

Arizonans created First Things First (FTF) to give more Arizona children the opportunity to start school healthy and ready to succeed. First Things First respects and is committed to honoring tribal sovereignty in its organizational structure and early childhood programs offered in tribal communities.

Partnering with Arizona Indian Tribes and Nations

Decisions made by the statewide FTF Board are informed by 28 Regional Partnership Councils. The regional councils are made up of local volunteers who recommend how funds will be used to best support young children and families in their area. Arizona's tribes can partner with FTF regions by electing to:

- Have their tribal lands treated as a separate region by the statewide FTF Board, or
- Participate in the designated FTF geographical region in which their tribal lands are located.

FTF partners with 19 federally recognized tribes in Arizona (see map on reverse). In addition, every FTF regional partnership council whose geographic area includes tribal lands must have one tribal representative. This ensures tribal perspectives are considered in the regional councils' recommendations.



Investing in Tribal Communities

FTF funds dozens of strategies that are expanding early education opportunities for children in tribal communities, supporting parents in their role as their child's first teachers and expanding the use of preventive health statewide.

In fiscal year 2020 alone, First Things First's partnerships with tribal communities resulted in almost \$8 million invested in tribal communities, with the following outcomes:



Almost 2,200

young children received their early education from child care and preschool providers committed to continuous quality improvement of their early learning programs through Quality First

More than 900

developmental screenings for children under age 5

More than 150

parenting workshops held

Almost 8,000 books

distributed to children and families

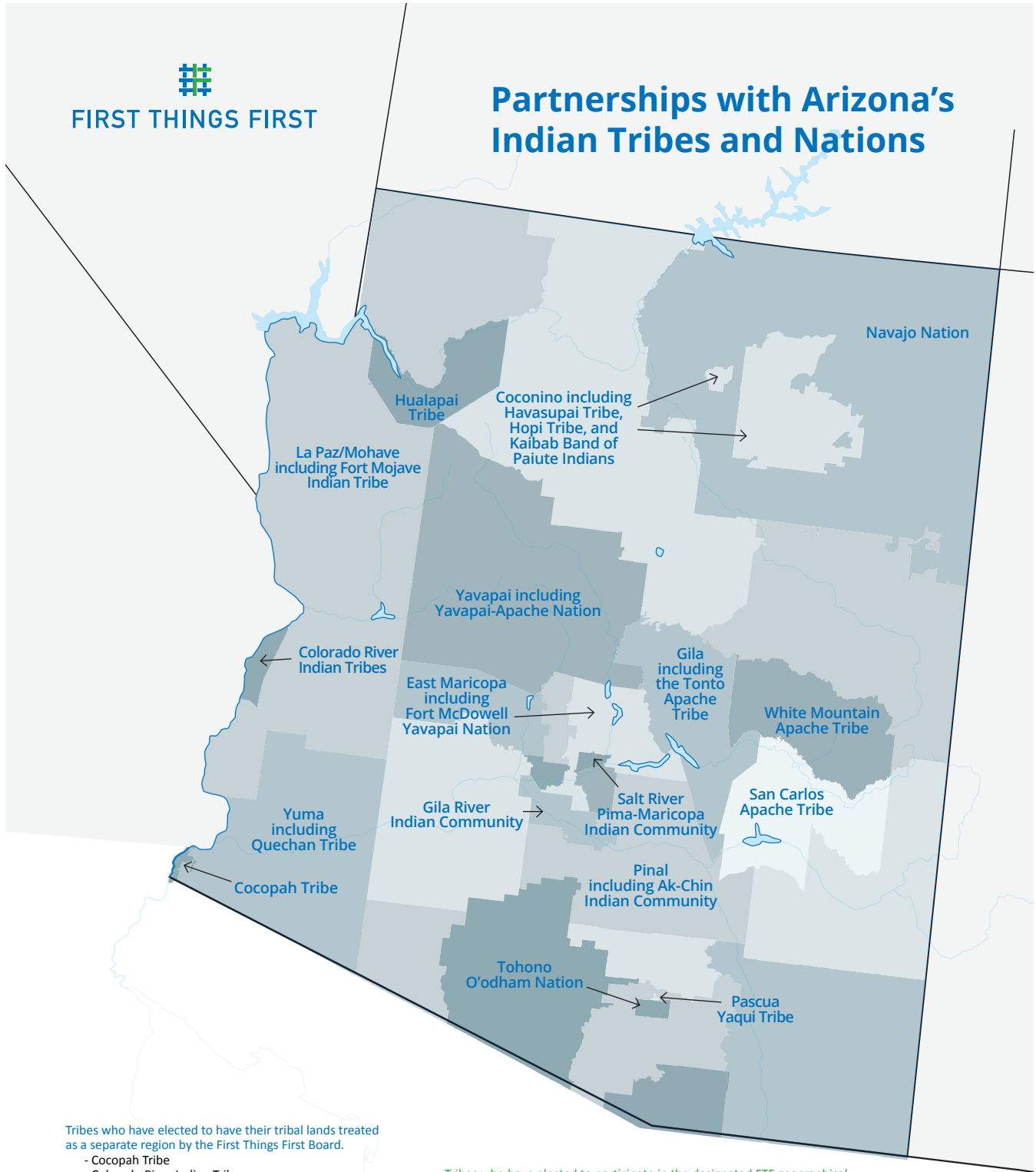
More than 70

college scholarships provided to early childhood educators



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Partnerships with Arizona's Indian Tribes and Nations



Tribes who have elected to have their tribal lands treated as a separate region by the First Things First Board.

- Cocopah Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Gila River Indian Community
- Hualapai Tribe
- Navajo Nation
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- Tohono O'odham Nation
- White Mountain Apache Tribe

Tribes who have elected to participate in the designated FTf geographical region or regions in which their tribal lands are located.

- Coconino including Havasupai Tribe, Hopi Tribe and Kaibab Paiute Tribe
- Gila including the Tonto Apache Tribe
- La Paz/Mohave including Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
- East Maricopa including Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
- Pinal including Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Yavapai including Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Yuma including Fort Yuma-Quechan Indian Tribe



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