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Child Care Providers Cohort 3 and 4 Complete Mind in the Making Training

On March 4, 2023, a total of 29 child care providers from GANA Daycare Center, Golden Harvest International School and Daycare, Loving Hands Daycare, Pure Love Daycare I, Pure Love Daycare II, and R&EQ Day/Night Care Center completed a training series on *Mind in the Making (MITM) – Seven Essential Life Skills*. These training sessions were facilitated by Evergreen Learning Training and Development Specialist, Grace M. Mallari, at Evergreen Learning Training Center in Chalan Kanoa.

Mind in the Making (MITM) is a program of the Families and Work Institute. It shares the science of children's brain development and learning through innovative in-depth training and materials geared for action. Each Mind in the Making module includes learning goals and outcomes, research videos of leading child development experts, practical teaching tips, and activities that providers complete individually, with a partner, or in small groups.

Mind in the Making training is offered to child care providers in support of the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program's vision that "All children in the CNMI will be safe, healthy, and thriving members of a culturally diverse community. Their families will have access to the high quality supports they need to achieve their potential." The training series consists of Seven Essential Life Skills that are based on the executive functions of the brain. They bring together our social, emotional, and cognitive capacities to solve and achieve goals. Studies have found they are critical to success in school and life. The Seven Essential Life Skills of MITM are focus and self-control, perspective taking, communicating, making connections, critical thinking, taking on challenges, and self-directed, engaged learning.

Providers from MITM Cohort 3 who have successfully completed the training include Jeremy Tubale, Evangeline Rosalita, Ma. Isabel Estanislao, Andrea Camille Bayking, Ma. Morena Nava, Yrine Angeles, Morena Khan, Michael Angelo Suazo, Jolie Ann Garcia, Estrella Jumilla, Mercedes Javier, Larnie May Sagpao, Sharon Angustura, and Grace Divinagracia. Providers Cohort 4 consists of Marilyn Sagarino, Eva Flores, Aurora Parial, Reyna Fe Negara, Rachael Merced, Maileen Edquiba, Wilma Argabioso, Benedicta Mijares, Amelita Vidal, Valentina Gatmaitan, Janette Magat, Rosana Villaraiz, Angelica Claire Cubillan, Alexander Dumagat and Cristine Chavez Bargayo.

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