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COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

August 5, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting of the First Things First – Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council was held on August 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Family Activity Center at 1321 S. Mohave Avenue in Parker, Arizona, 85344.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Homer at 10:15 a.m.

Members Present

Veronica Homer, Patricia Fritz, Brad Sale, Deniese Perez, Hannah Harper, Vikki Olson

Members Absent

Dru Waggoner, Jackie Flores, Monica Rosnagle, Amelia Flores, Gloria Flores-Lopez

Chair Homer asked Regional Director, Ashley Pascual, to introduce the three new Regional Council Members. Chair Homer then asked FTF staff to introduce themselves, and provided the opportunity for members of the public to introduce themselves.

Election of FY2015 Regional Council Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Homer opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson for Fiscal Year 2015.

Member Harper nominated Chair Homer. No further nominations were made.

Motion made by Member Fritz to elect Chair Homer as Chair for Fiscal Year 2015 of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council. Motion seconded by Member Sale. Motion passed unanimously by members present.

Chair Homer opened up nominations for Vice-Chair. Member Sale nominated Member J. Flores. Member Fritz nominated Member Sale.

Chair Homer called for the vote. Member Sale was elected as the Vice-Chair for Fiscal Year 2015 by majority vote.

Approval of Minutes from April 29, 2014 (Attachment 01)

A motion was made by Member Fritz to approve the April 29, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Sale. The motion passed unanimously by Members present.

Possible Approval of 2014 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment (Attachment 02)

Violeta Dominguez, with the University of Arizona Norton School of Family and Consumer Sciences, presented the Final Draft of the 2014 First Things First Needs and Assets Report to the Regional Council. The Regional Council noted some changes that they would like made and asked for clarification on some of the information provided. Regional Director Pascual informed the Regional Council that she will be presenting the Final Draft to the Tribal Council prior to presenting to the State Board for approval at the September meeting.



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A motion was made by Member Fritz to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Regional Needs and Assets Assessment as a Final Draft, with permission to allow for staff to continue working with the contracted vendor to conduct minor editing prior to submitting to the Tribal Council and the State Board by September 1, 2014. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Sale. The motion passed unanimously by members present.

Regional Director Pascual requested to reorder the subsequent agenda items to allow for the FTF Partner Update agenda item to go before the Discussion on Fiscal Updates. Chair Homer granted approval to switch the order of the two agenda items.

FTF Partner Update on Parent Outreach and Awareness and Nutrition, Obesity Prevention and Physical Activity

Regional Director Pascual introduced Lacie Thomas, Deputy Director of the CRIT Department of Health and Social Services. Ms. Thomas provided the Regional Council with an update on the programs and the hiring of the program coordinator. Ms. Thomas would like to return to present to the Regional Council at the September meeting and introduce the newly hired person, if they are on board by then.

Discussion on Fiscal Updates (Attachments 03 - 04)

Referring to Attachment 03, Regional Director Pascual provided the Regional Council with a financial expenditures report. Regional Director Pascual informed the Regional Council that the Grantees have 45 days to submit all outstanding invoices for Fiscal Year 2014. First Things First Fiscal Specialists are working with CRIT Grants and Contracts to make sure all invoices are submitted. Regional Director Pascual has also been in contact with the Directors of CRIT Department of Health and Social Services and the CRIT Library as well.

Regional Director Pascual provided the Regional Council with an overview of the implementation of the Fiscal Year 2015 Funding Plan, and asked the Regional Council to refer to Attachment 05 for the Fiscal Year 2015 Allotments and Awards made.

Discussion on FY 2016-2018 Strategic Planning (Attachment 05-09)

Regional Director Ashley Pascual provided the Regional Council with the First Things First State Board Fiscal Year Policy Decisions Impacting Strategic Planning SFY 2016- 2018. The Regional Council discussed the five Fiscal Policy decisions and 3 Program Policy decisions made by the Board. The Regional Council thanked Director Pascual and Chair Homer for taking their concerns to the committee.

Regional Director Pascual introduced La Paz/ Mohave Regional Director, Merritt Beckett. Regional Director Beckett provided the Regional Council with an overview of La Paz/Mohave FY2015 Regional Funding plan.

Regional Director Pascual introduced Yuma Regional Director, Rudy Ortiz. Regional Director Ortiz provided the Regional Council with an overview of Yuma Regional Partnership Council's Fiscal Year 2015 Funding Plan and direction for Strategic Planning.

Planning Discussion for upcoming Regional/Board Forum

Senior Director Gary Arnold informed the Regional Council that the State Board will be meeting in Yuma, Arizona on September 29-30, 2014, location to be determined. Sr. Director Arnold invited the members to attend the Board meeting as well as a Regional Forum with the Board Members during that time. Sr. Director Arnold advised that when the location and agenda are set, the information will be forwarded to the members.



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Amended 2014 Regional Partnership Council Meeting Schedule (Attachment 10)

Regional Director Ashley Pascual asked the Regional Council to change its September meeting from the 30th to the 23rd due to the State Board meeting being held in Yuma on the 30th.

There was general consensus among the Regional Council to approve the date change.

Community Outreach Report (Attachment 11)

Community Outreach Coordinator, Erin Taylor, provided a presentation to the Regional Council on the community outreach and media activities occurring in the region over the last two months. Coordinator Taylor also asked the Regional Council to fill out the second page of her report and return to her to provide information for future articles and opportunities for community outreach.

Director's Report (Attachment 12)

Regional Director Pascual highlighted information in the State Board Meeting Summary, and discussed upcoming events, including:

- **Summit – August 18-19, 2014** - Regional Director would like to invite the Regional Council Members to meet up on Monday morning before the Summit. Details will be provided closer to the Summit.
- **Grantee Coordination Meeting – September 3, 2014 9am-12pm**, Location to be determined. Will provide when a location is confirmed.

Call to the Public

There was no response to the Call to the Public.

Regional Partnership Council Member Announcements

There were no announcements made.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Sale made a motion to adjourn at 12:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Olson. The motion passed unanimously by members present.

Veronica Homer, Chair
Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council

Bylli Esquerra, Administrative Assistant II



Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council - State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014

	Grantee Name	Contract Period	Total Allotment	Awarded	Year to Date Expense	% of Award Expended	Reimbursement Activity	
							Pending	Paid (Last 30 Days)
Evaluation	Statewide Evaluation Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$13,648	\$13,648	\$3,549	26.0%		
	First Things First (FTF-Directed)	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$13,648	\$3,549	26.0%		
Family Support	Parent Outreach and Awareness Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$78,444	74.7%		\$25,944
	Colorado River Indian Tribes-DHSS	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$60,000	\$44,658	74.4%		\$14,658
	Colorado River Indian Tribes-Library	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$45,000	\$33,786	75.1%		\$11,286
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$105,000	\$105,000	\$78,444	74.7%		\$25,944
Health	Child Care Health Consultation Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$7,418	\$7,418	\$6,773	91.3%		\$89
	Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$27,102	\$27,102	\$20,931	77.2%		\$7,380
	Colorado River Indian Tribes-DHSS	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$27,102	\$20,931	77.2%		\$7,380
Professional Development	Scholarships non-TEACH Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$1,500	\$1,500	-	0.0%		
	Central Arizona College	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$1,500	-	0.0%		
Quality and Access	Quality First Coaching & Incentives Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$42,141	\$42,141	\$39,293	93.2%		\$2,883
	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$42,141	\$39,293	93.2%		\$2,883
	Quality First Scholarships Strategy	Strategy Subtotal:	\$102,580	\$102,580	\$68,415	66.7%		
	Valley of the Sun United Way	07/01/2013-06/30/2014		\$102,580	\$68,415	66.7%		
	Goal Area Subtotal:		\$149,205	\$148,728	\$111,041	74.7%		\$2,885
	Overall Total:		\$303,873	\$303,395	\$220,739	72.8%		\$36,298



SFY2014 Grantee Data Reports

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council **Fiscal Year:** 2014

Instructions for interpreting data report fields:

*Quarterly Data Submission Status

Quarterly Data Submission Status is not a strategy-specific data field. This is a FTF designated field in a report that indicates within a quarter the number of months of data that were submitted for a single contract out of the three mandatory months for the quarter.

0 = 0 months out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted.

Note:

No strategy-specific data fields will be displayed for a contract with a "0" Quarterly Data Submission Status

1 = 1 month out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted

2 = 2 months out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted

3 = 3 months out of 3 months of data for this quarter were submitted

**Contracted Service Units

Contracted Service Units only appear for a contract's lead strategy

Instructions for reading null and zero as data field values:

Blank data field = A null data field appears if the grantee selected "NA (Not Applicable)" when given a YES/NA option on their data reporting template indicating the specific data field(s) are not a part of their contract

0 = Grantee selected "No" in a YES/NO option on their data reporting template indicating the specific data field(s) were not collected for the quarter

0 = Grantee reported "0" on their data reporting template indicating the specific data field(s) were not collected for the quarter

Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-RC030-13-0521-01- Y2 / Colorado River Indian Tribes	Quarterly Data Submission Status*		3	3	3	3	
	Number of parent/family educational sessions conducted		2	1	0	2	
	Number of adults attending parent/family education sessions		12	24	0	10	
	Number of children (0-5yrs) attending parent/family education sessions		12	24	0	14	
	Number of community events conducted		0	1	3	0	
	Number of adults attending community events		0	50	114	0	
	Number of children (0-5yrs) attending community events		0	50	107	0	
	Number of adults attended	300	12	74	114	10	210
	Number of children attended	216	12	74	107	14	207

Represents the total number of participants from the 5 parent/family education sessions and 4 community events.

Parent Outreach and Awareness

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-RC030-13-0561 01-Y2 / Colorado River Indian Tribes - DHSS	Quarterly Data Submission Status*		3	3	3	3	
	Number of books distributed	0					0
	Number of children receiving books						
	Number of children newly enrolled into book distribution program						
	Number of local resource guides distributed during the quarter	0					0
	Number of workshops held	4	0	3	1	2	6
	Number of adults attending workshop		0	48	9	47	
	Number of events held	12	0				0
	Number of adults attending events		0				
Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-RC030-14-0602 01 / Colorado River Indian Tribes - Library	Quarterly Data Submission Status*		3	3	3	3	
	Number of books distributed	500	54	137	123	217	531
	Number of children receiving books		37	117	92	152	
	Number of children newly enrolled into book distribution program						
	Number of local resource guides distributed during the quarter	0					0
	Number of workshops held	0					0
	Number of adults attending workshop						
	Number of events held	25	10	13	15	29	67
	Number of adults attending events		44	101	82	53	

Average number of attendees at each workshop: 17 adults

Does NOT include story times at Head Start, Lil Blessings and Gingerbread House

Quality First - Regional

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
	Number of Centers	2	2	2	2	2	2
	Number of Homes	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Number of Rating Only Centers	0	0	0	0	0	0

Quality First Scholarships

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter	Third Fiscal Quarter	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total	
FTF-STATE-14-0440-01 / Valley of the Sun United Way	Quarterly Data Submission Status*		3	3	3	3		
	Number of center based providers served		1	1	1	1		
	Number of center based providers at the end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)		1	1	1	1		
	Number of children receiving scholarships		15	14	19	15		
	Center based providers: Number of infants receiving scholarships		2	4	5	6		
	Center based providers: Number of infants receiving scholarships at the end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)		1	3	3	1		
	Center based providers: Number of toddlers receiving scholarships		12	12	16	17		
	Center based providers: Number of toddlers receiving scholarships at the end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)		10	8	8	7		
	Center based providers: Number of preschool aged children receiving scholarships		8	8	13	15		
	Center based providers: Number of preschool aged children receiving scholarships at end of the quarter (subtracting disenrolled)		4	3	8	7		
	Center based providers: Number of children with special needs receiving scholarships		0	0	0	0		
	Number of Infant (0-12 months) slots filled end of the quarter			1.0	3.0	3.0	1.0	
	Number of toddler (13-35 months) slots filled end of the quarter			11.0	8.0	9.0	6.0	
	Number of preschooler (36 months - 5 yrs) slots filled end of the quarter			2.5	3.0	7.0	6.0	
Number of slots filled with children (0-5 yrs) end of the quarter		22	14.5	14.0	19.0	13.0	13.0	

Scholarships impacted a total of 38 children.

FY2014 ended with 15 children receiving scholarships filling 13 "slots" at 1 center.



Scholarships non-TEACH

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
GRA-MULTI-13-0527-01- Y2 / Central Arizona College	Quarterly Data Submission Status*			1		1	
	Total number of applications received for CDA, Certificate of			0		0	
	Number of approved applications for participants who chose a CDA			0		0	
	Number of participants who completed a CDA Pathway	1		0		0	0

Scholarships TEACH - Statewide

A data field is flagged in grey for a SFY quarter:

T.E.A.C.H. Scholar Turnover – when the student turnover (sum of AA withdrawn, BA withdrawn and CDA withdrawn) is above 15% of the total Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship.

Contract Number/ Grantee Name	Data Field	Contracted Service Units**	First Fiscal Quarter (July-Sept)	Second Fiscal Quarter (Oct-Dec)	Third Fiscal Quarter (Jan-Mar)	Fourth Fiscal Quarter (Apr-Jun)	Fiscal YTD Total
FTF-STATE-13-0350-01-Y2 / Association for Supportive Child Care	AA Degrees Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Credentials Completed Contract to Date		0	0	0	0	
	AA Credits Completed		0	0	0	4	
	AA Contracts Completed		0	0	0	0	
	AA Withdrawn		0	0	0	1	
	AA Contracts Initiated		0	0	2	1	
	AA Scholarships Awarded		1	1	1	0	
	CDA Scholarships Withdrawn		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Contracts Initiated		0	0	0	0	
	CDA Scholarships Currently Awarded		0	0	0	0	
	Scholars Currently Receiving T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship		2	1	1	1	0

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council
 Unfunded Approaches – Focus Areas for System Building

Completing the Circle

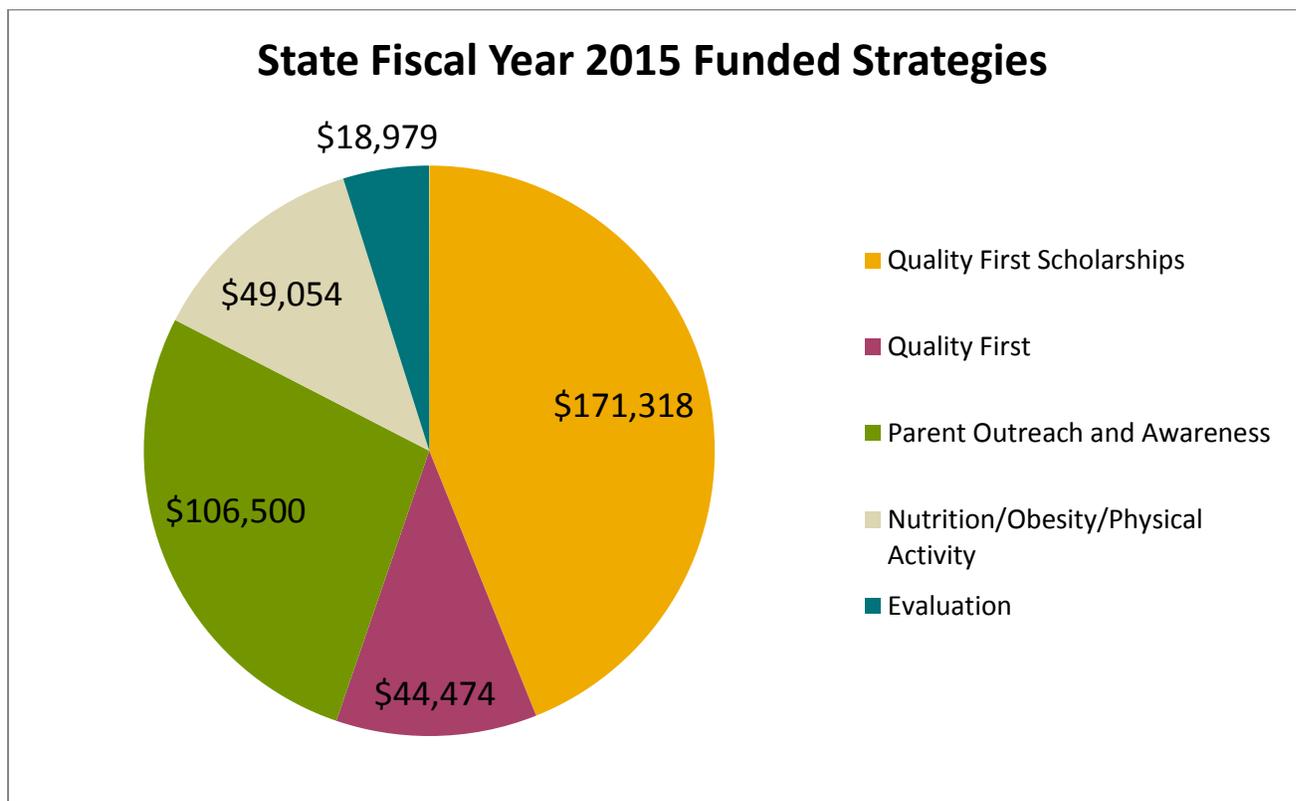
FOCUS	PARTNERS	SRIs	IMPACTS ON SYSTEM
<p>Early Head Start or other comprehensive home-based early care and family support model</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must be collaborative effort for the Grant Application and Implementation ▪ Quality infant child care is a high need 	<p>CRIT Tribal Council Head Start Indian Health Service School Districts CRIT Regional Partnership Council DHS/ Strong Families</p>	<p>#/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education and support leading to decreased rate of substance use/abuse, especially prenatally ▪ Community understanding (especially among the young and teenaged women) regarding infant development and the importance of prenatal health and the early years ▪ Recognition of the effects of poverty, depression and isolation = community plans for confronting the issues and supporting parents of young children
<p>Best for Babies - Court Team Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child-focused team for the most appropriate, expedient, permanent decisions ▪ Coordination with Mohave County Superior Court Infant and Toddler Mental Health Team ▪ Addressing the need for recruitment of Native American foster families (sited one infant being raised in the residential group home) 	<p>CRIT Tribal Council Tribal Court System CRIT Police Department La Paz County Courts CRIT DHSS Mohave County Superior Court CASA CRIT Regional Partnership Council</p>	<p>#/% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall better infant-child health and mental health ▪ One, comprehensive and supportive community circle that is connected, knowledgeable, and highly functioning
<p>Infant/Child Mental Health: comprehensive web of support and services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Link preventative services for supporting young children and families ▪ Promote preventive practices in the community ▪ High need for community education regarding Infant/Child Mental Health ▪ All areas of health, including Oral and Prenatal Health ▪ Understanding of Child Developmental Stages and appropriate expectations 	<p>Indian Health Service CRIT DHSS CRIT Police Department Head Start CRIT Regional Partnership Council AzEIP (A to Z Therapy)</p>	<p>#/% of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall better infant-child health and mental health ▪ One, comprehensive and supportive community circle that is connected, knowledgeable, and highly functioning



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Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council SFY 2016 – 2018 Strategic Planning (*continued discussion*)

The State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015 Regional Funding Plan is the third in a 3-Year Strategic Plan (State Fiscal Years 2013 – 2015). Throughout the last three years, the Regional Council has refined strategies and established partnerships, while maintaining a commitment to addressing two prioritized needs: 1) Limited access to high quality and affordable early childhood education, 2) Limited knowledge and awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health, 3) Limited access to parent education and information, and 4) Need for a more skilled and educated early childhood workforce. To carry out this important work, the CRIT Regional Council has awarded a total of \$948,331 throughout SFY 2013-2015. Moving through the ongoing Regional Life Cycle (Assessment→ Strategic Planning→ Grant Process→ Strategic Implementation→ Evaluation→ Assessment), the Regional Council has received the most recent Needs and Assets Assessment (September 2014) and has taken considerable time in reviewing past implementation and feedback from the community. The chart and table below provide an analysis of the present implementation (SFY 2015).





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Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council State Fiscal Year 2015 Target Service (TSU) Numbers

FTF Strategy Name	Target Service Units	Target Service Numbers
Quality First	Number of center based providers served	2
	Number of home based providers served	0
Quality First Scholarships	Number of scholarship slots for children 0-5	18 (22)
Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity	Number of children served	216
	Number of participating adults	300
Parent Outreach and Awareness - Early Literacy	Number of books distributed	216
	Number of workshops held	0
	Number of resource guides distributed	0
	Number of events held	14
Parent Outreach and Awareness - Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregivers	Number of books distributed	0
	Number of workshops held	4
	Number of resource guides distributed	0
	Number of events held	20

Starting September 25, 2014



RUMBLE IN THE JUNGLE!

Story time for ages 0-5

Parker Public Library

Every Thursday 10:30-11

In partnership with First Things First and the CRIT Library

2014 CRIT Regional Partnership Council

Needs and Assets Assessment - Key Findings

- **A lack of affordable, high quality and accessible child care** – Two strategies in the region are focusing on this crucial area. Quality First provides supports to so that existing and new centers in the region can continue to improve the quality of the care they provide. To address the challenge of affordability, child care scholarships allow parents can continue to utilize the services of licensed, quality early childcare and education centers, giving priority to low income families, parents of children with special needs, single-parent homes and those with infants and toddlers.
- **Increased efforts to facilitate uptake of professional development opportunities for early childhood education professionals** – One funding strategy is targeted towards promoting the availability of a skilled early childhood workforce in the area by providing scholarships for higher education and credentialing to early care and education teachers. It is also important to recognize that the lack of a college-going culture, as identified by the very low rates of residents with college degrees in the region, may be a barrier to professionals in the region to enroll in college courses. Because of this, there may need to be very specific, localized recruitment and follow-up efforts in order to facilitate take up of the program.
- **Support for parents as their children’s first teacher** –Key informants and other parents have noted that lack of parent engagement in children’s education, as evidenced by low rates of participation in early education programs, and in challenges getting children to school, is a challenge in the region. Workshops will be provided in community-based settings to attempt to reach out and support parents and others who may be caring for young children by providing information on child development, health and safety, and early learning and literacy.
- **Concern about community levels of obesity and accompanying health risks, including diabetes** – One strategy aims to support educational outreach efforts in the community on obesity prevention to children, families and early care and education professionals.

This report also highlighted some additional needs that could be considered as targets by stakeholders and Tribal leaders in the region.

- **A high rate of births to teen mothers** – Because of the impact that unplanned teen births can have on the life of a teen mother and the health and welfare of her child, programs that encourage and provide prenatal care for expectant teen mothers, as well as education and support to enable them to continue their education and care well for their infant, are needed. These efforts may also help reduce the increasing rates of preterm births seen in the region. Facilitating more teenage mother enrollment in WIC could be helpful.
- **A need to improve oral health in young children**—About half of young children in the region have tooth decay, and nearly one quarter of them as having untreated tooth decay. Many children in the region are eligible for free pediatric dental care through IHS or through AHCCCS. Outreach to parents to assure that they know that dental visits should be begun by age 1 could help increase prevention, early detection and treatment.

- **Increased access to services for families with a history of substance abuse** – Key informants and parents have noted a lack of services for families facing issues related to substance abuse. Finding ways to provide services and outreach to families, would benefit from drawing on the strong cultural traditions in the region and from collaboration.
- **Continued educational and vocational supports for adults** –The effects on children of living in poverty can be felt throughout their lives. Living in poverty increases the likelihood that a child will live in chaotic, crowded and substandard housing and that he or she may be exposed to violence, family dysfunction, and separation from family; all of these factors increase the risk of poorer mental health status later in life. Additional education and job opportunities to parents to help them move out of poverty is likely to have an overall positive impact on the quality of life of children in the region.

First Things First Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Assets

Close-knit, supportive community where children are recognized as a high priority by community members and tribal leaders

Culturally diverse, yet cohesive community

High proportion of 3-4 year olds enrolled in early education

CRIT Head Start program

Availability of emergency shelter for children through the Children’s Residential Center

Pediatric care available locally

First Things First Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Challenges

A high percentage of young children in the region are living in poverty

Lack of transportation

Low adult educational attainment, including graduation rates lower than state overall

Low levels of parental involvement and participation in programs available in the region

High proportion of young children with tooth decay

Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council
SFY 2016-2018 Strategic Planning

Regional Priority to be addressed	School Readiness Indicators Correlated to the needs and priority roles	FTF Priority Roles in the Early Childhood System	Strategies (Funded Approaches)
<p>Limited access to high quality and affordable early childhood education</p> <p>Limited knowledge and awareness of the importance of early childhood development and health</p> <p>Limited access to parent education and information</p> <p>Need for a more skilled and educated early childhood workforce</p>	<p>Kindergarten Readiness- #/% children demonstrating school readiness at kindergarten entry in the development domains of social-emotional, language and literacy, cognitive, and motor and physical</p> <p>Healthy Weight- #/% of children ages 2-5 at a healthy weight (Body Mass Index-BMI)</p> <p>Confident Families- % of families who report they are competent and confident about their ability to support their child's safety, health and well-being</p>	<p>Supports and Services for Families</p> <p>Access to Quality Health Care Coverage and Services</p> <p>Building Public Awareness and Support</p>	



COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

September 2014 Colorado River Indian Tribes Regional Partnership Council



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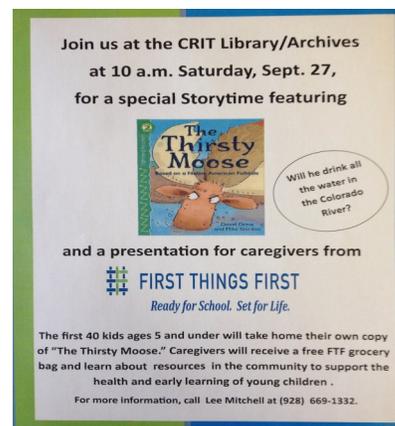
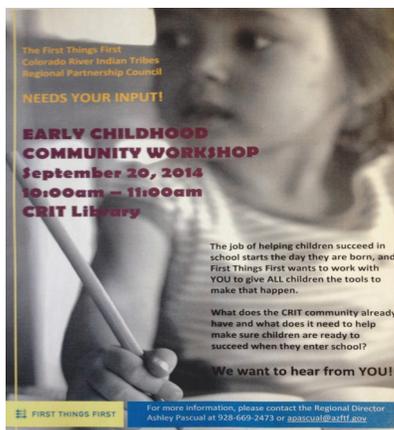
New Facebook page for CRIT Library Kids Programs/FTF/Early childhood information

<https://www.facebook.com/critkidslibrary>

16 likes already; Help us spread the word!



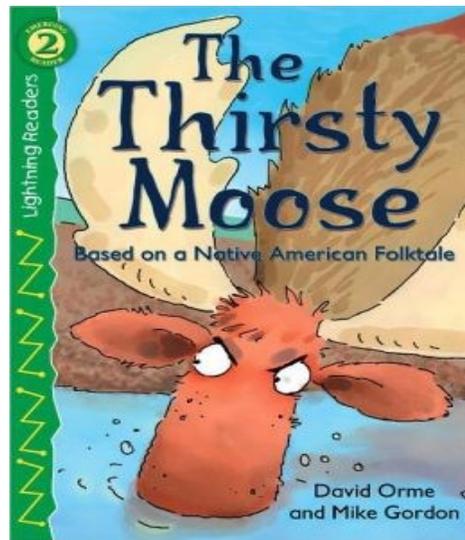
Two CRIT library/FTF activities:



Presentation on FTF to Cenpatco La Paz Advisory Council, Aug. 27. Gave a basic presentation on FTF and discussed possible outreach activities for upcoming CRIT Indian Days.

Networking at Colorado River Crisis Services, Sept. 17; community always welcome. Next meeting at 10 a.m. Nov. 19 at 1301 Joshua Ave.

**Join us at the CRIT Library/Archives
at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27,
for a special Storytime featuring**



**Will he drink all
the water in
the Colorado
River?**

and a presentation for caregivers from



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The first 40 kids ages 5 and under will take home their own copy of “The Thirsty Moose.” Caregivers will receive a free FTF grocery bag and learn about resources in the community to support the health and early learning of young children .

For more information, call Lee Mitchell at (928) 669-1332.



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September 2014

Regional Director's Report

Statewide Update

- The last Board Meeting was held August 18th in Phoenix. Topics discussed included:
 - Tobacco Tax Projections and Sustainability Model: In July, the Board adopted a program budget of \$126.6 million. An updated sustainability model was developed given the updated tobacco tax revenue estimates. The full report, *Tobacco Tax Revenue Forecast Study (2014)*, is available under Meeting Materials and Public Notices at www.azfff.gov.
 - The announcement was made to the Board that Candida Hunter was hired as the Senior Director for Tribal Affairs, and began in the position on September 8th.
- The Board meeting and Regional/Board Forum to occur in Yuma will be rescheduled.
- The next Board meeting will be held telephonically on October 3rd. One important item on the agenda will be the setting of FY2016 Regional Allocations.
- First Things First is holding a Tribal Consultation on October 7th in Phoenix beginning at 10:00am. Topics will include Early Childhood Systems Building and the Public Private Partnership Plan.

Regional Update

- The final draft of the 2014 (SFY2015) Regional Needs and Assets Assessment was approved by the Tribal Council on August 14th and will go forward for Board approval at the next meeting.

Regional Events

First Things First Community Workshop

Seeking input from community members

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September 20th, 10:00am

CRIT Library

First Things First Learning Session

Presentation by Erin Taylor

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September 27th, 10:00am

CRIT Library

CRIT Indian Days Parade and Fair

Joining with partner fair booths

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October 4th, beginning at 10:00am

CRIT Fair Grounds

CRIT Regional Partnership Council

Regular Meeting

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October 28th, 10:00am

CRIT Family Activity Center