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NETWORKS	FUNDED PROGRAMS	EMPHASIS ON NEW AREAS OF SERVICE and RESPITE/CRISIS CARE
<p>The Healthy Families Arizona (HFAz) Quarterly Supervisors' meetings, the Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council meetings, and the Child Abuse Prevention Conference planning group comprise the Statewide network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion takes place at all of these meetings to assure that the needs of the communities are being met by the programs and activities supported by the grant. ▪ The network of HFAz programs interact with one another to share information through Quarterly Supervisors' meetings, Policy and Procedures Committee meetings, Training Committee meetings, Credentialing Committee meetings, Excellence Committee meetings, the Evaluation and Research Review Board, e-mails, U.S. mail, statewide Training Institutes twice a year, and conference calls. 	<p>Healthy Families Arizona home visiting program.</p>	<p>The expansion of the Healthy Families Arizona Program was planned for three phases, with the first phase being implemented during the reporting period for this report. The second two phases were not implemented until after this reporting period was over.</p> <p>Arizona has a system through the contracting process to provide a separate, specific amount of grant funding to each HFAz sites. These funds were given this past year to all sites and were used to help program families access respite care, to help prevent a program family from becoming homeless, or to help access mental health services.</p> <p>If a family develops a need for short-term respite care for their child, or needs help paying the rent or utilities and are on the verge of becoming homeless because of it, the family's individualized service plan can be used to help determine if using some of the emergency funds will help that family reach their long-term goals. If a parent in the program needs mental health services, the funds can help pay for counseling or therapy. Using the family's plan as a basis for using the emergency funds helps assure that the funds will be used for optimum benefit to the family.</p>

DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	EVALUATION AND QUANTITATIVE SERVICE INFORMATION	INNOVATIVE FUNDING MECHANISMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The total number of families served between July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004 was 2,301. The sites serve different numbers of families depending on their funding level and number of Family Support Specialists at the site. ▪ 2,137 families completed the first 4 home visits and therefore were actively engaged in the program. ▪ The kinds of families recruited to participate in the program are participants with clearly identifiable risk factors. The risk factors and numbers of participants with these factors at intake are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teen births (22.7%), • births to single parents (69.9%), • less than high school education (61.2%), • not employed (83.7%), • no health insurance (2.8%), • late or no prenatal care (35.8%), • and median yearly income (\$7,540). 	<p>The "Healthy Families Participant Satisfaction Survey," completely revised and shortened by the program evaluators, was distributed recently by all program sites, but the results were not available in time for this report. The results will be reported in December 2005.</p> <p>HFAz completed a qualitative study of program participants in 1997. This document was submitted with the previous annual grant report. The study concluded, "Overall, mothers participating in the HFAz Program reported a strong sense of satisfaction with the program and this satisfaction appeared to be closely associated with the nature and quality of the worker-client relationship. The participants perceived the program as meeting multiple needs which are consistent with the stated goals of the program as designed".</p>	<p>The amounts of grant money that help support the annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference and the Regional Prevention Councils are blended with many different funding sources secured by the providers in their communities. Also, the Conference provider has been capable of raising various funds to help support the conference from a broad base of agencies and businesses in Arizona.</p>
PEER REVIEW	PARENT LEADERSHIP	LINKAGES WITH OTHER SYSTEMS (CHILD WELFARE, PSSF, ETC.)
<p>The Arizona peer review process continues to utilize many of the systems and activities that have been in place over the years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Fatherhood Task Force continues to 	<p>Every program must develop is to form a Local Advisory Board that is responsible for providing input into the HFAz Program. The boards are to be composed of appropriate community representatives and families. .</p>	<p>Appendix F of the report addresses the action plan for Arizona's Child Protection System put forth by the Prevention System Subcommittee of the Governor's Office. The committee recommends the development</p>

<p>work on program projects to better involve dads and other significant males in the life of a child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A Family Assessment Task Force reviewed family assessment systems and worked on ways to improve all aspects of that service. ▪ One of Arizona's peer review processes is the twice a year site visits by the Quality Assurance (QA) internal team. They look at all aspects of service delivery, complete a detailed report after observing the supervisor conducting supervision with staff, observe a home visit, talk with the parent, and observe a hospital intake interview with a family. The QA reports from these site visits are summarized and sent to the sites and also to the state office. ▪ HFAz continues to hold Quarterly Supervisors' meetings. <p>The Healthy Families America multi-site credentialing process involved peer review site visits by the national peer review teams.</p> <p>Programs can gain information directly from the families via the newly revised participant satisfaction surveys.</p> <p>The Child Abuse Prevention Conference is one of the vehicles used to increase communication and networking across programs and communities.</p> <p>The statewide Regional Child Abuse Prevention Councils' peer review is done in their three-times-a-year statewide meetings.</p>	<p>In the Governance and Administration section of the Healthy Families America Credentialing Self-Assessment Tool, it states, "The program has a mechanism in place for families (i.e., past or present participants) to serve on the organizing board group or otherwise provide formalized input into the program".</p> <p>The leadership and participation of parents in the ongoing planning, implementation, and evaluation of programs funded with grant funds will continue to be a best practice standard and an area for continued improvement.</p>	<p>of a statewide prevention continuum of services known to reduce risk factors for child abuse and neglect while increasing family and community strengths and protective factors. For more information: www.de.state.az.us.</p>
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OTHER APPLICATION ELEMENTS: In April 2000, the Arizona Healthy Families statewide system was the first multi-site system in the nation to become credentialed. For the past two years, the statewide system has been going through the re-certification process and recently the program was granted a

second four-year credential without any deferments. We are the only multi-site state system so far to receive a second four-year credential without any deferments.

Each HFAz site does an analysis of its community and ensures that staff are representative of the ethnic groups in the community. The ethnicity of Healthy Families mothers is: Hispanic (56.0%), Caucasian (26.5%), Native American (9.4%), African American (4.8%), Asian American (0.5%), and other (2.8%).

State Allowable Claims:	\$5,082,101
Population-Based Allocations:	\$ 395,244
Leveraged-Funds-Based Allocations:	\$ 173,462
Final State Allocations:	\$ 568,706

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