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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."

Ensuring Health and Safety for Children

On Saturday, April 26, 2025, a total of sixteen (16) participants completed training on *Health and Safety-Precautions in Transporting Children,* and eighteen (18) participants completed the *Health and Safety-Building and Physical Premises Safety*. The participants that attended were a combination of childcare providers and leaders from various childcare centers.

The first portion of the training, *Precautions in Transporting Children* focused on the rationale behind safe transportation for children. It helped the participants explore and develop an understanding of the applications of health and safety standards in relation to appropriate precautions to take when transporting children. Furthermore, it allowed them to explore ways to protect children from hazards in and around vehicles and identify ways to protect children from risk and injury from those hazards. In addition, the participants learned about child seat safety.

The second portion of the training, *Building and Physical Premises Safety* focused on identifying hazards in childcare facilities & premises and ways to address them. The participants also learned about the importance of active supervision and identify strategies for ensuring children's safety for both indoor and outdoor of the facilities, including playground areas.

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