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The Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition and the PAFCO Education Fund strongly oppose Prop 302 - the repeal of Early Childhood Development and Health Programs, called First Things First.

We oppose Prop 302 and the redirection of these dedicated funds for investments in early childhood education and health development to the state general fund for general use by the Legislature. There is no guarantee that the Legislature will not use these funds to supplant current funding for children's' programs, funding which is already inadequate.

The will of the voters that established the “First Things First” program must be respected. The First Things First programs represent a sound and dedicated economic investment in the future of the state’s children.

First Things First early childhood programs are important for the education and development of young children and their families. These current investments will pay off for generations in Arizona and must be protected. First Things First represents a unique investment strategy by Arizona’s citizens for their children and families and must be protected.

PAFCO strongly opposes Prop 302 and urges voters to vote “no” to preserve First Things First for the good of Arizona’s children and families. Visit www.azftf.gov for more information.

ENDORSEMENT UPDATE

Three new ITMHCA members are now Infant Mental Health Endorsed! Congratulations Kate Whitaker, IMH-E®(IV) Policy, Molly Strothkamp, IMH-E®(III), Liz Parker-Johnson, IMH-E®(III).

They join our group of Endorsement Advisors to mentor new applicants for endorsement. If you want to become endorsed and for more information, check out www.itmhca.org under the Endorsement tab. The next Level III/IV exam will be scheduled for this Fall.

TRAININGS AND CONFERENCES

- ITMHCA has been working hard to provide relevant trainings to our members. Please check our website for upcoming trainings this fall. If you have a suggestion for trainings, please email us your ideas! Non-members are also welcome to attend trainings for an additional cost.

- Zero To Three National Training Institute (NTI) is coming to Phoenix! ITMHCA is excited to inform you that NTI will be hosting its annual training institute in Scottsdale December 8-10. Please check their website for more details www.zerotothree.org. Opportunities to sponsor this event and advertise your agency are still available!

- ITMHCA is beginning to prepare for our 14th Risk to Resiliency Institute in 2011. Look for updates in upcoming newsletters and on our website!

- Interested in submitting an article/event for our newsletter? Email your submissions to mail@itmhca.org

- Next issue: article contribution from Katie Paschall, ASU Master’s student.

WEBSITE NEWS

Keep up to date and informed with job openings, service agencies and endorsement news on our newly designed website: www.itmhca.org