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**SOUTH PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY-BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EARLY CARE AND  
EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS  
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION  
RFGA # FTF-RC018-12-0333-00  
FACT SHEET**

### **WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST SOUTH PIMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY-BASED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS GRANT PROGRAM?**

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The South Pima Regional Partnership Council is proposing community-based professional development opportunities, through the use of Communities of Practice for early childhood professionals who work with children ages birth to five. The intent of the Communities of Practice is to offer early childhood professionals a continuum of education that is long-term, cohort-based, and tied to college credit. The Communities of Practice entail high quality professional development in which peers gather together multiple times to study and research an identified topic of study. The sessions will be facilitated and taught by subject matter experts such as visiting faculty, published authors, researchers, etc. Early childhood professionals will have the opportunity to apply newly learned theories into practice in early care and education settings after participating in lectures and peer dialogs facilitated by subject matter experts. The Communities of Practice are coupled with college credit awarded from a local, accredited higher education institution such as a university or community college.

### **WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?**

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Approximately \$250,000 is available in this Request for Grant Application. Contract renewal will be contingent upon satisfactory contract performance, evaluation and availability of funds.

The anticipated contract period for any resultant grant will be July 1, 2011 - to June 30, 2012.

## PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

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March 4, 2011	RFGA available on-line
March 16, 2011	Pre-application Conference Valencia Branch Library, Large Conference Room 202 West Valencia Road, Tucson, AZ 85706 11:00am
April 18, 2011	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 11:00 am
July 1, 2010	Anticipated grant awards made

## HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

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Please visit the First Things First web site on or after March 4, 2011: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

## QUESTIONS?

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All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC018-12-0333-00** in the subject line of the email or on the cover sheet of the fax.

Questions should be submitted to the Grants and Contracts Procurement Specialist via email at [grants@azftf.gov](mailto:grants@azftf.gov) or via fax at (602) 265-0009.