

**TRIBAL RELATIONS**

- FTF participated in the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) Early Childhood Working Group. FTF presented a report on the Tribal Affairs of FTF. We also engaged in planning activities related to the upcoming ITCA events: *June 21, 2011-Tribal Early Childhood Roundtable & June 22-24, 2011-Inter Tribal Caring and Sharing Conference*
- Currently working with ITCA and CCDF to compile information that would help to establish a baseline of the status of tribal childcare regulation processes in the state of Arizona.
- Resource sharing with Native Health (fed. Home Visitation grantee) in Phoenix to share information on types of home visitation programs being funded in our tribal regions. Served as a reviewer for their Community Assessment Survey.
- FTF Tribal Affairs was recently selected to present during the Arizona Indian Education Association Indian Parent Conference-June 6-7, 2011.
- Presented 1<sup>st</sup> Annual AZ American Indian Oral Health Summit April 21-22, 2011.

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FTF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

Tribal Affairs is an integral component of First Things First. FTF Tribal Affairs is staffed by the Tribal Liaison that serves as a link to tribal governments, Indian organizations, the general public and FTF staff. FTF is intentional in the design of the structure and functions of our Tribal Affairs to ensure that all partners are connected and work together to ensure that young children entering school in tribal communities are healthy and ready to succeed.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONS



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- Working with TTAG Gov to Gov. Subcommittee to formulate topic areas for tribal consultation for 2011.
- Scheduling appointments to meet with new elected officials to share information on FTF, exploring the possibility of First Things First Briefings for Tribal Governments.
- Working with the Tohono O'odham Nation to get clarity from tribal leadership relating to the San Lucy District Family Support Strategy.
- Scheduled a meeting with the staff of the Vice President of the Navajo Nation to conduct a presentation on FTF Tribal Affairs and other topics (May 18, 2011).

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- Conducting a review of standard language in the SOPs to identify areas that may require cultural considerations for tribal regions.
- Provided formal recommendations from the Tribal Technical Advisory Group to Communications on the new Community Awareness Standards of Practice.
- Developing a standard orientation for working with tribes with respect to cultural, social and geographic considerations. This presentation will be provided to grantees and FTF staff working directly with tribes.

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- Developed a plan of action for tribal regional boundary decisions.
- Developing an information brief for tribes considering moving toward having their land recognized as a separate region.
- Meeting one on one with Regional Directors and Sr. Directors to access technical assistance needs as it relates to the 2012 boundary and NA tribal decision processes.
- Developed a pre-summit tribal gathering to provide learning opportunities for both tribal regional partnerships.
- In the process of developing a plan of action for getting comprehensive input from tribal interests for the advisory committees.
- Tribal Notes (E-bulletin) now going to tribal regional partnership councils.
- Tribal Affairs Team page has been developed for the intranet and a Tribal Knowledge Resource
- Recommendations for a re-design of the FTF Tribal Affairs page on the website have been provided to Communications for design.
- Finalized a general power-point presentation and tribal fact sheet (through communications) for use by FTF.
- TTAG meetings changed to monthly gatherings beginning April.
- TTAG Sub-committee charges have been finalized and a process for working with the TTAG will be available on our intranet page and via email to all FTF divisions.

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