability, which included the recommendation to adjust regional allocations for FY16 should include the region's projected fund balance (carry forward) as part of the allocation level rather than being in addition to.
- This year's Tribal Gathering will occur over an extended afternoon session during the Summit and will include the annual Lanna Lee Flood Memorial Address.

Needs and Assets Assessment Update

- The Regional Council will review and provide feedback on the first draft during the June meeting. The final draft will be presented for approval at the August meeting.

Upcoming Events

May 1: Chairs/Vice Chairs
Leadership Forum, Phoenix

May 6-8: North Carolina Smart Start
Conference, Greensboro, NC
(Regional Director is attending)

May 7: FTF Coordination Meeting
for grantees and partners throughout
La Paz/ Mohave, CRIT and
Hualapai, 9am-1pm, Bullhead

May 14: FTF Teacher Scholarships
Forum, 5pm-6:30pm, Mohave Valley

May 22: Regional Forum with Board
Members, 12-2pm, Mohave County
Administration building, Kingman

June 18: CRIT Parent Outreach &
Awareness Workshop on Pediatric
First Aid, 8am-2:30pm, TBD

June 24: FTF CRIT Regional
Partnership Council Meeting, 10am,
CRIT Family Activity Center

SAVE THE DATE!

August 18-19: 2014 First Things First
Early Childhood Summit, Phoenix
Convention Center, Phoenix