



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

### **Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Coordinator East Maricopa Region**

First Things First (Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board) is one of the critical state partners in creating a child and family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, health and early education of all Arizona's children. Created by voter initiative in 2006, First Things First is governed by a state Board with 28 regional partnership councils. First Things First is a decentralized organization that engages diverse constituencies to accomplish its mission. Organizational values include a focus on accountability, transparency, coordination, collaboration and on the outcomes that will ensure young children start kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed in school and in life.

#### **Job Summary:**

Reporting to the Director of Community Outreach and in collaboration with FTF leadership, staff and Regional Council members, the Parent Awareness and Community Outreach Coordinator will be responsible for executing targeted educational outreach and engagement strategies regarding First Things First in the East Maricopa region. These include: presentations (individuals and groups), public speaking, community events, networking meetings, success story writing, media outreach, training, and other outreach strategies as determined. These strategies are targeted toward parents, caregivers, civic-minded individuals, local business and community leaders.

#### **Distinguishing Characteristics:**

The ideal candidate will enthusiastically support the vision and mission of First Things First and possess the personal qualities of integrity and credibility. She/he will have the proven ability to work within teams to accomplish multiple tasks and keep multiple projects organized and progressing. The position requires substantial effort to connect with, build community relations with, and engage targeted audiences within the specified geographic region.

#### **Typical Duties and Responsibilities:**

Under the guidance of the Community Outreach Director:

- Work in partnership with central office and FTF East Maricopa Region staff to engage citizens and organizations in actively championing early childhood development and health.

- In coordination with FTF East Maricopa Regional Partnership Council, assume responsibility for outreach in this specific geographical region within a set of outreach targets as part of the Community Outreach team.
- Assist in writing regional outreach plan for assigned geographic region and priority audiences; regularly update outreach plan in coordination with Regional Council and Regional Director.
- Assist in creating and managing a community awareness budget.
- Act as an expert resource and spokesperson for First Things First.
- Provide outreach and education to diverse audiences through presentations, trainings, one-on-one meetings and networking, events, media outreach, and other outreach strategies.
- Provide regular follow-up with outreach audiences to ensure they are equipped and trained to take action on behalf of young children.
- Track and record outreach activities with database and other tracking tools.
- Collect and write success stories and engage in regional media outreach.
- Other duties as needed to complete FTF outreach goals.

**Qualifications:**

- Bachelor's degree preferred. Background in community outreach, communications, public relations or related field a plus.
- Strong communication skills, including the ability to write and speak clearly, succinctly, and in a manner that appeals to a wide audience.
- Experience in public presentations and training.
- Experience with educational grassroots outreach is a distinct advantage.
- Ability to build and maintain positive relationships
- Ability to coordinate multiple projects and events simultaneously.
- Detail oriented with the ability to meet competing deadlines.
- Creative and solution driven.
- Able to work effectively in a team environment to meet goals.
- Must be able to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends.
- Comfortable working with minimal supervision and maintaining multiple responsibilities.
- Strong computer skills, including database and Internet and intranet proficiency.
- Reliable, regular and punctual attendance at work during core business hours.
- This position requires day and evening travel within Maricopa County. Must possess valid Arizona driver's license and show evidence of valid automobile insurance coverage.
- Familiarity with the East Maricopa Region.

This position will be responsible for conducting community outreach in the East Maricopa Region. The East Maricopa Region includes Ahwatukee, Chandler, Tempe, Guadalupe, Scottsdale, Goldfield Ranch, Fountain Hills, Cave Creek, Carefree, Paradise Valley, Rio Verde, Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation.

Review of resumes will begin on August 12th and continue until the position is filled. For consideration, please submit your cover letter, comprehensive resume and three professional references to:

[www.azstatejobs.gov](http://www.azstatejobs.gov)

In the AZ State Personnel System, the position is classified as a Grade 21 and has a salary range of \$45,000 to \$47,000. The position is not covered under the State of Arizona Merit system rules. The State of Arizona offers an outstanding comprehensive benefits package.

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