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The System of Support

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program initiative is to develop and implement a system of support for CCDF License-Exempt Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LEFFN) and Licensed Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LFFN) home child care providers in meeting the CCDF program's requirements.

Training and technical assistance

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

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CNMI Children Matter! Mr. Eric Atalig delivers his inspirational address during the 2023 CNMI Children Matter Month proclamation ceremony.



Orientation Completed! Mr. Antonio Bornilla and Mr. Eric Atalig pose for a photo with Ms. Jaime Untalan of DICE Pacific, LLC. after completing the Mandatory Provider Orientation in May 2023.

Steady rise in LFFN/LEFFN numbers

Through the system of support, License-Exempt Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LEFFN) and Licensed Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LFFN) provider numbers are rising. Quality child care services are becoming more accessible for parents who work, go to school, or are attending on the job training. As of June 1st 2023, there are a total of 42 LEFFN providers and 1 LFFN provider in the CNMI.



Strengthening Business Practices (SBP) offered to family child care providers across the CNMI



Group activity! SBP participants work together to complete the worksheet provided.



Staying focused! The SBP training series allows providers to take a look at their business and identify what changes are needed for the business to improve and grow.



License-Exempt Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LEFFN) providers from the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota were provided an opportunity to participate in a 3-day SBP course facilitated by certified SBP trainers, Mr. Kevin Castro and Ms. Nadia Camacho. SBP is designed for child care providers to strengthen their foundational knowledge of sound fiscal management and business operations.



Teamwork! SBP participants engage in group discussion to review the material that was presented.



Group photo! SBP participants come together for a photo on the last day of instruction.

5 family child care providers receive The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old training



The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old is an innovative professional development opportunity that provides a toolkit of how the brain develops, along with ways you can encourage healthy brain development in children from birth to 5 years old.

Participants will develop skills and strategies to:

- understand the architecture and neurobiology of brain development
- support language, cognition, prosocial behavior, and social-emotional development
- reduce toxic stress that can negatively influence brain development of very young children

The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old is presented by Ms. Jaime Untalan.



Unit 1 completed! Family child care providers pose for a photo after completing Unit 1.



Synapto-tag, you're it! The Growing Brain participants take part in this activity to better understand the process of synaptogenesis.

Health & Safety training for LEFFN/LFFN Providers



Training in progress! Mr. Kevin Castro & Ms. Jaime Untalan pause for a photo with providers after their virtual training session.

As a family child care provider, completion of the 12 Health & Safety Pre-Service Training Topics are a requirement. Providers are expected to complete 30 hours of health & safety training in their first year of service and 15 hours when they renew their certification. The ages of the children in the providers care determine what specific topics the provider must complete to meet the requirements to renew their certification.

Presented by Mr. Kevin Castro & Ms. Jaime Untalan, the Health & Safety Pre-Service Training Topics are presented on an online platform to allow providers from Tinian and Rota to attend the mandatory training session. The cohort completed their virtual training session in May 2023 and a new cohort will begin their training journey in July 2023.



Daddy Boot Camp Cohort 1 completed; Cohort 2 commences

Fathers and father-figures are introduced to a learning journey that was designed to be both useful and inspiring. The learning material, *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills*, is presented with supporting research on brain development, child development, and adult learning.

Each module starts off with adults having to first focus on themselves and how they can promote the life skills in their daily lives. After reflecting on themselves, the module then shifts to how adults can promote the life skills in the children's lives. After looking at the science behind each life skill, participants end each module by creating realistic goals for themselves.

Cohort 1 completed their learning journey in March 2023, participants of Cohort 2 are currently in the middle of their learning journey and are expected to complete the modules in July 2023. *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills* is presented by Mr. Marvin Ngeskebei.



System of Support outreach activities

- ✓ KKMP | Radio Talk Show
 - March 29, 2023
- ✓ Garapan Elementary School | PTSA
 - April 18, 2023
- ✓ William S. Reyes Elementary School | PTSA
 - April 19, 2023
- ✓ San Jose Fiesta | Tinian
 - April 28 & 29, 2023