



WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE

A Sovereign Tribal Nation

(Authorizing Classroom Observations to be Conducted as a Part of the Quality First Evaluation Study)

- WHEREAS,** First Things First (“FTF”) was established in Arizona in 2006 by the voter approved Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Initiative and is one of the critical partners in creating a sustainable, comprehensive, collaborative, family-centered and high-quality early childhood system that supports the development, health and early education of all Arizona's children birth through five years old, so they are ready to succeed in school and in life; and
- WHEREAS,** there are five early care and education programs located on the White Mountain Apache Tribe that are Quality First participants (see attachment); and
- WHEREAS,** FTF has hired Child Trends to conduct an evaluation study of Quality First to assess whether the Quality First five star levels represent clear levels of quality and if the ratings are fair, accurate and meaningful for all participating programs; and
- WHEREAS,** Quality First is a signature program of FTF designed to improve the quality of early care and education programs, and Quality First includes coaching, resources to purchase educational materials, financial support for professional development, specialized assistance in supporting children with special needs, and star rating assessments; and
- WHEREAS,** The Quality First evaluation study includes classroom observations conducted by Child Trends and its subcontractor at participating Quality First programs, which observations will provide insight into what quality looks like across programs at different star levels and how ratings and observed quality may vary across different types of program types; and
- WHEREAS,** Child Trends has subcontracted with LeCroy & Milligan Associates to assist with the Quality First evaluation study in which participants will complete such evaluations on a voluntary basis, no later than March 2017; and
- WHEREAS,** there are over 900 early care and education programs, including tribal programs, participating in Quality First across Arizona and a random sample of these programs will be selected to participate in the evaluation study with the commitment that evaluation data from Tribal programs will be protected from being released; and
- WHEREAS,** with Tribal participation in the Quality First evaluation study, FTF will be better positioned to improve the services Quality First provides to tribal child care and preschool centers and to enhance the quality of cultural responsiveness of early education services provided within tribal communities; and

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WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interest of the White Mountain Apache Tribe to authorize the First Things First program to participate in the Quality First Evaluation Study.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby authorizes Child Trends and its subcontractor, LeCroy & Milligan Associates, to observe classroom interactions in participating Quality First programs on the White Mountain Apache Tribe for the purposes of conducting the Quality First evaluation study as long as the Quality First programs agree to participate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event this Resolution directly conflicts with the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Ordinances, or any material facts concerning the issues presented are later found to be false, this Resolution shall be deemed null and void and have no legal effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby directs that in the event that this Resolution conflicts with a prior Resolution or Policy, this Resolution shall supersede and govern over the conflicting subject matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice-Chairman, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

The foregoing resolution was on **FEBRUARY 8, 2017** duly adopted by a vote of **NINE** for, **ZERO** against, and **ONE** abstentions by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it under the enumerated powers listed in Article IV, Section 1 of the WMAT Constitution, so ratified on September 30, 1993, and federally recognized pursuant to Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Ronnie Lupe, Tribal Chairman

11/7/17
Date



Doreen T. Numkena, Tribal Secretary

11-7-2017
Date