



Attention Child Care Providers!!

Important Opportunity for Arizona’s Early Care and Education

Center- and Home-Based Providers

First Things First is pleased to announce our Emergency Child Care Scholarships response targeting families with young children (birth through age 5) with income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. This statewide temporary strategy is in response to the economic crisis that is impacting children, families and providers. The scholarships will be paid directly to participating providers – in advance – each month beginning in April, 2009. The scholarships are expected to last a minimum of four months.

How can providers participate?

Center- and home-based child care providers who are accredited by national organizations recognized by the Arizona Department of Education and the Department of Economic Security and/or who have applied to and are eligible for Quality First may participate in the emergency scholarship response. Being eligible means providers are regulated and in good standing with the regulating body or bodies. Selected providers will be determined based on their geographic location or region and preference will go to providers that offer full-day, full-week, year-round services and services to infants and/or toddlers. True to the FTF mission, this strategy ties scholarships to quality care. Accredited centers and those who applied for Quality First can apply to participate. The following United Ways are serving as the administrative home for the program. To submit your application on-line, please go to www.emergencyscholarships.org. To fax or mail applications, submit to the United where serving your region (see below).

Participating United Way Contact Information

Organization	E-mail	Phone /Fax	First Things First Regions Covered
Valley of the Sun United Way	emergencyscholarships@vsuw.org	Local Phone: 602-240-6324 Toll free: 1-866-973-0012 Fax: 602-240-6325	Salt River Pima, Gila River Tribe, Graham/Greenlee, Gila, Pinal, North Phoenix, Central Phoenix, South Phoenix, NE Maricopa, Central Maricopa, SE Maricopa, NW Maricopa, SW Maricopa, San Carlos Apache Tribe
United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona	ccscholarships@unitedwaytucson.org	Phone: 520-903-3999 Fax: 520-903-9002	North Pima, Central Pima, South Pima, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Cochise, Tohono O’odham, Yuma, Cocopah, Santa Cruz
United Way of Northern Arizona	kturner@nazunitedway.org	Phone: 928-773-9813 Fax: 602-240-6325	Yavapai, Hualapai, Coconino, Colorado River Indian Tribe, LaPaz/Mohave, Navajo Nation, Navajo/Apache, White Mountain Apache

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