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*"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."*

**Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3)**  
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On April 20th, a five-hour training on the *Ages and Stages Questionnaires, Third Edition (ASQ-3)*, was completed at the Evergreen Learning Office in Chalan Kanoa. The training was facilitated by Russelle Mae Ignacio, Technical Assistance Specialist. This five-hour training was attended by twenty (20) early childhood teachers from several childcare programs in Saipan.

The ASQ-3 is a parent/guardian completed screening tool that encourages parent/ guardian involvement. This screening provides a quick look at how children are doing in their five developmental domains/ areas, such as communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem-solving, and personal-social skills. Each area includes age-specific questions designed to screen developmental performance in children as young as one-month-old up to 5 ½ years. Through ASQ-3 child care providers and parents/guardians can work together on strategies that support children's growth.

Participants in this training developed their understanding of how to administer and interpret the ASQ-3 effectively, ensuring accurate screening of children's developmental milestones. They learned practical strategies for engaging parents/ guardians in the screening process and how to integrate discussion on ASQ-3 results into their parent-teacher conferences and lesson plans/guides to better support individual learning needs.

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