

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE 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 Pascua Yaqui Tribe reservation and nearby surrounding communities are considered to be child care deserts. There is a significant need for child care, especially to support low-income, wage earning families who reside in the Pascua Pueblo Reservation (also known as New Pascua). In response, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council continues supporting the tribal government’s work to enhance the tribal early childhood development and health system based on continued conversations and partnerships with tribal leaders and staff. Currently, the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, in partnership with the regional council and other community partners, is working to create the first child care center on the reservation, including the development of a Pascua Yaqui Curriculum with emphasis in Yoeme language, history, and culture. The center will serve approximately 116 children ranging in ages from birth to age 6, once it is constructed *, with the intent to gradually expand to serve more children, including school aged children in subsequent years.

In addition, the Pascua Pueblo Reservation has a significant need for preschool services for low-income families with children who are eligible for enrollment at the Pascua Yaqui Head Start, but are not receiving services due to the lack of capacity of the program. The FTF Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Council continues to support a strong partnership with the Pascua Yaqui Head Start to provide kindergarten-transition programming to support more young children on the reservation to have equitable access to early learning experiences that will bolster kindergarten readiness.

* As of December 2025, the center will serve over 100 children and will open in SFY26.

**Regional Allocation and Proposed Funding Plan Summary SFY24 – SFY27
Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council**

Allocations and Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027		
FY Allocation	\$175,700	\$175,700	\$185,558	\$150,000		
Population Based Allocation	\$82,533	\$82,533	\$74,599	\$82,533		
Discretionary Allocation	\$93,167	\$93,167	\$110,959	\$67,467		
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$36,651	\$25,810	\$70,597	\$60,432		
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$212,351	\$201,510	\$256,155	\$210,432		
Strategies	Approved	Allotted	Approved	Allotted	Proposed	Allotted
Early Learning Systems Change		\$60,000				
Quality First Academy			\$269	\$269		\$269
Quality First Assessment			\$9,817			
Quality First Coaching & Incentives			\$7,929	\$41,984		\$41,984
Transition to Kindergarten	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
First Things First College Scholarships	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$10,800
Child Care Health Consultation			\$1,985	\$7,930		\$7,930
Children's Health Systems Change	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Language, Literacy and Culture in Tribal Communities	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Statewide Evaluation	\$6,229	\$6,229	\$6,229	\$6,229	\$6,229	\$6,229
Educational Promotion and Brand Awareness	\$8,500	\$18,933	\$8,933	\$8,933	\$8,933	\$8,933
Total	\$220,529	\$230,962	\$261,145	\$261,145	\$211,145	\$211,145

Fiscal Year	2020	2024	2025	2026	2027
% to Board Priorities		76.76 %	60.50 %	61.23 %	75.73 %
% to Quality First*	0.00%	0.00 %	8.65 %	19.21 %	23.76 %
Fiscal Year	4 Year Average				
% to Board Priorities	68.07%				
% to Quality First*	13.02%				

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

Justification for not meeting the 80% allotment to Board Priorities: The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Region is a child care desert and lacks existing child care programs, which has led to significant care capacity issues. Although the region did not meet the recommended funding level for the board-identified priorities, the regional council will continue to fund the Quality First suite of strategies to support the Ili Uusim Mahtawa'apo (*Where Little Children Are Taught*) Pascua Yaqui Head Start as well as fund an additional Quality First slot for the new Itom Ili Tosapo Am Remtituane (*Our Little Nest of Enlightenment*) Early Learning Center that will be open in SFY26.

Change Table SFY26-SFY27
Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Changes:	SFY26	SFY27
Children’s Health Systems Change		
Funding Level Changes:	\$60,000	\$10,000
Rational for Change:	<p>In SFY26, as part of the Children’s Health Systems Change grant agreement with the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Health Services Division, a study is being conducted in quarter 1 to 3 to learn from families and caregivers of young children and expectant mothers about the types of local media they use and where they go to receive information, specific to accessing tribal health-based services (i.e. social media, marquees, banners, etc.). In SFY26 quarter 4, the tribal grant partner will focus on developing an awareness campaign informed by the findings of the study. The regional council has intentionally planned to scale down the strategy in SFY27 to complete the second phase of the awareness campaign. The regional council, tribal health services division and First Things First staff continue working together on the implementation of this strategy that is unique to this tribal community.</p>	