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Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale, 3rd Edition (ECERS-3) Training Series

Beginning April 27th, 2024 and two consecutive Saturdays on May 4th and 11th a training on the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale, Third Edition (ECERS-3) was held at Chalan Kanoa, Saipan. Fifteen (15) child care providers completed the ECERS-3 training series, conducted by Evergreen Learning Coach, Erlaine DLG Evangelista at Evergreen Learning Training Center. 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).

The ECERS-3 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 commonly used terms throughout the scale and its definitions, how to read and interpret the indicators, how to score, and had also completed their own self-assessment using the ECERS-3 scale for their own classrooms. 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.

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.

