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Vision for Children and Families:

"All children in the CNMI will be safe, healthy, and thriving members of our culturally diverse community. Their families will have access to the high quality supports they need to achieve their potential."

Infant/ Toddler Environment Rating Scale (ITERS- 3)
February 3, 10 & 17, 2024

A training series on *Environment Rating Scale 3rd Edition* (ITERS- 3) concluded on February 17, 2024. This 14-hour-long training was a combination of face-to-face and remote learning and was facilitated by Evergreen Learning infant-toddler coach, Russelle Mae Ignacio. Ten (10) infant-toddler teachers in Saipan participated in this activity.

The ITERS-3 edition is widely used throughout the United States to assess and improve the quality of interactions in a childcare setting between teachers and infants and toddlers up to thirty-six (36) months. The purpose of this training is to provide information on how the scale is utilized in an infant-toddler environment.

The information provided by the trainer helps childcare programs implement best-quality practices such as responsive caregiving in early childhood education; positive and warm back-and-forth interaction; extensive talks and choosing developmentally age-appropriate materials, furniture, and equipment.

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