

## Applied Economics

“In an effort to make the findings of the feasibility study more widely known in the region, presentations were conducted with two existing business groups: the Springerville Rotary Club and the St. John’s Chamber of Commerce. The information was well received in both communities; however, no new action items have resulted from the presentations.”

## Community Based Training

“13 credit hours in early childhood were awarded to care givers and early educators within Navajo-Apache Regional Partnership region.”

## Director Mentoring

“After election resume, marketing. Develop other strategies for this FY year to engage directors and to prepare them for earlier enrollment next year.”

## Early Literacy – Navajo County Library

*“At the time of this reporting, Navajo County Library District offered the position to Lynnda Cahoon, a candidate with several years of demonstrated experience with preschool children in two different settings. We anticipate going forward to successfully implement this grant.”*

## Healthy Steps

“This is an email I received from a family I met during a well visit.  
*Hi Deborah,*

*How are you?*

*I'm not sure if you remember me and my two little ones, but you sent me a Leap Frog dvd and my kids love it. You called one time and I haven't gotten time to let them watch it. I want to let you know it's so helpful! The first time my son watched it he was making the sounds of the letters, it was so amazing and N'sen said her first word two weeks ago. She said "mama". They are both so incredibly smart! CJ has started to count in English and Spanish too!!*

*I would like to know, do you order those dvds online? Where can I find more of them?*

*I hope you're doing well.*

*Thanks,  
Alicia Thompson*

In the last report I mentioned a *dental package* program that was put into action in the Holbrook, Show Low and Round Valley clinics, and presented by the Healthy Steps Specialist during well visits. This program has been a great success. This program has provided an additional door of opportunity and has stimulated conversation between parents in the room

(some of the conversations are *I told you the children should brush more often, etc*) and has been the catalyst for injecting teachable moments into the visit. It has helped parents open up about their children and their needs.”

## Oral Health

“Navajo County Oral Health Program contacted the Heber/Overgaard school nurse regarding a 2<sup>nd</sup> oral health screening and fluoride varnish event for the Heber/Overgaard preschool. The first event was February, 2010. The 2<sup>nd</sup> event was September, 2010. The school nurse and the local child care center director worked out transportation for the child care center children to the public school, so those children could receive the service at the same time as the preschool children. The school nurse also opened the event up to other children in the community 0-5 years of age. During the first event in February, 29 children were screened and 28 were varnished. During the second event in September, 52 children were screened and 49 were varnished. The school nurse was a successful advocate for the children in her rural community as well as for our program.”

## Reach Out and Read

“\*The Regional Coordinator continues to work with sites in the Region to order books. She has also been assisting them in placing their RIF orders, as the sites are very busy with day-to-day concerns. The Regional Coordinator has also worked with sites to ensure that their funding is available in their accounts to spend RIF dollars and continues to work with them in developing ideas for obtaining funds for their sites, i.e., writing letters for donations, researching local funders.

\*Training for our newest site, Your Family Practice Team, is scheduled for October 22, 2010.

\*Due to the economy, one of our newest sites added less than a year ago, Robins Nest Pediatrics, closed its doors in late September. Robins Nest Pediatrics wanted to ensure that the Reach Out and Read books they had on hand and the furniture that had been purchased for the literacy area in their waiting room were distributed to other Reach Out and Read sites in the Region. As a result, the Regional Coordinator assisted the practice in distributing the books and furniture. Recipients of the books included Pediatrics in the Pines, Your Family Practice Team, and White Mountain Pediatrics. The furniture was moved to Pediatrics in the Pines.”

## TEACH Early Childhood Arizona

“Rhonda Etsitty, T.E.A.C.H. Program Specialist based out of the Association for Supportive Child Care’s Flagstaff office, has spent the past quarter building relationships with the regions she serves. Rhonda has been attending Regional Partnership Council meetings in the Coconino, San Carlos Apache, White Mountain Apache, Navajo Apache, Navajo Nation and Hualapai regions. Rhonda has begun to build relationships within these communities which has allowed her the opportunity to identify potential barriers to participation for these regions. In addition, Rhonda is working closely with the Quality First! Coaches in these regions to identify any additional support these programs may need. Rhonda has met with Northland Pioneer College faculty and staff to present information about the T.E.A.C.H. Program to assist staff members in understanding the T.E.A.C.H. process for their students. Rhonda recently gained access to the T.E.A.C.H. database via remote server and will now begin to process applications out of the Flagstaff office for her regions.”