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Vision for Children and Families:

"All children in the CNMI will be safe, healthy, and thriving members of our culturally diverse community. Their families will have access to the high quality supports they need to achieve their potential."



Family Engagement for Child Care Providers

May 04, 11 & June 1, 2024

On June 1, 2024, a total of nine (9) childcare providers from Gana Daycare and R&EQ Day/Night Care Center completed a training series on *Family Engagement in Early Care and Education*. These training modules were facilitated by Evergreen Learning Training and Development Specialist, Grace M. Mallari via Zoom.

Family Engagement is an interactive process that brings early childhood professionals, family members, and their children together to build positive and goal-oriented relationships. It is a shared responsibility that requires mutual respect for the roles and strengths that families and professionals have to offer. Family engagement means doing with, not doing to or for, families. It means inviting parents with their children and educators to work together toward goals that families choose for themselves and their children.

The *Family Engagement in Early Care and Education Learning Series* offers six learning modules. Module topics include using relationship-based practices in your work; exploring children's behavior as communication; partnering with families to enhance children's development and learning; engaging fathers; sharing child assessment data; and responding to developmental concerns about children.

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