

**Emergency Child Care Scholarships
Tribal Exceptions**

The Emergency Child Care Scholarships were initially made available to all 31 Regional Partnership Councils as approved by the FTF Board of Directors in the February, 2009 meeting. Since that time, we have learned that four of the tribal regions lack a mechanism to use the scholarships since their programs do not require a parental financial contribution for child care. Those tribal regions are Salt River Pima Maricopa, Tohono O'odham, Cocopah and Hualapai. The dollar amount attached to the regions is as follows:

Salt River Pima Maricopa Regional partnership Council	\$ 43,002
Tohono O'odham Regional Partnership Council	\$ 69,301
Cocopah Regional Partnership Council	\$ 4,796
Hualapai Regional Partnership Council	<u>\$ 8,264</u>
Total	\$125,363

In order to allow these tribal regions to use their portion of the discretionary dollars initially set aside for the scholarships, it is recommended that those funds be removed from the contract with Valley of the Sun United Way. VSUW is amenable to this amendment. The funds would then be made available to the four Regional Partnership Councils to redistribute to strategies that best meet their individual regional needs. If the amounts available are used to increase the amount toward an existing funding plan strategy, it is not necessary for the partnership Council to ask for Board approval to do so. Should they develop a new strategy with this funding, Board approval would be required to amend their funding plan.