

SOUTHEAST MARICOPA 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 First Things First Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council is committed to advancing equity. The Southeast Maricopa Regional Council’s State Fiscal Years 2024-2027 Strategic Plan intentionally strives to put the most vulnerable children and families at its center, building on the existing resilience while recognizing the variety of factors that marginalize families from the early childhood system.

Using the needs and assets report and the family support community needs assessment, the regional council discussed how race, sex, gender identity, income, age, educational attainment, mental and physical ability, language and national origin impact access to and utilization of quality early childhood supports. The regional council used a Geographic Information System (GIS) to visualize this data and discussed differences in the needs of families based on where they lived in the region. Data and council members’ experience highlighted that children living in West Mesa experience more marginalizing factors than other areas of the region.

To support the most vulnerable families, the Southeast Regional Council discussed at length how strategies could be designed to increase access to those most in need. For example, the regional council increased the number of family resource centers from two to five locations ensuring these centers are located in zip codes where families with the highest needs live. The regional council also explored how outreach efforts focus on reaching those most marginalized. As a result, the regional council continues to invest in home visitation while focusing outreach efforts in West Mesa to ensure families in that area are connected and know about these services. The Southeast Maricopa Regional Council considered new strategies that better support underserved communities. A new strategy in this strategic plan is Family, Friend and Neighbor Care. Some families cannot afford, or do not choose, to use formal child care for a variety of factors, including language barriers. Family, Friend and Neighbor Care will increase the quality of care for children in these settings. To address income barriers to access the formal child care system, the regional council continues to invest in Quality First Scholarships. These scholarships help families afford high-quality care for their children.

The Southeast Maricopa Regional Council’s SFY24-27 Strategic Plan shows a commitment to equity that strengthens the early childhood system and its families in the Southeast Maricopa Region.

Regional Allocation and Proposed Funding Plan Summary SFY24 – SFY27
Southeast Maricopa Regional Partnership Council

Allocations and Funding Sources	2024	2025	2026	2027
FY Allocation	\$11,311,839	\$11,311,839	\$8,802,085	\$11,310,565
Population Based Allocation	\$9,274,448	\$9,274,448	\$8,382,797	\$9,274,448
Discretionary Allocation	\$2,037,391	\$2,037,391	\$419,288	\$2,036,117
Carry Forward From Previous Year	\$3,655,218	\$4,739,865	\$4,380,172	\$1,377,596
Total Regional Council Funds Available	\$14,967,057	\$16,051,704	\$13,182,257	\$12,688,161
Strategies	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Approved Allotted	Proposed Allotted
Quality First Academy	\$37,000	\$37,314	\$36,960	\$36,960
Quality First Assessment		\$1,503	\$217,280	\$217,280
Quality First Coaching & Incentives	\$1,111,090	\$1,286,826	\$1,062,036	\$1,062,036
Quality First Scholarships	\$3,874,627	\$3,874,627	\$3,874,627	\$3,874,627
First Things First College Scholarships	\$216,000	\$216,000	\$216,000	\$216,000
Care Coordination Medical Home	\$250,000			
Child Care Health Consultation	\$251,600	\$324,047	\$332,854	\$332,854
Children's Health Systems Change	\$74,999	\$97,666	\$97,666	\$97,666
Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation	\$694,620	\$694,620	\$694,620	\$694,620
Oral Health	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
Family Resource Centers	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
Family Support & Literacy Systems Change	\$129,166	\$129,166	\$129,166	\$129,166
Family, Friend, and Neighbor Care	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Home Visitation	\$2,990,707	\$2,990,707	\$2,990,707	\$2,990,707
Home Visitation Coordinated Referral System	\$86,000	\$63,333	\$63,333	\$63,333
Partnering with Child Welfare Systems	\$16,666	\$16,666	\$16,667	\$16,666
Reach Out and Read	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Statewide Evaluation	\$469,679	\$469,679	\$469,679	\$469,679
Educational Promotion and Brand Awareness	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Media	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Total	\$12,972,154	\$12,972,154	\$12,971,595	\$12,971,594

Fiscal Year	2020	2024	2025	2026	2027
% to Board Priorities		90.12 %	91.87 %	91.87 %	91.87 %
% to Quality First*	10.74%	10.78 %	12.71 %	12.71 %	12.71 %
Fiscal Year	4 Year Average				
% to Board Priorities	91.43%				
% to Quality First*	12.23%				

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