



Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board

Family Support and Literacy Cultural Responsivity Sub-Committee

Cultural Responsivity Meeting Dates: December 6, 2012, July 19, 2012, May 17, 2012, March 12, 2012

Cultural Responsivity Membership:

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Definition for Cultural Responsivity: First Things First embraces Cultural Responsivity as an intentional life long journey that holistically explores, honors, and values the diversity of the human experience.

Recommendations:

1. Update cultural responsivity section on all Standards of Practice (SOP). Determine an “action” statement for SOP’s.
2. Add Cultural Responsivity definition to strategic plan.
3. Update the request for grant application (RFGA) to allow for more specific responses as to how applicants will implement cultural responsivity allowing for region to address regionally specific concerns. First Things staff will look at policy and procedures for the RFGA applications to ensure language aligns with the definition of Cultural Responsivity
4. Infusion of all cultures in everyday work on all levels of FTF including all staff, Regional Councils, and grantees. A clear definition of what cultural responsivity will look like at an agency level, Regional Council level and grantee level.
5. Session Topic at Summit regarding Cultural Responsivity and First Things First role.

Next Steps:

1. Follow Up: March 2014 – The purpose of this meeting will be to update committee members on progress that has been made on implementing specific recommendations of the committee.