



EARLY EXPERIENCES
BUILD THE FOUNDATION
FOR A LIFETIME

HUALAPAI TRIBE REGION

2018 IMPACT REPORT

 FIRST THINGS FIRST

90% OF A CHILD'S BRAIN DEVELOPS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

From birth to age 5, a child's brain develops more than any other time in life. Research shows that the quality of a child's early life experiences shape how their brain develops.

First Things First partners with families and communities to help our state's youngest children prepare for kindergarten and beyond.

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The first five years of a child's life are the most important for forming the bonds with family, community and culture. Young children are the future of the Hualapai Tribe, which is why it is important to educate new parents, connect families with resources and promote the importance of reading in the community, so that all kids in the Hualapai community have the foundation for a successful future.”

Barbara Tinhorn

Chair and Read On Hualapai
Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council

That's why Arizonans created First Things First

HOW WE WORK



Early Childhood Funds

Allotted by FTF State Board



Local Decision-Making

Each region has 11 volunteer regional partnership council members representing their community. Based on the area's early childhood needs, each council prioritizes goals and strategies to help children birth to age 5 and their families.

28 FTF Regions

represent diverse communities across AZ



Partnerships with Local Early Childhood Providers

First Things First offers grant opportunities; providers implement programs and services in communities.



Community Collaborations

Regions also collaborate with organizations and entities to build a network of programs and services to better support young children.



THIS RESULTS IN MORE KIDS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN

FISCAL YEAR 2018 HUALAPAI TRIBE REGION IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Here are a few highlights of the proven programs and innovative strategies from this region.



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND EARLY LITERACY

38 Families received voluntary support from trained providers to improve their parenting skills.



QUALITY PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE

50 Children attended a preschool and child care program participating in Quality First.

4 Early childhood professionals received college scholarships to improve their skills in working with infants, toddlers and preschoolers.



PREVENTIVE HEALTH

43 Children received screenings to detect developmental issues to prevent learning challenges later on.

HEARING SCREENING AT QUALITY FIRST CENTER HELPS PAYSON BOY BE SUCCESSFUL

Andrés Nieto is learning how to count just like most toddlers, but unlike some 3-year-olds, he's doing it in two languages.

Andrés attends the Hualapai Day Care center in Peach Springs where teachers focus on preserving the region's native language by teaching it to the next generation of young learners.

"I really like that they're teaching the kids Hualapai words, because he's using them at home, too," said Andrés' mom, Heather Nieto. "He can say his numbers in Hualapai, along with 'Hello, how are you?' and 'Come here.'"

Research shows that culturally-based early learning programs with strong native language programs positively influence a young child's academic, social and cultural development, including self-identity. The Hualapai Day Care has a preschool teacher on staff



who is fluent in the Hualapai language and incorporates basic words into everyday lessons. The Hualapai Day Care has also partnered with the Boys and Girls Club to offer language classes once a month to parents and children.

The Hualapai Day Care center is a participant of First Things First's signature program Quality First, which partners with child care centers and preschools across Arizona to improve early learning.

The center encourages parents to support learning at home through take-home activities and monthly family nights, Nieto said

Andrés has attended the Hualapai Day Care center since he was 6 months old. Since he is an only child, Nieto said that at home, her son is mostly around adults. Being around kids his own age has taught him how to get along with others, which is a critical part of being ready to start kindergarten.

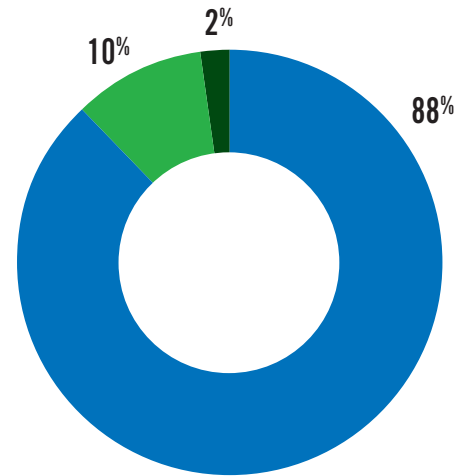
"I love that when he's at the center he's around his peers and developing his social skills," Nieto said.

HUALAPAI TRIBE REGIONAL COUNCIL

The FTF Hualapai Tribe Regional Partnership Council is made up of volunteers who study the unique needs of the local community and decide how funds will be used to best support the development, education and health of young children birth to age 5. FTF invests in proven programs and innovative strategies through grants to community organizations that provide services to children and families.

FY18 TOTAL REGIONAL PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Strengthening Families	\$81,091
Quality Child Care and Preschool	\$9,201
Research and Evaluation	\$2,341
TOTAL	\$92,632



FIRST THINGS FIRST HUALAPAI TRIBE REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Vice Chair

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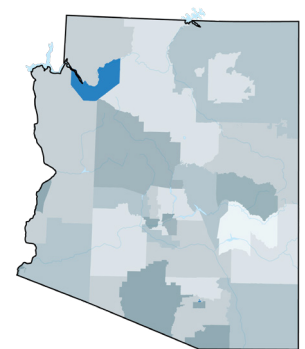
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The boundaries of the Hualapai Tribe Region are the same as those of the Hualapai Indian Reservation. Although the reservation includes lands in Coconino and Yavapai counties, most of the population live in or near Peach Springs in Mohave County. Separate pieces of the reservation lie to the south of Peach Springs, near Valentine and Wikieup. The Hualapai Tribe Region includes Legislative District 7. (Legislative districts are not necessarily congruent with regional boundaries.)

Learn more at: FirstThingsFirst.org/Regions/Hualapai-Tribe