



# 4th Quarter

## NEWSLETTER

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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 provides an extensive range of training programs and technical assistance tailored for LEFFN and LFFN providers. Our dedicated team is readily available to support applicants throughout the application process and facilitate registration for online webinars, among other services. Our comprehensive training offerings encompass the 12 Health and Safety Pre-Service Training Topics, Strengthening Business Practices, The Growing Brain, and Mind in the Making.

### \$1 Million in Grants Awarded to Family Child Care Providers for Quality Activities

A recent allocation of \$1 million in grant funds has been awarded to 31 family child care providers to support their commitment to enhancing quality activities. These funds will be directed towards supporting a range of quality activities, including the acquisition of curriculum resources, books, and educational materials. Additionally, providers may utilize the grant to make minor improvements to their facilities. These grant funds aim to foster an environment which will enrich learning experiences, furthering the overall quality of care.

### Ongoing Advancements in Health and Safety Training: A Hybrid Approach

Ensuring the health and safety of children in a childcare setting is paramount, as it plays a pivotal role in their overall well-being and development. Children are naturally curious and energetic, making them vulnerable to potential risks and hazards. Implementing health and safety standards not only safeguards them from accidents and injuries but also fosters an environment of trust and security.

Conducted by Mr. Kevin Castro, the Hybrid Health & Safety Training Topics are mandatory for both new and existing family child care providers to successfully fulfill. Providers are obligated to undergo 30 hours of health and safety training during their initial year of service and 15 hours when renewing their certification. **(Continued on Page 2)**

### Shedding Light on the System of Support through Numbers

TOTAL PROVIDERS:	54
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:	136
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED:	68

### Breakdown by Island

	SAIPAN	TINIAN	ROTA
TOTAL PROVIDERS:	27	09	18
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:	73	25	38
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED:	32	12	24

## 4th Quarter Statistics

# Ongoing Advancements in Health and Safety Training: A Hybrid Approach (Continued)



**Staying Focused!** Family Child Care providers stay engaged with the current discussion. The images capture moments from the Health & Safety Training Topics conducted from October 2023 to December 2023.

# Mastering CPR for a Safer Tomorrow

The Pediatric First Aid/CPR course integrates cutting-edge science, instructing participants on recognizing and addressing various first aid emergencies. This program is specifically crafted to empower participants with the skills and tools essential for aiding anyone facing a health emergency.

All 6 participants have successfully completed the training led by Mr. Kevin Castro and are now officially certified. The validity of their certification extends for two years..



**All done!** Family Child Care providers pose for a quick photo after successfully concluding their Pediatric First Aid / CPR course.



**Radiant Smiles!** Providers beam with joy upon receiving holiday gift certificates from the System of Support.

## System of Support outreach activities

- ✔ **Bisita Luta**  
 Community Outreach  
 ◦ **October 6 & 7, 2023**
- ✔ **CNMI Brain Builders Collaboration** Information Session | Sinapalo Elem. School  
 ◦ **November 15, 2023**
- ✔ **CNMI Brain Builders Collaboration** Information Session | Rota Mayors Office Staff  
 ◦ **November 16, 2023**
- ✔ **CNMI Brain Builders Collaboration** Information Session | FILCOR  
 ◦ **November 18, 2023**



## Embarking on the Learning Journey

Family child care providers and community members embark on an enriching learning journey designed to be both practical and inspiring. The curriculum, "Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills," is presented alongside supporting research on brain development, child development, and adult learning.

Each module initiates with participants focusing on self-reflection, emphasizing how they can integrate these life skills into their daily lives. The module then transitions to explore ways adults can foster these skills in children. Participants explore the scientific foundation of each life skill, concluding each module by setting realistic goals for personal growth.

Cohort 4 recently completed their learning journey in October 2023 with a total of 14 participants. The learning journey of "Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills" is presented by MITM Facilitator, Mr. Marvin Ngeskebei. **(Continued on Page 3)**



# Embarking on the Learning Journey (Continued)



**Voyage of Wisdom!**  
Participants of Mind in the Making joyfully exchange experiences and smiles as they engage in their cohort activities in October 2023.



## February

# System of Support Activities

# 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

SOS ACTIVITY
02/02/24 Mandatory Provider Orientation
02/09/24 Ongoing Provider Orientation
02/13/24 H&S Pre-Service Training Topics
02/15/23 H&S Pre-Service Training Topics
02/16/24 Mandatory Provider Orientation
02/17/24 H&S Pre-Service Training Topics
02/20/24 H&S Pre-Service Training Topics
02/22/24 H&S Pre-Service Training Topics
02/23/24 Ongoing Provider Orientation
02/23/24 H&S Pre-Service Training Topics
02/24/24 H&S Pre-Service Training Topics
<b>HOLIDAY</b>
02/19/24 Washington's Birthday

