

Early Learning and Professional Development Statewide and Signature Strategies Report

| Strategy | Funding Source | Expenditures as of March 20, 2013 | | | FY 2013 Contracted Service # | FY 2013 Actual Service # (July 1-December 31 2012) | Comments |
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| | | FY2013 Allotted Amount | FY2013 Awarded Amount | FY2013 Expended Amount | | | |
| Quality First! (Signature Strategy) | FTF State | \$ 5,477,700 | \$ 5,310,707 | \$ 2,702,345 | Regional: 983 Centers: 733 Homes: 250 | Regional: 745 Centers, 577 Homes, 168 | Quality First is a comprehensive initiative that provides support, funding and education to qualified centers and homes to improve the quality of early care and education for children younger than five years. The Quality First model includes assessment, coaching, T.E.A.C.H., Child Care Health Consultation and financial incentives for quality improvement. The rating component of Quality First is being implemented in FY12. <i>Approximately 40 programs are enrolled every 5 weeks. It is anticipated that by the end of the fiscal year, the CSU numbers will be reached for most regions. Currently, the coaching grantees are recruiting early care and education providers in the following regions where slots are funded, but there is no wait list: North Phoenix homes, South Phoenix centers and homes, Northwest Maricopa homes, Central Phoenix homes, Coconino homes, La Paz Mohave homes, Navajo Nation centers and homes, Pinal homes, South Pima centers and homes, Tohono O'odham centers and homes, White Mountain Apache homes, and Cochise homes</i> |
| | FTF Regions | \$ 16,880,600 | \$ 15,861,337 | \$ 10,146,079 | | | |
| | Total | \$ 22,358,300 | \$ 21,172,044 | \$ 12,848,424 | | | |
| Scholarships T.E.A.C.H. (Signature Strategy) | FTF State | \$ 3,506,300 | \$ 3,506,300 | \$ 579,862 | Statewide: 845 participating scholars Regional: 438 participating scholars Total: 1,283 participating scholars | Statewide: 438 participating scholars Regional: 229 participating scholars Total: 667 participating scholar | T.E.A.C.H. ARIZONA is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides early care and education professionals with access to college coursework leading to a degree or certificate in early childhood education. T.E.A.C.H. provides financial support for books, tuition, travel stipends and time off from work to attend class and complete assignments, and a financial bonus upon completion of college coursework. <i>State level funding and contracted service numbers reflect budgeting 1 scholarship per center-based provider and a 0.5</i> |
| | FTF Regions | \$ 1,471,077 | \$ 1,454,577 | \$ 278,058 | | | |
| | Total | \$ 4,977,377 | \$ 4,960,877 | \$ 857,920 | | | |

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| | | | | | | | scholarship per home provider. The grantee proposed a state level goal of awarding 525 scholarships in FY13, so the grantee has reached 83% of the revised goal so far. Only 52% of the original contracted service numbers for which funding is awarded has been reached. FTF will adjust the state level funding award for FY14 to more closely reflect the grantee's revised contracted service numbers. Regional funding and contracted service numbers will continue to be monitored. |
| FTF Professional REWARD\$ (Signature Strategy) | FTF Regions | \$ 1,807,875 | \$ 1,786,050 | \$ 1,339,538 | Regional: 1,323 incentive awards distributed | Regional: 999 incentive awards distributed | FTF Professional REWARD\$ helps retain good teachers to promote continuity of teachers and caregivers working with young children. REWARD\$ offers financial awards to early childhood teachers based on educational achievement, wages earned and hours worked per week and requires a commitment from participants to remain in their current employment. |
| Quality First Child Care Scholarships (Signature Strategy) | FTF Regions | \$ 34,838,124 | \$ 34,131,398 | \$ 23,446,782 | Regional: 5,425 scholarships slots for children 0-5 yrs. | Regional: 4,646 scholarships slots filled with children 0-5 yrs. | Quality First Scholarships help low-income families who are working, looking for work or improving their work skills through training or education afford high quality learning programs for their young children. These scholarships are available to early care and education providers enrolled in Quality First (or on the waiting list) and support providers in maintaining a quality program. <i>The contracted service number is based on the star rating and program size. The program size and star rating for open slots is estimated and may not be reflective of the actual star rating and program size upon enrollment. Therefore, the differential between contracted and actual service numbers may be partially due to programs achieving a higher/lower star rating than estimated or if program size is larger or smaller than estimated.</i> |
| Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships (Signature Strategy) | FTF Regions | \$ 13,775,366 | \$ 13,262,764 | \$ 8,436,034 | Regional: Public school-district Pre-K sites: 10 | Regional: Public school-district Pre-K sites: 13 | Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships help low-income families' access high quality center and classroom-based programs for their children during the two years prior to kindergarten entry. These |

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| | | | | | Private/public community partner Pre-K sites: (not determined) Total FTF funded Pre-K students: 2,363 | Private/public community partner Pre-K sites: 126 Total FTF funded Pre-K students: 3,854 | scholarships are available to public school and community-based early care and education providers and this strategy includes mentoring to facilitate systemic partnerships between public schools and community-based providers. <i>Actual number of pre-K students is higher due to part-time status of some students.</i> |
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