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**Completion of Mind in the Making Training Modules,**

**by CHCC-Home Visiting Program, Partner Agency Cohort 2**

**Vivian Sablan  
 Administrator**  
 Division of Youth  
 Services

On Monday September 19, 2022, the CNMI Child Care Development Fund Program (CCDF), in partnership with Evergreen Learning, completed a series of training sessions with its Cohort 2 - Partner Agency, CHCC- Home Visiting Program for the CNMI Brain Builders™ - Science of Early Learning initiative.

**Rita Chong  
 Historic Preservation  
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The training was centered on the Mind in the Making (MITM), which provides knowledge about the scientific tenets of early childhood development and how to boost the life skills of children ages 0 to 8. MITM is the science foundation that sets the *why* we have to elevate the importance of the first 5 years of child development, particularly in supporting young children’s brain development.

**Parker Yobei  
 Executive Director**  
 Commonwealth Council  
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Now that they have completed the training, they are ready to facilitate their own training for their staff, as well as the parents and families that they serve. Completing the training are Zinna Agulto and Sannivette Sablan, and supported by their Manager, Ms. Yuline Fitial.

**Walter A. Manglona  
 Director**  
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The training was facilitated by Melissa Palacios, Science of Early Learning Coordinator, and assisted by Rayanna Fitial, Science of Early Learning Administrative Assistant.

**Walter I. Macaranas  
 Administrator**  
 Nutrition Assistance  
 Program

CCDF and Evergreen Learning extends its Congratulations to its Cohort 2 - Partner Agency. Way to go, CNMI Brain Builders™!!

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