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The AZ Department of
Child Safety and First
Things First:
Working Together for
Arizona Children

 FIRST THINGS FIRST



Outcomes

Share experience of the Southeastern Regional Area Teams

Highlighting partnership between FTF and DCS

Provide ideas for how you can form partnerships in your area

Families are better off if they have a system where everyone is working well together

Getting the conversation started

- April 3, 2015- Statewide meeting between DCS and FTF in Phoenix
- FTF and DCS Presentations
- Video of Brain Development and Theories of Change to get everyone on the same page. There is value in doing this work together.
- Regional Area Discussions
- Next Steps Planned



Joint Meeting- June 24, 2015-- Tucson

Outcomes

- Build or strengthen regional and local relationships between FTF and DCS staff.
- Determine common ground between agencies.
- Develop a local action plan to share resources and determine how FTF and DCS can support each other. Next steps identified.

FTF- Vision and Mission

VISION

All Arizona's children are ready to succeed in school and in life.

MISSION

First Things First is one of the critical partners in creating a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative and high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, health and early education of all Arizona's children birth through age five.

DCS – Vision and Mission

VISION

Children thrive in family environments free from abuse and neglect.

MISSION

Successfully engage children and families to ensure safety, strengthen families and achieve permanency.



FTF Organizational Values

Children, birth through age five, and their families *must be our central focus at all times. Providing more and better opportunities to prepare all young children to attain success in school and life should be what drives every action we take and every decision we make.*

*We must use **culturally responsive** practices. Every person we work with and every person working at First Things First has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.*

*Only through **continuous improvement and innovation** will we be able to maximize benefits to children and their families.*

FTF Organizational Values

We are **accountable** to demonstrate that our work truly improves the lives of children and their families, and promotes support for investing in early childhood development and health.

We must be **strong stewards** of public and private funds demonstrating **transparency and sound financial management**.

Our partners, regional council members, staff and board reflect the diversity of our state and are our most valuable resources. We must develop and maintain a culture of strong collaboration and cooperation both internally and externally to best provide essential family supports while providing increased opportunities for young children to enjoy success in school and life.

DCS - Organizational Values



Child-centered

Family-focused

Successful Engagement

Partnerships and Community

Professional Environment and Workforce Excellence

Cultural Responsiveness

Accountability and Transparency

Initiative, Influence, Learning Culture, Courageous Leaders

Joint Meeting- June 24, 2015

What Is Our Common Ground?

Joint Meeting- June 24, 2015

First Things First

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Dept. of Child Safety

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Common Ground

Statutory obligations to follow

Child-Family Centered

Both have Tribal Liaisons

Partnerships important

Culturally Sensitive/Responsive

Accountability/Transparency

Small time- impact family long term

Strengthen family through education

Want positive outcomes for children

Looking for ways to improve service delivery

Joint Meeting- June 24, 2015

- *Local Area Discussions and planning
- *DCS presentation to FTF Regional Partnership Council
- *FTF staff present to DCS Staff
- *Sharing of resources and programs available
- *No duplication of services



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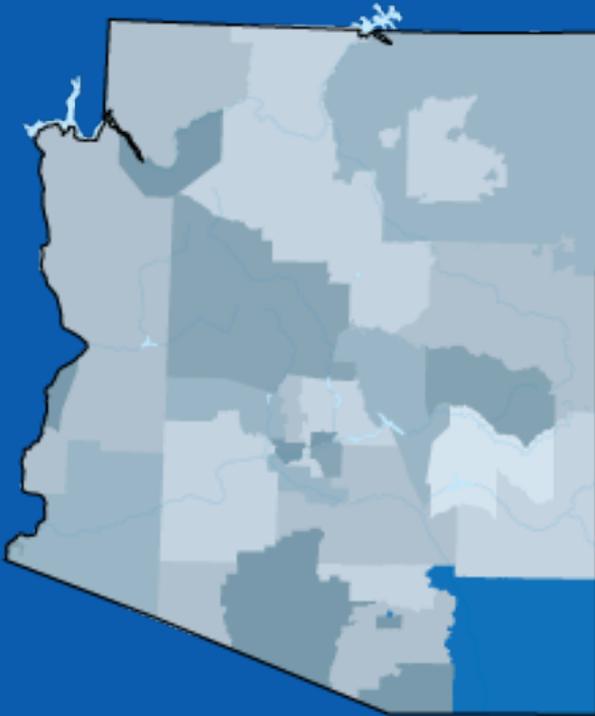
PARTNERSHIPS

EXAMPLES - 4 different communities

- Cochise
- Pinal
- San Carlos Apache/Gila/Graham-Greenlee
- Santa Cruz

COCHISE

Cochise Region



9,652

Population of young children (under age 6)

33%

Percentage of young children living in poverty

Priorities

The Cochise Regional Partnership Council makes strategic investments to support the healthy development and learning of the young children in the region. The council's priorities include:

- Strengthening families through voluntary home visiting
- Improving the quality of child care and preschool programs
- Scholarships for children to access high-quality early learning
- Oral health screenings and fluoride varnishes

Local Level Partnership

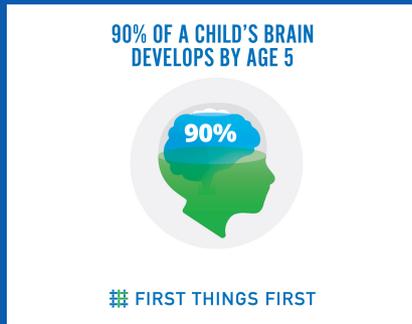
- Department of Child Safety and First Things First – Cochise Regional Partnership Forum- September 15, 2015
- Cochise Regional Partnership Council Meeting- Presentation by Department of Child Safety- September 17, 2015



Outcome of the Partnership

The collaboration has impacted the knowledge and understanding of how each organization interacts with each other and impacts the community.

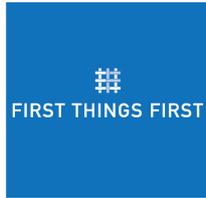
Impacts of the Partnership



- Increased reference to First Things First Web page
- Increased interest in the First Things First Facebook page
- Increased knowledge of the grantee programs.
- Council briefing on young children within the Region with open abused and neglected cases.
- Best for Babies Collaboration
- Judge / CASA Collaboration
- Increased collaboration on the Council needs and assessments.

FIRST THINGS FIRST Ready for School. Set for Life.		Partnering with parents and families to help all children, ages birth to 5, stay healthy and succeed in school
Family Guide to First Things First Funded Programs in Cochise	Contact	
Are you a parent or caregiver looking for resources and support? Home Visitation Gives young children stronger, more supportive relationships with their parents through in-home services on a variety of topics, including parenting skills, early childhood development, literacy, etc. Connects parents with community resources to help them better support their child's health and early learning.	Parents As Teachers Easter Seals Blake Foundation 520-452-9784 x12	
	Cochise Health & Social Services 520-803-5900 520-432-9400	
Do you have parenting questions, or need advice? Birth to Five Helpline Helps families with young children get free answers to their toughest parenting questions.	Southwest Human Development 1-877-765-KIDS (5437)	
Do you want information about your child's physical or oral health? Oral Health Decreases preventable oral health problems in young children.	UA Cooperative Extension - First Smiles 520-458-9278 x2211	
Do you need to find quality child care for your infant, toddler or preschooler? Early Learning Resources for finding quality child care and preschool programs.	Quality First qualityfirstaz.com	
Quality First Child Care Scholarships Provides scholarships to children to attend quality early care and education programs.		
First Things First Cochise Regional Partnership Council For more information contact: Melissa Avant, Regional Director at mavant@azffh.gov or 520-378-3280	Cochise County	





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PINAL

Pinal Region



PINAL COUNTY BEST FOR BABIES COURT TEAM

Court Team Vision Statement

The Pinal Best for Babies Court Team is committed to a process which seeks to improve efficient, timely and consistent services for children and families. The collaboration strives to protect, educate and support the overall well-being of dependent children in Pinal County.



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Pinal Region



Family Resource Guide



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Community Resource Referral Form

Date: 01/01/2015

Community Health: Check all the boxes below that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> AZEIP Services	P: (888) 592-0140	www.azdes.gov/azeip	F: (502) 357-1978
<input type="checkbox"/> Central AzEIP Intake	P: (520) 836-4651	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-4233
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental Screening	P: (520) 836-4651	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-4233
<input type="checkbox"/> U of A Cooperative Extension	P: (520) 836-4651	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-4233
<input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Screening	P: (520) 836-4651	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-4233
<input type="checkbox"/> U of A Cooperative Extension	P: (520) 836-4651	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-4233
<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing/Vision Screening	P: (520) 836-4651	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-4233
<input type="checkbox"/> U of A Cooperative Extension	P: (520) 836-4651	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-4233

Family Support: Check all the boxes below that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Enrichment	P: (480) 474-8559	funvan@ajcity.net	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/> AJ Library - Fun Van	P: (800) 308-9000	crubio@craz.org	F: (520) 325-8780
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Resource & Referral	P: (520) 723-1227	Angela.Simmons@PGCCS.org	F: (520) 723-7337
<input type="checkbox"/> PGCCS - Head Start	P: (520) 836-0736	ffn@unitedwayofpc.org	F: (520) 836-0737
<input type="checkbox"/> UWPC Friend, Family & Neighbor	P: (520) 723-1217	Homevisitationreferral@pgccs.org	F: (520) 723-7337
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Visitation	P: (520) 723-1217	Homevisitationreferral@pgccs.org	F: (520) 723-7337
<input type="checkbox"/> PGCCS - Pinal Home Visitation Coordinator	P: (666) 960-0633	rosanna.ringer@pinalcountyaz.gov	F: (520) 866-7066
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition/Food	P: (520) 836-5121	wecare@calz.arizona.edu	F: (520) 836-1750
<input type="checkbox"/> Pinal County Public Health - WIC	P: (520) 466-1112	lrangel@cahrapinal.org	F: (520) 466-0013
<input type="checkbox"/> U of A Cooperative Extension	P: (520) 466-1112	lrangel@cahrapinal.org	F: (520) 466-0013
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Action Human Resource Agency	P: Click here to enter	Email: Click here to enter email address	F: Click here to enter
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	P: Click here to enter	Email: Click here to enter email address	F: Click here to enter
<input type="checkbox"/>	P: Click here to enter	Email: Click here to enter email address	F: Click here to enter
<input type="checkbox"/>	P: Click here to enter	Email: Click here to enter email address	F: Click here to enter

Contact Information:

Child Name: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Parent/Guardian Name: _____
 Home #: _____
 Work #: _____
 Cell #: _____
 Email: _____
 City/Zip: _____

Referral Source: _____
 Referring Provider: _____
 Provider Phone #: _____
 Staff Name: _____
 Staff Email: _____
 Referral at Parent Request Only Spanish Speaking
 Reason For Referral: _____

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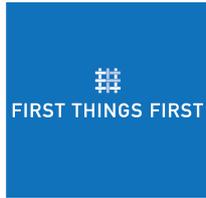
I hereby give consent and authorization for

to submit a referral on my behalf to the named organization(s) identified above for services.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Mother's City of Birth for phone authorization: Mother's city of birth _____

Staff Signature: _____



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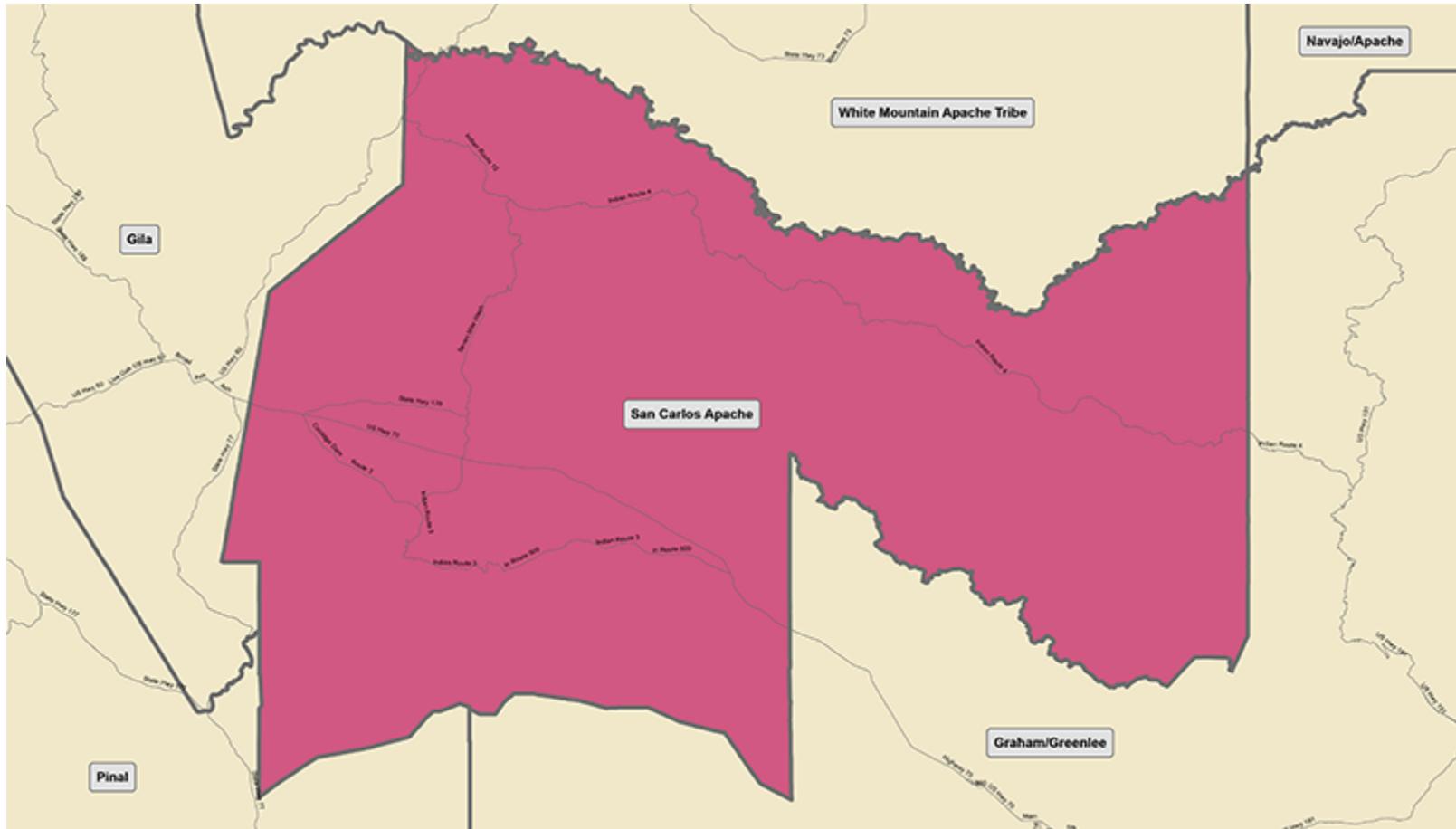
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San Carlos Apache

Gila

Graham/Greenlee

San Carlos Apache Region



Working Together

- First Things First
- Department of Child Safety
- San Carlos Apache Tribe Social Services Department—Child Protective Service

Working Together—Joint Meeting

- First Things First Funded Services
- Tribal Child Protective Service Structure
- Partnership Between Dept. of Child Safety & Tribal Child Protective Service
- Barriers/Challenges
- First Things First San Carlos Apache Regional Director to stay connected to Tribal Child Protective Service

Working Together—Future

- How to handle cases that arise in the county-based areas when a child is a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe
- How to keep lines of communication open
- How to maintain consistent meetings

Working Together--Resources

- Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978

Indian Child Welfare Act



Long title An Act to establish standards for the placement of Indian children in foster or adoptive homes, to prevent the break-up of Indian families, and for other purposes.

Acronyms (colloquial) ICWA

Enacted by the 95th United States Congress

Effective November 8, 1978

Working Together--Resources

- First Things First Family Guide

FIRST THINGS FIRST
First Things First partners with communities to strengthen families and help more kids arrive at kindergarten healthy and ready to succeed.

Family Guide to First Things First Funded Programs in San Carlos Apache Region **Contact**

Do you have parenting questions or need advice?

Birth to Five Helpline
Helps families with young children get free answers to their toughest parenting questions.
Southwest Human Development
1-877-705-KIDS (5437)

Do you want information about your child's physical health?

Nutrition/Obesity/Physical Activity
Improves the health and safety of young children by providing community-based health education on a variety of topics including: healthy food choices and appropriate physical activity.
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension
928-475-2350

Developmental and Sensory Screening
Provides children with developmental, vision, and/or hearing screening and referrals for follow-up services.
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Pinal County
928-474-4160

Oral Health
Provides children with oral health screenings and referrals for follow-up services.
University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Graham Greenlee County
928-428-2611

Do you need to keep you and your child safe and well?

Food Security
Improves the health and nutrition of children 5 and younger and their families.
San Carlos Apache Tribe
Social Services Department
928-475-2313



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SANTA CRUZ

On-going Collaboration

- FTF Santa Cruz Regional Director presented to DCS Staff August 2015
- DCS Assistant Program Manager presented to Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council March 2016

On-going Collaboration

- FTF Regional Director invited by DCS Unit Supervisor to attend local Baby Steps meetings along with some of the local county judges, attorneys for dependency cases, and local Behavioral Health Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), and Foster Care Specialists
- Goal is to reduce placement changes and promote permanency for children under 5
- Ensure the child's well-being is given primary consideration in the case

On-going Collaboration

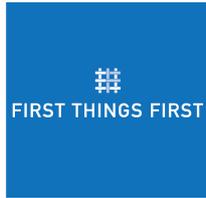
- MCHC participates in local Multi-Disciplinary Team with:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Behavioral Health providers
 - Judicial representation
 - Victim Advocacy
 - DCS
- Goal is to collaboratively review context and organizational approach in responding to child abuse and neglect cases

On-going Collaboration

- Mariposa Community Health Center (MCHC) staff also collaborates with DCS via Baby Steps meetings and Healthy Families Advisory Board (Child & Family Resources)
- Individual case staffing, as needed, through CFT's
- Cross training opportunities within programs

On-going Collaboration

- Partner to organize community events such as Child Abuse Awareness Walk-A-Thon
- Cross-agency training opportunities; i.e. Birth to Five Partners, Baby Steps



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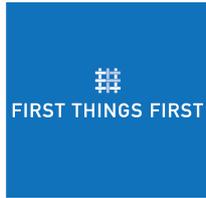
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WRAP UP

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TOGETHER





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QUESTIONS?



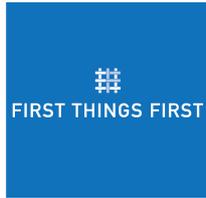
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