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**YUMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL
INCREASE CAPACITY OF QUALIFIED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS
TO INCLUDE AND SERVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH
AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS
REQUEST FOR GRANT APPLICATION
RFGA # FTF-RC023-10-0252-00
FACT SHEET**

WHAT IS THE FIRST THINGS FIRST YUMA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL INCREASE CAPACITY OF QUALIFIED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO INCLUDE AND SERVE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS GRANT PROGRAM?

The Yuma Regional Partnership Council has identified the need for regional implementation of the following strategy:

- Provide technical assistance, training, and specialized equipment to early care and education providers to increase confidence, competence and the capacity of various early care and education settings to effectively serve children with special health and/or developmental needs.

The intended target populations for this funding opportunity are early care and education programs, in both center and home based settings, throughout the region that serve children birth through age five focusing on supporting the enrollment and full inclusion of children with special health and developmental needs. Priority programs are those that currently serve or are willing to serve children with identified developmental and/or health-related special needs.

The intent of this strategy is to increase the number of early childhood settings where children with special needs are provided with high quality early care and education through the provision of a comprehensive, consultative model, which provides on-going training, on-site technical assistance, and a variety of staff supports based on needs.

WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING AVAILABLE?

This is a two (2) month contract with an option for renewal for two (2) additional twelve (12) month periods. The total available funding for the period from May 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 (14 months) is approximately \$269,500. Requested funding must be proposed for two contract periods:

- Two (2) month budget from May 1 through June 30, 2010
- Twelve (12) month budget from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

The estimate of funding that is available for the 2-month contract period is approximately \$38,500 with the amount estimated for the 12-month portion beginning on July 1, 2010 being approximately \$231,000. One or multiple awards may be made.

PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR THE GRANT MAKING PROCESS

February 3, 2010	RFGA available on-line
February 8, 2010	Pre-application Conference 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Yuma Police Department 1500 S. 1 st Avenue, Yuma, AZ 85364
March 17, 2010	Applications due to the location listed in the RFGA by 12:00 p.m.
May 1, 2010	Anticipated grant awards made

HOW TO GET A COPY OF THE RFGA

Please visit the First Things First web site on or after February 3, 2010: <http://www.azftf.gov/>

QUESTIONS?

All questions must be submitted in writing and include **RFGA # FTF-RC023-10-0252-00** 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 or via fax at (602) 265-0009.