

## Introduction to Ages and Stages – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition

June 3, 2023

On June 3, 2023 from 9am to 3pm, twenty-four childcare providers throughout Saipan gathered to attend the training titled, *Introduction to the Ages and Stages Questionnaire —Third Edition (ASQ-3)*. Erlaine Evangelista, from Evergreen Learning presented on the ASQ-3 developmental screening tool and shared information on the importance of developmental screening for young children birth through five and a half years of age. In addition, childcare providers who attended also learned how to communicate a child's results with parents in sensitive and respectful ways. A reliable developmental screening tool is an accurate questionnaire that is designed to pinpoint the progress in a child's development and catch delays so professionals working with young children (e.g. early childhood education programs, pediatric offices, early intervention programs, and/or state and local organizations) are able to pave meaningful next steps in learning, intervention and monitoring a child's development in their early stages of life. This training is made possible through funding from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care, CNMI CCDF Program under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

