

TRIBAL AFFAIRS

The work of First Things First is rooted in a profound respect for tribal sovereignty and a commitment to working in collaboration with Arizona's tribes.



First Things First 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.

Arizona's Tribes and Indian Nations can participate in First Things First in one of two ways:

- Tribes may elect to have their tribal lands treated as a separate region by the statewide FTF Board.
- Tribes may elect to participate in the designated geographical region or regions in which their tribal lands are located.

The 19 Arizona Tribes that have elected to participate in FTF are shown in the following map. In addition, every First Things First Regional Partnership Council whose geographic area includes Tribal lands must have at least one Tribal representative on the Regional Council.

The Regional Councils assess the resources and needs of children in their respective areas. Working in collaboration with local stakeholders, the Regional Council prioritize those needs and determine which strategies to fund that will help children 5 and younger in their communities arrive at kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed.

To date, almost \$195 million has been dedicated to the FTF Regional Partnership Councils affiliated with Arizona's Tribes.

Strategies funded in tribal communities include: family support, including home visitation programs for parents with newborns; early language and literacy development, including native languages; nutrition assistance and obesity prevention; health screenings and outreach about health insurance; and, several programs aimed at improving the quality of early education environments, including scholarships to enhance the professional skills of teachers working with the youngest tribal children.





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Tribes who have elected to have their tribal lands treated as a separate region by the First Things First Board.

- Cocopah Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hualapai Tribe
- Navajo Nation
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- White Mountain Apache Tribe

Tribes who have elected to participate in the designated FTF geographical region or regions in which their tribal lands are located.

- Coconino including Havasupai Tribe, Hopi Tribe and Kaibab Paiute Tribe
- Gila including the Tonto Apache Tribe
- La Paz/Mohave including Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- East Maricopa including Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Pinal including Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Yavapai including Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yuma including Fort Yuma-Quechan Indian Tribe