

**PIMA NORTH 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 Pima North Regional Partnership Council worked together over the past year to develop the State Fiscal Year 2024-2027 (SFY24-27) Strategic Plan and included a deep dive into data and narratives with representation from under-resourced communities in the region as well as four specific strategic planning sessions. Through the data deep dive, the regional council identified a few key needs among children and families who are under-resourced and underserved. First, the strategic plan addresses one of the largest barriers which is caregiver awareness and access to the early childhood system. New for SFY24, the regional council will fund a Program Coordinator Specialist whose role will be to create a more seamless system to better serve families especially those with the highest needs in the Pima North Region. Second, the Pima North Region includes many young children being raised in multi-generational families and households, the regional council is addressing this through the work of home visitation targeted for families who are at highest risk and need.

Economic hardships families have faced through the past few years due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in general were also identified as a challenge. Data from the region highlighted that 25% of children under the age of six and their family live in poverty and the average child care cost is 9 to 16% of the median household income. The high cost of child care is a barrier to children accessing care that helps children achieve long-term educational and health benefits. To provide multi-generational opportunities that address this, the regional council designated 20 Quality First Scholarships for the Family Engagement Network. The Family Engagement Network is a program that supports families parenting young children who are also enrolled in higher education. While the parent works toward further education at the local community college simultaneously, their young child is able to access a quality rated Quality First early learning program. This approach increases the probability of success for both generations and the potential to eliminate the disparities of poverty. Additionally, the strategic plan sets aside over three million dollars to provide access to high-quality early learning for children and their families who live at or under 300% of the Federal Poverty Line.

Finally, the regional council identified that only 50% of children are meeting reading proficiency in Pima North. To address this, the regional council prioritized funding toward Community Based Language and Literacy, an approach that will target young children and families of highest need and meet them in trusted community places such as libraries and apartment complexes to provide opportunities to learn about the importance of literacy at an early age. This strategy also aims at the multi-generational approach as grandparents raising their grandchildren, family caregivers and anyone who is helping to raise a child will have access to the workshops provided.

**Regional Allocation and Proposed Funding Plan Summary SFY24 – SFY27**  
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Allocations and Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027
FY Allocation	\$8,777,855	\$8,777,855	\$8,155,130	\$8,756,596
Population Based Allocation	\$6,939,736	\$6,939,736	\$6,272,545	\$6,939,736
Discretionary Allocation	\$1,838,119	\$1,838,119	\$1,882,585	\$1,816,860
Other (FTF Fund balance addition)				
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$2,836,541	\$2,722,814	\$2,146,691	\$883,925
<b>Total Regional Council Funds Available</b>	<b>\$11,614,396</b>	<b>\$11,500,669</b>	<b>\$10,301,821</b>	<b>\$9,640,521</b>
Strategies	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Proposed Allotted
Quality First Academy	\$63,500	\$58,442	\$58,960	\$58,960
Quality First Assessment		\$5,132	\$356,960	\$356,960
Quality First Coaching & Incentives	\$1,706,960	\$1,630,200	\$1,250,490	\$1,250,490
Quality First Scholarships	\$3,730,630	\$3,840,405	\$3,840,405	\$3,840,405
First Things First College Scholarships	\$127,200	\$127,200	\$127,200	\$127,200
Professional Development for Early Childhood Practitioners	\$614,647	\$676,112	\$676,112	\$676,112
Child Care Health Consultation	\$431,800	\$508,486	\$530,980	\$530,980
Well Child and Family Care	\$600,000	\$251,295	\$251,295	\$251,295
Community Based Language and Literacy	\$274,647	\$302,112	\$302,112	\$302,112
Family Support & Literacy Systems Change	\$120,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Home Visitation	\$2,100,000	\$2,310,000	\$2,310,000	\$2,310,000
Statewide Evaluation	\$363,624	\$363,624	\$363,624	\$363,624
Educational Promotion and Brand Awareness	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$18,500	\$18,500
Media	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,181,508</b>	<b>\$10,181,508</b>	<b>\$10,176,638</b>	<b>\$10,176,638</b>

Fiscal Year	2020	2024	2025	2026	2027
% to Board Priorities		90.53 %	93.96 %	93.95 %	93.95 %
% to Quality First*	18.35%	21.62 %	21.62 %	21.59 %	21.59 %
Fiscal Year	4 Year Average				
% to Board Priorities	93.10%				
% to Quality First*	21.61%				

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