



Investing in Our Future: Positive Outcomes of Early Childhood Investments

First Things First (FTF), Arizona's early childhood agency, represents a commitment Arizonans made to our youngest children – that they would have the support they need to start school healthy and ready to succeed. Many young children in Arizona face significant barriers to their success, including poverty, trauma and lack of access to needed resources. In the FTF Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Region, there are **756 children** (under age 6), with **57% living in poverty**. Here is how FTF is working to support young children and their families in this region.



90% of a child's brain grows before kindergarten.
Early childhood matters.

FTF invests in proven programs, like Quality First, and innovative strategies through grants to community organizations that provide services to children and families.

Regional Key Impact Highlights [State Fiscal Year 2023]



Strengthening Families and Early Literacy

415

Books were given to families with children birth to age 5 to encourage parent-child interaction and reading.

13

Adults attended parenting classes to learn about early child care development.



Quality Preschool and Child Care

3

Early childhood educators received college scholarships to improve their qualifications for working with infants, toddlers and preschoolers.



Parenting Outreach and Awareness strategy promotes child’s overall development

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community funds the Parenting Outreach and Awareness Strategy to increase awareness among families of positive parenting practices, child development including health, nutrition, early learning and language acquisition and knowledge of available services and supports to enhance their child’s overall development through information sharing, resource distribution and/or parenting activities.



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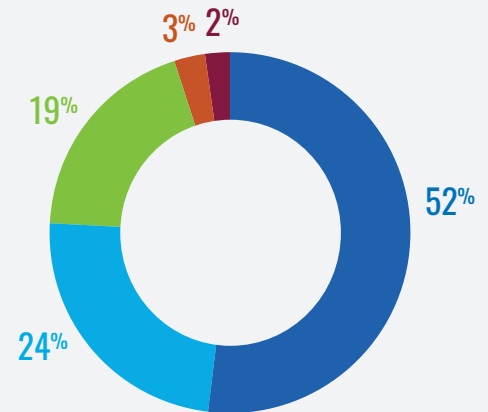


Strengthening Families

Positive early experiences, like nurturing relationships with parents and caregivers, promote healthy brain development and learning. First Things First expands families’ access to the information, services and supports they need to help their young children achieve their fullest potential.

State Fiscal Year 2023 Total Regional Program Expenditures

Strengthening Families	\$53,422
Preventive Health	\$24,369
Quality Child Care and Preschool	\$19,751
Research and Evaluation	\$2,714
Community Awareness	\$1,988
Total	\$102,243



FTF Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Regional Partnership Council

FTF regional partnership councils are made up of volunteers who study the unique needs of the local community and inform how funds should be used.

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