

Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale 3rd Edition (ECERS-3) Cohort

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Seventeen (17) child care providers completed the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale, Third Edition (ECERS-3) training series, conducted by Evergreen Learning Coach, Erlaine DLG Evangelista. The series was offered over three consecutive Saturdays, March 11th, 18th, and 25th, at Evergreen Learning Training Center, Chalan Kanoa. ECERS-3 is a measurement tool that assesses the quality of child care centers that care for children in the preschool age range of three to five years old (before kindergarten).

Under Reach Higher CNMI, the CNMI's version of the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), ECERS-3 is used to determine a preschool program's quality standing in relation to health and safety practices, interactions, schedules, routines, room set up, accessible age-appropriate materials. The scale is used all over the world, across child care programs of different age, poverty levels, and culture. During the training child care providers learned how to read and interpret the ECERS-3 rating scale, along with scoring and completing their own self-assessment and Quality Improvement Plan (QIP). The QIP document is a tool used that helps providers set in place specific tasks to accomplish. These goals are related to improving their quality in caring for children. The ECERS-3 self-assessment and the Quality Improvement Plan documents are all accounted for under the star one level of Reach Higher, CNMI. For more information on Reach Higher, CNMI (QRIS) please visit <http://www.childcare.gov.mp>.

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