

# Therapist Recruitment Stipends/Loan Forgiveness

Yuma Regional  
Partnership Council  
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# In The Past:

- Goal: Three (3) Therapist
- FY2012 funding utilization:
- Three (3) Speech Language Pathologist contracts and
- One (1) Occupational Therapist contract.

Source:

Early Childhood Therapist Incentives Program Manager  
Bureau of Health Systems Development

# The Need:

## 2012 Regional Needs & Assets

- “Assuring that the needs of children with disabilities are appropriately met is an important priority in the First Things First Yuma Region. While children generally receive developmental and health screening and diagnosis in a timely manner, there is a severe shortage of therapeutic services for children identified with special needs.”
- As of May 2010 more than **200** individuals on the waiting list for speech therapy (pg. 66).

## A Closer Look in 2012

### All Children / 0-6 (Wait List)

- Occupational therapy 214 / **38**
- Speech therapy 165 / **15**
- Physical therapy 136 / **24**

Source:

DDD Unit Supervisor

DDD South District

“Consumer Therapy Wait List Summary”

7/13/12

“At least half of our children entering our special needs Pre-K program have never received any type of service.”

*Jenn Mquqwana*

Preschool Coordinator

Yuma School District #1

# Regional Council Funding Planning

Therapist	1 <sup>st</sup> Year of Service + stipend	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year of Service + stipend	Total
Speech Language Pathologist	\$15,375 + \$11,685 =\$27,060	\$15,375 + \$11,685 =\$27,060	\$54,120
Occupational Therapist	\$15,375 + \$11,685 =\$27,060	\$15,375 + \$11,685 =\$27,060	\$54,120
Physical Therapist	\$21,525 + \$11,685 =\$33,210	\$21,525 + \$11,685 =\$33,210	\$66,420
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87,330</b>	<b>\$87,330</b>	<b>\$174,660</b>

- Service: Contract obligation, Admin cost, and Outreach cost
- Stipend: Moving, Contract obligation, Admin cost, Outreach cost

# Matching It All Up: Three (3) Therapist One (1) of Each: OT/SLP/PT

“Just to guesstimate that if one therapist provided therapy Monday through Friday at 8 hours a day... 40 individuals per therapist is what I’m assuming.”

-DDD Unit Supervisor

## 0-6 Waiting List

- (1) Occupational therapy **38**
- (1) Speech therapy **15**
- (1) Physical therapy **24**

## The Final Cost

Therapist	1 <sup>st</sup> Yr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr.	Total
(1) OT	\$27,060	27,060	\$54,120
(1) SLP	\$27,060	\$27,060	\$54,120
(1) PT	\$33,210	\$33,210	\$66,420
<b>(3) Total:</b>	<b>\$87,330</b>	<b>\$87,330</b>	<b>\$174,660</b>