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### Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (ECERS-3) Training Series

Fifteen (15) 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, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup>, 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).

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, and 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).

This training is available through CCDF's Reach Higher CNMI, initiative, the CNMI's version of the Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS). A systematic approach to assess, improve, and communicate the level of quality in early childhood and school-age care and education programs. It 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.

