

Results NAZ:

Early Childhood Summary

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Theme that Emerged	Solution Plan Element	Impact on Solution Plan	Action Commitments
<p>1) Parents and Teachers need additional strategies and tools to support and promote pre literacy skill development in young children.</p>	<p>EAI 5.2.2 and 7.3, 7.4</p>	<p>None</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue focus on numeracy skill development. • Expand training and tools for teaching pre-literacy in Early Childhood programs, possibly to include a Pre-Literacy Institute. • Develop and implement training and tools for parents to support and advance pre-literacy skills with their scholars such as Daily Words.
<p>2) More effective strategies need to be developed and implemented to identify and support scholars identified as 'at-risk.'</p>	<p>EAI 2.1.4, 2.1.5, 7.2-7.4</p>	<p>Increase implementation of specified components</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a <i>watch list</i> identifying scholars who may be at-risk. • Flag scholars at-risk to promote increased communication, goal setting, and collaborative goal accomplishment around identified needs. (NAZ Connect enhancement needed.)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage the Early Childhood Action Team in going over the “watch list” when needed to identify strategies for each scholar on list.
<p>3) The gap between scholarship and cost of high quality early childhood programs is still prohibitive for families.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Once the scholarship is exhausted, most families cannot continue in the programs. Not all families are able to access scholarships. 	EAI 6.2	Increase implementation of specified components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore task force to strengthen existing strategies and identify new opportunities to cover the funding gap between scholarship and cost of attendance for families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are the appropriate task force members? Is a private resource package available to fill the gap? Is there a policy strategy to be developed around securing more scholarships?