

# 1st Quarter NEWSLETTER



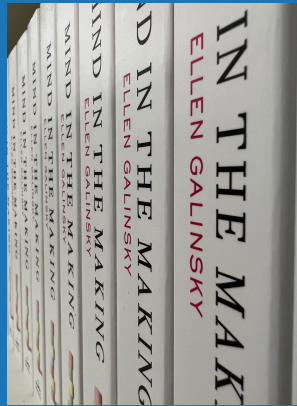
## THE SYSTEM OF SUPPORT

The CCDF Program initiative is to develop and implement a system of support for Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) License-Exempt Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LEFFN) Home Based Providers in meeting the CCDF Program's requirements.



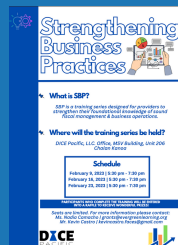
## DADDY BOOT CAMP - MIND IN THE MAKING

Through the Daddy Boot Camp, fathers and father-figures are introduced to the Mind in the making Seven Essential Life Skills Modules. Following an introductory module, each module is focused on one of the seven essential life skills: Focus and Self Control; Perspective taking; Communicating; Making Connections; Critical Thinking; Taking on Challenges; and Self-Directed, Engaged Learning. Mind in the making is a learning journey designed to be both useful and inspiring. The modules are presented with supporting research on brain development, child development, and adult learning. The current cohort is expected to complete their learning journey at the end of March 2023.



## STRENGTHENING BUSINESS PRACTICES (SBP)

SBP is a training series designed for providers to strengthen their foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management & business operations. Facilitated by Ms. Nadia Camacho & Mr. Kevin Castro, the SBP training series is presented face to face with training dates set for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The cohort for the island of Saipan completed their training session in February 2023.



## TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES

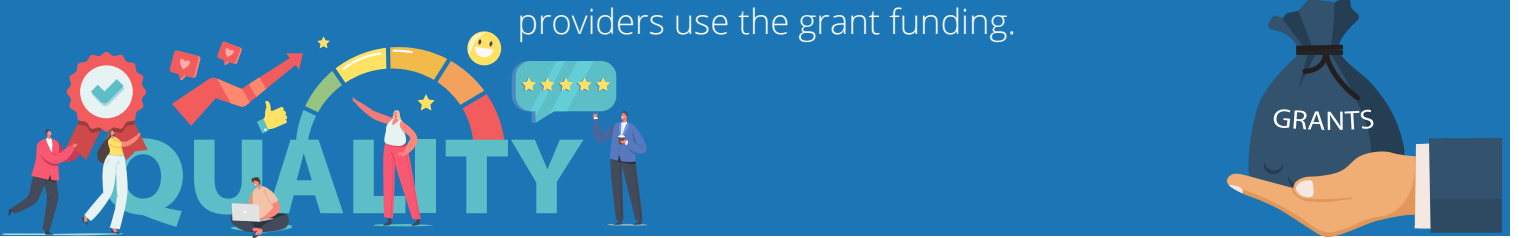
DICE Pacific, LLC. offers a wide variety of trainings and technical assistance for LEFFN/LFFN providers. We are available to assist applicants with the application form, registration for online webinars, etc. Trainings include the 12 Health & Safety Pre-Service Training Topics, Strengthening Business Practices, The Growing Brain, and Mind in the Making.

**For more information please contact DICE Pacific, LLC. at (670) 235-DICE (3423)**



## GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LEFFN PROVIDERS

A total of 8 LEFFN providers were eligible for the ARPA funds grant. Of the 8 eligible ARPA grant recipients, 5 are from the island of Saipan and 3 are from the island of Rota. As of March 2023, a total of **\$664,876.80** in grant funds have been awarded to LEFFN providers. Facility improvements, professional development, updating or purchasing personal protective equipment, and purchasing educational materials are just some examples of how our LEFFN providers use the grant funding.



## NEW VENTURE FUNDS

On November 3, 2022, DCCA CCDF Program submitted a grant application for the Early Childhood Governance and Financing (ECGF) Project under the New Venture Fund. On Dec. 6, 2022, by way of a letter to former DCCA Secretary Joseph Deleon Guerrero, from Lee Bodner, President of the New Venture Fund, the DCCA CCDF Program was informed of the approval of the grant application in the amount of \$200,000.00. This amount is to support the continued work of CCDF towards License Exempt Family, Friend, and Neighbor (LEFFN) providers. The activities that will be supported by the funds include: LEFFN's initial business start-up fees, training and technical assistance towards improving LEFFN knowledge and practice in health and safety standards and child development, conduct a survey of parents of children in LEFFN care to assess their understanding of health and safety and quality practices and to conduct a Narrow Cost Analysis specific to exploring the cost of quality care for LEFFNs. Truly, these additional funds will be impactful as CCDF continues to explore equitable distribution of funding across all types of child care programs

## TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR LEFFN PROVIDERS

*"The program allowed me to help the community by providing quality child care services from home."*

**R.R.**

*"The LEFFN program provides the necessary guidance that small family child care businesses need to prosper."*

**A.B.**

*"A great program that helped me grow as a provider and as a parent."*

**D.C.**

