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## Child Care Providers Attend the Health and Safety Training on Prevention and Response to Emergencies due to Food and Allergic Reactions

On July 8, 2023, Evergreen Learning coach, Russelle Mae Ignacio, conducted a two-hour health and safety training on the 'Prevention and Response to Emergencies due to Food and Allergic Reactions' for twenty-one (21) childcare providers in Saipan via remote learning.

This training provides information on preventing any allergic reactions while children are in their care. Childcare providers must have knowledge of how they determine symptoms of food intolerances and food allergies. These two have similar reactions but require different treatments.

Our childcare providers are now trained on how to respond to any allergic reaction including anaphylaxis, the severe type of allergic reaction.

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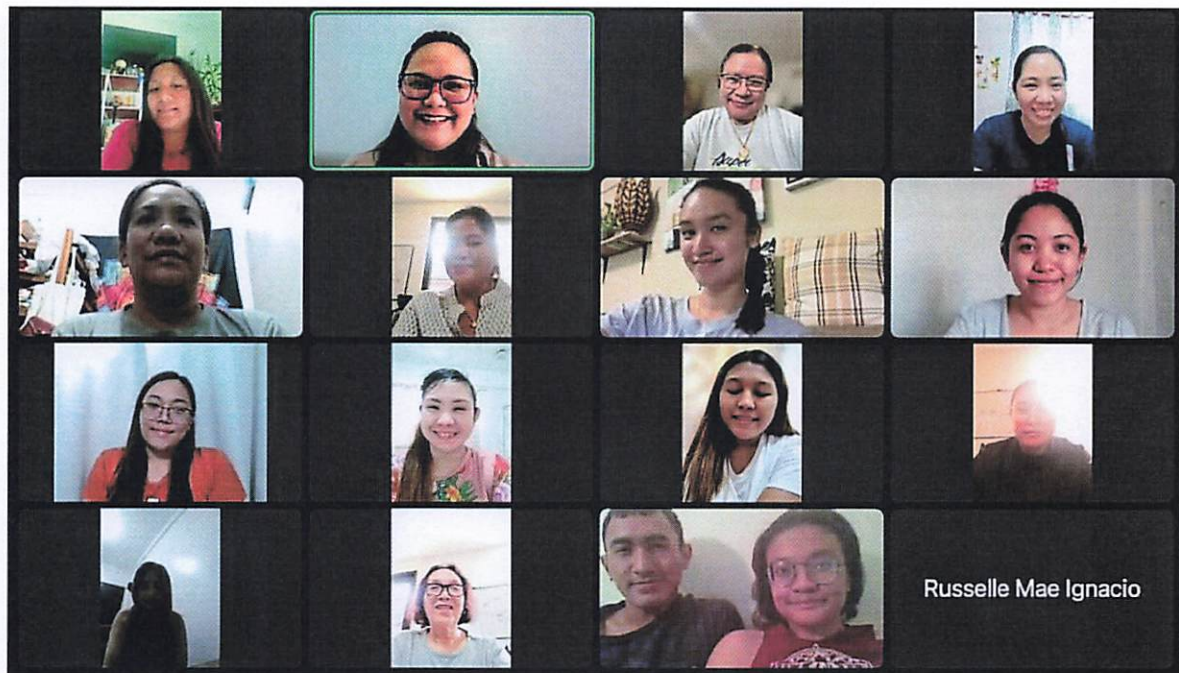
## Child Care Providers Attend the Health and Safety Training on Administration of Medication, Consistent with Standards for Parental Consent

A two-hour health and safety training on the 'Administration of Medication, Consistent with Standards for Parental Consent' was provided to fifteen (15) new and ongoing childcare providers in Saipan via remote learning on July 8, 2023, by Evergreen Learning coach Russelle Mae Ignacio.

This training is important to all childcare providers since about 60,000 young children end up in emergency rooms each year because they accessed medicines that could be dangerous to their health. This is due to adults' failure to supervise. Our providers are now aware of the best practices to put in place before and after administering medication to a child.

'Administration of Medication, Consistent with Standards for Parental Consent' training is available to all CNMI childcare providers, community members, and potential providers who are interested in opening a childcare center.

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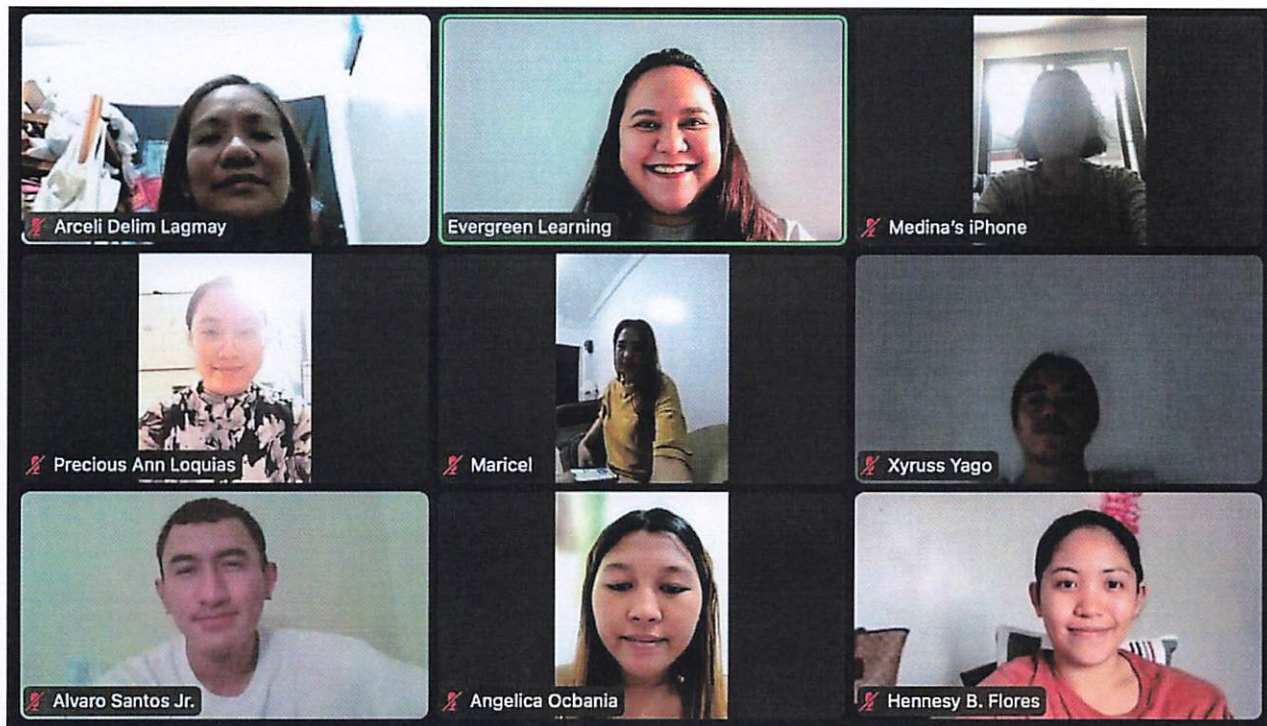


## Child Care Providers Attend the Health and Safety Training on Handling and Storage of Hazardous Materials and Appropriate Disposal of Bio-contaminants

A two-hour health and safety training on ‘Handling and Storage of Hazardous Materials and Appropriate Disposal of Bio-contaminants’ was conducted for eight (8) child care providers on Saipan on July 14, 2023 by Evergreen Learning coach, Russelle Mae Ignacio. The training was offered remotely.

The goal of this training is to inform our providers on proper storage of cleaning supplies and proper disposal of bio-contaminants and hazardous materials that are commonly used in an early childhood setting. According to the National Poison Control Center, a child is poisoned in the U.S every 15 seconds and every day, over 300 children ages 0 to 19 are treated in the emergency room for poisoning. Two of those children will die as a result of the poisoning. The substances most commonly involved in children’s poison exposures are cosmetics and personal care products, cleaning substances, and medications. With policies and procedures in place, our child care programs can prevent these incidents from happening while the children are in their care.

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## Child Care Providers Attend the Health and Safety Training on Precautions in Transportation Children

On July 14, 2023, nine (9) ongoing and new teachers attended a two-hour health and safety training on ‘Precautions in Transporting Children’. This training was facilitated by Evergreen Learning coach Russelle Mae Ignacio.

‘Precautions in Transporting Children’ provides information on how our providers and parents transports children safely in and out of school. Our child care programs are required to follow the Child Care Licensing Standards on *Transportation Provisions for Day Care Centers, Group Child Care Homes, Before and After School Programs, Transportation Provisions for Infant and Toddler Child Care Centers, Staff Training, Experience, and Personal Qualifications, Staffing Patterns and Staff-Child Ratio and Group Size.*

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