

4th Quarter

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Rota Providers Host Holiday Meet-and-Greet with Santa for Families

Rota Providers hosted a cheerful and heartwarming Holiday Meet-and-Greet with Santa, bringing the magic of the season to the children and families they support. The event featured exciting games, interactive activities, and a generous selection of giveaways that thrilled attendees of all ages. Families had the special opportunity to meet Santa, share their holiday wishes, and capture memorable photos. The lively atmosphere, filled with laughter and holiday spirit, fostered a sense of community and connection as everyone came together to celebrate the joy of the season.



Santa is here! Providers step away from the festivities to capture a special moment with Santa, creating a lasting memory of the holiday celebration. Their joy and togetherness reflect the spirit of the season.

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 include the 12 Health and Safety Pre-Service Training Topics, which include Pediatric First Aid with CPR, Strengthening Business Practices, The Growing Brain, and Mind in the Making.

Shedding Light on the System of Support through Numbers

TOTAL PROVIDERS:	59
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:	162
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED:	80

Breakdown by Island

	SAIPAN	TINIAN	ROTA
TOTAL PROVIDERS:	32	09	18
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:	87	27	48
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED:	35	16	29

4th Quarter Statistics

For more information on how you can become a Home-Based Child Care provider, contact us at the information printed below

State Capacity Building Center Staff Engage with Home-Based Child Care Provider

Ms. April Westermann and Ms. Shelley Weatherwax from the State Capacity Building Center recently visited a Home-Based Child Care Provider to gain insight into the vital services they offer to families. During the visit, they observed the provider's daily routines, toured the facility, and explored key areas such as the children's activity room.

They engaged in meaningful discussions about the challenges and successes faced by home-based providers, identifying opportunities to enhance support through resources, training, and advocacy. The visit showed how important these providers are in early childhood development and strengthened the provider's commitment to offering high-quality, accessible child care services.

Joining the tour were Ms. Joella Togawa and Ms. Esther Wabod from the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), along with Dr. Eric DLG. Evangelista and Mr. Marvin M. Ngeskebei from DICE Pacific, LLC.



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Spreading holiday cheer together! System of Support staff joined Saipan Chamber of Commerce and Northern Marianas College staff for a group photo during the Toys for Tots gift box pick-up. The collaboration highlighted their shared commitment to spreading joy and supporting the community during the holiday season.

System of Support Staff Trained in Relationship-Based and Trauma-Informed Care for Infants and Toddlers

System of Support staff recently completed training on relationship-based care and trauma-responsive care for infants and toddlers. The training focused on the importance of fostering strong, positive relationships between caregivers and young children to support emotional and developmental growth. Staff learned how to recognize signs of trauma in infants and toddlers and how to implement trauma-responsive practices that promote healing and resilience. By incorporating these approaches, staff are better prepared to create nurturing environments where children feel safe, supported, and valued, ensuring their overall well-being and development.



Home-Based Child Care Providers Strengthen Skills through Health and Safety Training

Home-based child care providers recently completed another round of essential health and safety pre-service training, reinforcing their commitment to providing safe and nurturing environments for children. The training covered critical topics such as Child Abuse and Neglect, Child Development, and other key health and safety practices necessary for high-quality child care.

These sessions were facilitated by Ms. Erica S. Thornburgh and Mr. Marvin M. Ngeskebei, whose guidance ensured participants gained valuable knowledge and skills to support the well-being and development of children in their care.



Photos around Home-Based Child Care in the Commonwealth



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