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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."*

**2024 CNMI Children Matter Month Symposium, Tinian!**

On Saturday, June 22, 2024, the CNMI Brain Builders, through the Science of Early Learning Initiative celebrated the 2024 CNMI Children Matter Month Symposium at Tinian Western Lodge, Bar K.

The community of Tinian were given the same opportunity as Saipan and Rota. 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 and share 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.

Facilitating the presentations were DICE Pacific LLC, CHCC-H.O.M.E Visiting Program, Council on Developmental Disabilities, Child Care Development Fund Program, and CNMI University for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities.

Furthermore, the Symposium activities and events provided an opportunity for parents/guardians, families, partner agencies, early childhood educators, and home-center based 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 this Symposium 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.

The CNMI Brain Builders wishes to express its gratitude to all CCDF and CNMI Brain Builders partners who offered their support through presentations and/or exhibits.

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