

Gila County Early Education Regional Partnership
Gila County Courthouse – Supervisor’s Hearing Room
1400 East Ash Street Globe, AZ 85501
September 15th, 2008
2:00 – 4:00pm

#	Agenda Item	Comments
1	Welcome/ Sign In Introductions / Last 90 Days	Present: Margaret Celix – Outreach Specialist, ASCC, hosts EC Network in Globe monthly & in Payson quarterly, attends council meetings, Community Kids, Outreach Coalition, Can get stats for Infant/Toddler Child Care, Visits Centers – referrals to DES / ASCC. Paula Horn – Health Program Manager, PCHD. Has gotten Early Readiness Kits from Learning Center. Surveys are missing. Sherry Moody – Board Member for FTF, Retired Teacher, Faith Based – Monthly Sidewalk Sunday School. Dora Duarte – DES Coordinator - CCA, 3-5% of relative care withdrawing and returning to the work force; factors – minimum wage up, reimbursement down. Statewide survey for Provider satisfaction & Customer satisfaction being completed, results available 01.09. Lynne Winans - PGCCS- Payson, School Readiness 90 kits A Rim County School Literacy Event. Also at kindergarten round-up. Attended Community Forum – Supportive and Informative. Ann Tolman - PGCCS-Miami, Signal Peak Community Foundation – College Prep. FTF reviewed with parents @ Head Start orientation. After school programs for under grades @ Copper Rim. Community Booth at Care Fair. Sue Yale – EC Unit, Department of Ed, EC Standards – Payson, Time Out Shelter, 100 mile radius, After School Faith based programs, Grandparent Care, Latch Key Kids, (Scholarships) Melanie O’Neil – PGCCS, CEO. Is a member of the Pinal County FTF Board. Shared similar experiences with their planning process. Susan Fender – PGCCS, new Community Development Director. Responsible for on-going coordination of GEEP meetings and activities.
2	First Things First Update Dr. DJangi, Regional Manager	Internet Connectivity Workshop (9/15) and Webinar (9/24) Independent Web-Site AZFTF separated from .gov website. Regional Partnerships working towards focus items. Quality First grants awarded today. Phoenix – Informational meeting. 2009 funds have been approved.
3	Gila County Regional Board Eva Cook, Regional Coordinator	Community Forums – Needs & Assets – Priorities. Rural forums each month. Revise Needs & Asset Report, Health Q & A, Professional Development. Goal is to publicize FTF. All invited to attend Board Meeting.
4	PGCCS Services Summary & Comparison	Susan Fender reviewed recent Head Start Program Information Report and compared it to county and state statistics.
5	Parent Tool Kits - FTF	Agencies will distribute. For New Moms. Learning begins at the hospital. Targeting November 1 distribution. Cost is \$22 per kit.
6	School Readiness Kits! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events Plan • Media Involvement 	Inventory: School Readiness Kits remaining: Kits stored at Payson & Miami Head Starts, also at Developmental Learning Center in Globe.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery and Storage 	<p>Kits will be given to parents at: Head Start Programs (Miami, Globe, Payson, San Carlos, Winkelman) Preschools (Tonto Basin, Payson, Tonto Apache, Pine, Strawberry, Globe) WIC- Paula and Ursula</p> <p>Other options: Cobre Valley Hospital Fair, Holy Angels Carnival (Margaret): 10-4-08 from 10am to 5pm Gila County Fair.(Margaret) Heritage Nursing Home -Spook House (Paula) Trunk or Treat - Payson</p>
6	SRK Resource List	Agencies are all in Maricopa County. Agreement to utilize remaining funds to develop similar flyer with Gila County resources.
7	<p>Next 30 days...</p> <p>*Flyers emailed to members</p>	<p>Upcoming events:</p> <p>Eat Dinner with Your Kids Day – 9-22 - website with ideas.</p> <p>Read to Kids Day – Pinal County – Dora challenges this group to locate funding source to provide free books to child care centers in Gila County.</p> <p>AHSA Mental Health Conference* – October. Susan will email flyer.</p> <p>Kinship Care Conference* – November – Crowne Plaza in Phoenix. Susan will email flyer.</p> <p>Wired for Success* – free training sessions in Payson Library (9/28) and Globe County Health Department (10-2) – Susan will email the flyers.</p> <p>Child Care Provider Conference, March 2009. \$15pp; scholarships available. Partnering with Success by Six, United Way, DES, U of A. Will have National Key Note and Hands On Activities. More information, contact Dora.</p>
8	<p>Meeting Minutes:</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Look for the meeting minutes on www.pgccs.org Click on Gila County Early Education Partnership</p> <p>Date: October 20th Time: 2:30 – 4pm Location: Payson</p>

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