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**June 2023 CNMI Children Matter Month  
Saipan, Rota and Tinian Symposium**

The CNMI Brain Builders, through the Science of Early Learning Initiative recently completed a monthlong celebration of the CNMI Children.

The purpose of the CNMI Children Matter Month activities and events was to allow the community and stakeholders to dedicate some time to recognize the children of the CNMI, their growth, and overall development.

Throughout the month of June, the CNMI Brain Builders team connected and collaborated with partner agencies to engage in conversations about services that are currently available for children and families. Through this type of collaboration, the team, along with partner agencies were able to identify current support systems and resources that are available to help parents/guardians and families build their capacities and reach their highest potential, as their children's first and most important caregivers.

Furthermore, the month-long activities and events provided an opportunity for parents/guardians, families, partner agencies, and providers to participate in discussions in amplifying the importance of early learning, and realizing what it takes as a community to guide and nurture children's overall development.

All activities and events offered during the month of June were aligned with and support the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Vision, the Science of Early Learning (SOEL) Initiative Goals, and community-based needs in the field of Early Childhood Learning.

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