

**GILA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL**

**Please describe how the Regional Partnership Council’s SFY24-27 Strategic Plan promotes equity and support of under-resourced and underserved children and their families.**

The FTF Gila Regional Council has historically and currently promoted the concept that services be available to all children birth to age 5 and their families. The regional council has emphatically expressed that “the rancher living far outside of town” should have the same access to services that “folks that live in town” do. This desire was reflected in regional council conversation and the intention of each strategy specifying availability in both rural and frontier areas. It was discovered that having both in-person and virtual options for services works well within the region, as it affords service availability for families who experience transportation challenges and scheduling conflicts, thereby enabling accessibility that would not otherwise be available to them. Therefore, the regional council’s intent is to provide services in as many formats as possible, including through the mail system for book distribution.

The regional council is aware of the needs of the many low-income families in the region. They have invested in Quality First scholarships to enable lower income families’ accessibility to quality child care. They are also very aware that the region is designated as a child care desert and plan continued conversations regarding quality child care availability throughout the region. The regional council has also opted to target part of the Media Strategy toward targeted oral health education, inclusive of promoting the dental benefit that is available for children who are currently enrolled in Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

This region is home to many different cultures including various ethnicities and rural/frontier locations. Each community within the region has a different culture and the regional council continues to adapt outreach to help accommodate the differences and be inclusive of all people. The Tonto Apache Tribe is a part of our community within the Gila Region. The regional council makes a concerted effort to consult with the tribe in ongoing efforts to promote health, wellness, access to quality child care, learning and screening services within the area. The regional council strives to work with each community in addressing unique needs that may be identified. It is the expectation of the FTF Gila Regional Council that all residents be served without discrimination.

**Regional Allocation and Proposed Funding Plan Summary SFY24 – SFY27**  
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Allocations and Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027
FY Allocation	\$682,076	\$682,076	\$696,786	\$733,808
Population Based Allocation	\$457,456	\$457,456	\$413,476	\$457,456
Discretionary Allocation	\$224,620	\$224,620	\$283,310	\$276,352
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$81,666	\$70,682	\$100,053	\$99,958
<b>Total Regional Council Funds Available</b>	<b>\$763,742</b>	<b>\$752,758</b>	<b>\$796,839</b>	<b>\$833,766</b>
Strategies	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Proposed Allotted
Quality First Academy	\$3,500	\$3,221	\$3,500	\$3,500
Quality First Assessment		\$7,682	\$7,760	\$7,760
Quality First Coaching & Incentives	\$88,010	\$76,380	\$72,330	\$72,330
Quality First Scholarships	\$381,375	\$381,375	\$381,375	\$381,375
Child Care Health Consultation	\$23,800	\$28,027	\$31,700	\$31,700
Developmental and Sensory Screening	\$44,223	\$44,223	\$44,223	\$44,223
Book Distribution	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Parenting Education	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000
Statewide Evaluation	\$30,472	\$30,472	\$30,472	\$30,472
Educational Promotion and Brand Awareness	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Media	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$780,380</b>	<b>\$780,380</b>	<b>\$780,360</b>	<b>\$780,360</b>

Fiscal Year	2020	2024	2025	2026	2027
% to Board Priorities		82.73 %	82.73 %	82.73 %	82.73 %
% to Quality First*	11.41%	14.77 %	14.77 %	14.77 %	14.77 %
Fiscal Year	4 Year Average				
% to Board Priorities	82.73%				
% to Quality First*	14.77%				

\*Includes Quality First Academy, Quality First Assessment, Quality First Coaching and Incentives, and Child Care Health Consultation.