

## **Gila Early Education Partnership Meeting Minutes**

Meeting date 10/16/07

Meeting time 9:30 to 12:00

Location: Joe's Broad Street Grill Globe

### **Partnership Funding:**

Timeline: 4/1/07 to 3/30/08, \$25,000, Funding Source: AZ Early Education Funds

### **Vision:**

Gila county children will enter first grade safe, healthy, and ready to succeed.

### **Attendees:**

- Lead agency: Melanie O'Neil, Ashley Pascual, Claudine Sabel
- Ricki Williams, Globe HS
- Ann Tolman, Miami EHS/HS
- Audrey Opitz, Gila Community Food Bank
- Christy Walton, Gila Family Advocacy center
- Kelli Schuttinga, AZ Children's Assoc
- Kim Robinson, AZ Children's Assoc. (grandparents raising grandchildren)
- Terri Legassie, Payson Unified Schools
- Margret Celix, CCR&R
- Jennifer Kinnard, Globe School District
- Paula Horn, Gila County Health & Community Services
- Cassandra O'Neill, TA

### **What I want to learn today:**

- Partnership Experience exercise, and sharing ideas

### **Last 30 Days and Next 30 Days:**

<p>What members of the Partnership have done in the last 30 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updates with internal staff.</li><li>• Developed program outline and distributed to health staff.</li><li>• Developed screening tool to handout to parents.</li><li>• Talked to Deb Hammer (early intervention in Globe area)</li><li>• Printed fliers to hand out at County fair.</li><li>• Met with group of Payson professionals to "pre-plan" for partnership meeting.</li><li>• Spoke about the partnership in Gila County meetings.</li><li>• Spoke about the partnership to</li></ul>	<p>What members of the Partnership WILL do in the next 30 days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Globe Community Health Fair</li><li>• Provide Information at Head Start Open House Fall Festival Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></li><li>• Promote program to recruit for the regional council.</li><li>• Provide parent tools.</li><li>• Attending Southern Gila Co. Networking meeting.</li><li>• Operate booth and hand out information at the Globe Health Fair.</li><li>• Speak with people from DDD and AzEIP contractors.</li><li>• Talk! Talk! Talk!</li><li>• Invite new members!</li></ul>
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<p>CASA coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orchestrated meeting to get group from Payson to attend meeting in Globe.</li> <li>• Researched free &amp; reduced lunch #s for community assessment data.</li> <li>• Tried to get representative from San Carlos Tribe.</li> <li>• Spoke to Northern Gila County Community Outreach meeting.</li> <li>• Attended “First Things First” September board meeting.</li> <li>• Attended AZ Early Education Funds Partnership meeting.</li> <li>• Announced information about the meeting to Southern Gila County Network meeting.</li> <li>• Developed “Your Baby Can’t Wait” flier.</li> <li>• Secured a booth at the Health Fair in Globe.</li> <li>• Collected materials and resources to hand out at the health fair.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring friends to partnership meetings.</li> <li>• Think about applying and encourage others to apply for the Regional Council.</li> <li>• Coordinate efforts to participate in the Payson Community Health Fair.</li> <li>• Speak to ASCC meeting.</li> <li>• Promote for more Northern Gila representation on the Regional Council.</li> <li>• Recruite</li> <li>• Speaking at Rotary Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Community Prevention Council Oct 22<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• Payson Town Academy Tuesday evenings thru Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Attending GUSC Principals mtg.</li> <li>• Include information in the school District newsletter.</li> <li>• Providing information to Principals.</li> <li>• Try to get San Carlos representation.</li> <li>• Encourage clients via monthly newsletter and brochures.</li> </ul>
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**First Things First:**

- Cassandra reviewed the flowchart of AEEFs and First Things First
- Regional county boundaries handout:
- Tribes have till March to decide if they are going to be separate or with Regional
- Regional board accepted them for 3 months (Pima, Apache, Navaho)
- reviewed org chart of **FIRST THINGS FIRST**
- reviewed org chart of GILA ECE partnership (AEEF) – 16 regional partnerships
- web site [www.azecdh.gov](http://www.azecdh.gov)
- “the message” is **Early Childhood Matters**

**Brain Development:**

- Handout from New Development Institute website
- Gila Jail Vote
- Level IV Stabilization Centers going in both Payson and Globe

**Health Fairs:**

- Globe-Oct 27 10am-2pm- Ricki & Ann handouts at booth
- Payson-Nov 3 \$40 for booth- community health and care services at Payson High School (old school)

**Payson:**

- Next meeting will be held at Tiny's Restaurant in Payson

**"Branding" of our Partnership:**

- Gila County Early Education Partnership
- *"Your Baby Can't Wait"*

**Announcements:**

- Margret gave out CCR&R booklets
- Globe Head Start Open house – Oct 26: 1:00 to 3:00 honoring Debbie Hammer, Developmental Learning Center
- Christy is Children's Justice Coordinator for Gila County, contact Christy for mandated reporter training
- Gila Family Advocacy center – referral to medical/interview – wrap services, works as team, center is all about the victim. 16 in State.

**Gila County Resource Directory:**

- To be discussed at next meeting

**Tabled topics:**

1. Universal preschool
2. professional development
3. community to build assets for kids
4. newspaper – campaign "your baby can't wait"
5. conferencing and telephone, web cast

**Comments and Suggestions:**

1. every time we hear it (First Things First) explained, it gets clearer
2. good review of difference between Gila partnership & First Things First
3. good to see new faces
4. Clearer. First Things First Regional Council is where the money decisions will be made. Our Partnership I promoting applying for council members
5. help school with kinship guide – a lot of referrals
6. hiring regional managers is closed but not selected
7. hiring regional coordinator – not open yet
8. excited to go to Payson next month
9. health fair communication good
10. appreciation of people driving in. shows commitment to network
11. excited to see Payson representation, love Ashley's fliers
12. "Ditto." Work w/all people in committee – help center
13. "ditto", Shay Homes full page ads about reading to children, we need more things like that in newspaper
14. embraced Payson, need technology to communicate to allow teleconference
15. get agendas out early – show purpose of the meeting
16. Appreciated today, appreciate willing to go to Payson. Large population of young families to see what they need to do with their young children. Look forward to more Payson people joining the Partnership

17. Happy to hear we are Gila County for the Regional Boundaries – happy to see where we are heading.
18. Payson invite – before fair
19. Thank you to everyone for your participation!

**Next Meeting:**

- **Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-12:00**
- **Location: Tiny's Family Restaurant**  
**600 E State Hwy 260**  
**Payson, AZ**
- Please RSVP with Ashley ([Ashley.pascual@pgccs.org](mailto:Ashley.pascual@pgccs.org) or 520-723-1227)