

NAVAJO NATION 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 Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council’s priorities lie in areas where early childhood opportunities can be more accessible to children, parents and educators. This is a result of the regional council using a strengths-based and holistic approach based on the Diné Way of Life that focuses on the Four Directions of Wellness; social-emotional, intellectual, physical, community and relational wellness. This process also ensured strategies address the cognitive, physical, mental, emotional and cultural needs of children and families.

The regional council used formal and informal data and feedback processes to help inform the strategic plan. This included hosting the annual Diné Early Childhood Summit and using feedback from the Parent Panel to inform methods to increase access to services for families; and feedback from the Early Childhood Educators Panel to inform better professional development opportunities. The regional council reviewed the Navajo Nation Maternal and Children’s Health Report, previous Regional Needs & Assets Reports, current strategy data reports and brought their shared expertise and knowledge to further inform the strategic plan. Additionally, the “Start with Equity: 14 Priorities to Dismantle Systemic Racism in Early Care & Education” report by the Children’s Equity Project and co-authored by Regional Council Member Dawn Yazzie was used as a framework to further enhance and assess strategies for underserved and under resourced communities.

The entire strategic planning process resulted in funding new strategies that will equitably:

- Help families with complex needs by assisting them in understanding, navigating to and accessing services that promote family well-being. This individualized support will help families in their rural communities, as opposed to requiring them to travel to population hubs in the region where this type of support is currently concentrated.
- Increase access points of service by coordinating and collaborating with school districts and health care facilities in the region.
- Build on the region’s strength of Indigenous language and culture to expand capacity for language preservation and traditional cultural practices in families’ homes and early childhood settings.
- Increase access to more family care and home-based child care options, based on the Indigenous concept of kinship.
- Increase access to culturally responsive, high-quality professional development that is specialized based on the feedback of early childhood professionals and stakeholders in the region.
- Increase the number of qualified, culturally-competent professionals from the region who can provide specialty services in early intervention, special education, mental health and oral health.

Regional Allocation and Proposed Funding Plan Summary SFY24 – SFY27
Navajo Nation Regional Partnership Council

Allocations and Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027
FY Allocation	\$3,168,372	\$3,168,372	\$2,706,487	\$3,228,633
Population Based Allocation	\$2,052,740	\$2,052,740	\$1,855,389	\$2,052,740
Discretionary Allocation	\$1,115,632	\$1,115,632	\$851,098	\$1,175,893
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$6,123,692	\$6,142,593	\$5,851,545	\$5,042,300
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$9,292,064	\$9,310,965	\$8,558,032	\$8,270,933
Strategies	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Proposed Allotted
Early Learning Systems Change	\$258,750	\$279,750	\$279,750	\$279,750
Quality First Academy	\$13,500	\$13,127	\$13,127	\$13,127
Quality First Increase		\$105,370		
Quality First Coaching & Incentives	\$471,750	\$411,906	\$375,481	\$375,481
Quality First Scholarships	\$1,920,152	\$1,767,000	\$1,912,547	\$1,912,547
First Things First College Scholarships	\$21,600	\$21,600	\$43,200	\$43,200
Child Care Health Consultation	\$111,500	\$134,597	\$130,764	\$130,764
Children's Health Systems Change	\$89,605	\$90,000	\$17,693	\$17,693
Developmental and Sensory Screening	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000	\$230,000
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	\$327,420	\$327,420	\$327,420	\$327,420
Family Support for Children with Developmental Concerns	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Nutrition and Physical Activity	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000
Family Support & Literacy Systems Change	\$65,395	\$80,000	\$123,400	\$123,400
Family Support Coordination	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
Home Visitation	\$343,750	\$343,750	\$343,750	\$343,750
Language, Literacy and Culture in Tribal Communities	\$141,691	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Needs and Assets			\$30,000	
Statewide Evaluation	\$134,071	\$134,071	\$134,071	\$134,071
Educational Promotion and Brand Awareness	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$28,653
Media	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total	\$5,249,184	\$5,243,591	\$5,266,203	\$5,238,726

Fiscal Year	2020	2024	2025	2026	2027
% to Board Priorities		82.59 %	82.56 %	83.44 %	83.93 %
% to Quality First*	8.74%	11.36 %	12.68 %	9.86 %	9.86 %
Fiscal Year	4 Year Average				
% to Board Priorities	83.13%				
% to Quality First*	10.95%				

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

Changes:	SFY26	SFY27
Strategy Name: Needs and Assets		
Funding Level Changes:	\$30,000	\$0
Rational for Change:	No funds were allocated in SFY27, as the Needs and Assets Report is published biennially and was not scheduled for development or publication during this fiscal year. The \$30,000 allocation in SFY26 supported the 2026 Needs and Assets Report.	