

1st Quarter

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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.



Working towards your success

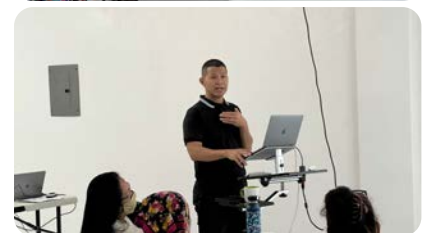
Supporting clients isn't just a duty; it's our core commitment. As the System of Support, we believe in going the extra mile to ensure that every client feels valued and empowered throughout their journey with us. Our dedicated team is always ready to listen, understand, and address the unique needs and concerns of each provider in the Commonwealth. Whether it's offering technical assistance, Health and Safety Pre-Service Training, or promptly resolving issues, we strive to cultivate strong relationships built on trust and reliability.

*"That's why I call it the
"One-stop shop"
-Gordon Marciano, KKMP*



Health & Safety at Full Capacity

With the increasing numbers of family child care providers seeking renewals and newcomers entering the field, the health and safety training has reached its maximum capacity for the current cohort. Both existing and new family child care providers must complete the mandatory Hybrid Health & Safety Training Topics to meet requirements successfully. The training topics are presented by Mr. Kevin Castro.



Shedding Light on the System of Support through Numbers

TOTAL PROVIDERS: 54
 TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: 146
 TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED: 72

Breakdown by Island

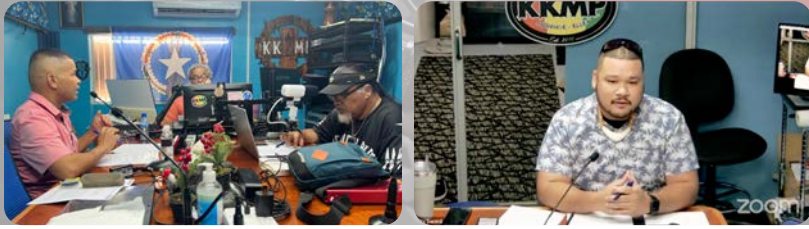


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TOTAL PROVIDERS:	28	09	17
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:	77	31	38
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED:	33	14	25

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System of Support outreach activity

✓ **KKMP | Radio Talk Show**
o **January 9, 2024**



Master Facilitator Certifies New Mind in the Making Trainers

The Mind in the Making (MITM): Seven Essential Life Skills learning journey is crafted to be both practical and inspirational. Recently, the CNMI expanded its pool of certified MITM trainers to extend the program's benefits to families and children across our islands.

Under the guidance of Ms. Kimberly O'Connell, a MITM Master Facilitator, the recent group underwent comprehensive face-to-face training. They were also privileged to engage in a Zoom session with the author of Mind in the Making, Dr. Ellen Galinsky, who shared insights on MITM and expressed enthusiasm for her latest book, "The Breakthrough Years".

Additionally, the cohort of 20 members included representatives from various programs, including the CHCC's Family to Family Program, Population Health Program, H.O.M.E Visiting Program, CNMI Women, Infants, & Children Program (CNMI WIC), DCCA Division of Youth Services (DYS), Council on Developmental Disabilities, Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI), Northern Marianas College's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Green Meadow School, Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Tinian, CCDF Rota, and DICE Pacific, LLC. **(See photos on page 3)**

Nurturing Vital Life-Saving Skills

Pediatric First Aid/CPR course trainer, Mr. Kevin Castro, has been diligently certifying child care providers and teachers alike. Mr. Castro has conducted two certification courses, each with multiple participants from various professions here in the Commonwealth.

These providers showcase the importance of preparedness in safeguarding the well-being of children and communities alike.



Life savers in action! Participants of the course utilize the knowledge they have acquired and put it into practice within the scenarios presented during the training.



Obtaining educational resources through the Quality Activities Grant

All recipients of the Quality Activities grant have received their initial payment installment. This first round of payments, totaling over \$160,000, is allocated for family child care providers to acquire curriculum and educational materials.

This financial support aims to improve the quality of early childhood education by guaranteeing that family child care providers have access to important resources. With the funds provided, providers can enhance their learning environments and offer engaging educational experiences to the children under their care.



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Learning is continuous!
Mind in the Making participants actively participate in the learning journey.



Dr. Ellen Galinsky generously dedicates her time to respond to inquiries from MITM participants.



Ms. Kimberly O'Connell, a Master Facilitator in MITM, all smiles on Day 3 of MITM.

