

FTF Early Childhood Summit 2017

Sparking the Connection Between Business and Early Childhood

Glossary

United Way of Tucson & Southern Arizona (UWTSA)— Serves as the fiscal agent for a number of First Things First (FTF) funded grants. Also serves as the backbone organization for the Cradle to Career Pima collective impact effort. Offers corporate engagement activities as well as Days of Caring, a two-day, community-wide volunteer event.

Women United— An affiliate group of United Way. UWTSA Women United chose their signature issue to be focused on early literacy. Host the annual *United Way Business Breakfast* and help raise awareness and money for early literacy.

United Way Business Leaders for Early Education Breakfast—UWTSA annual event to raise awareness of the importance of early childhood within the business community. Features national speakers (e.g., Dipesh Navsaria, MPH, MSLIS, MD). Largest attendance ever in 2017 (nearly 600). Inspired Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce to partner with UWTSA to bring Dr. Navsaria to the area a session with local business owners, leveraging his time in Tucson and role as keynote at the Business Breakfast.

Cradle to Career Pima and First Focus on Kids (FFK) Coalition and Kindergarten Readiness Change Network--- A collective impact partnership that used Strive Together Framework to create movement and get results in education. FFK is a group of more than 100 community partners who focus on children birth-8 with special attention to Kindergarten Readiness. UWTSA's FFK has been active since 1999.

My Summer Library—A program offered by UWTSA that provides children in Kindergarten and 1st grade 12 new books to read over the summer. The children pick out their own books. This is offered in 12 Pima County schools in 5 school districts and serves approximately 1500 children per year and distributes 18,000 books. Nearly 60 community volunteers offer over 500 hours of service to help.

Great Expectations for Teachers, Children, Families & Communities—FTF-Funded Professional Development Grant. Sixteen Communities of Practice (Pima County, Cochise County, Pascua Yaqui Tribe and Tohono O'odham Nation). The overarching mission is to increase degree completion among early childhood educators, honor diversity, and create a culture that supports education in Southern Arizona.

South Pima Coordination of Services—FTF-Funded Coordination Grant. Community connectors link and leverage service agencies with local communities.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library—A national program that delivers books monthly to children birth to five.

Lean Innovation Boot Camp—An intensive workshop with technical assistance offered to non-profit agencies by Moves the Needle. Teaches Lean Start-up tools and strategies to increase effectiveness and productivity of local agencies and programs.

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