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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."*

**Department of Community and Cultural Affairs – Child Care and Development Fund Program  
Staff attends the Region II, IV, and IX Meeting and shares initiatives related to Quality  
Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS) and System of Support for Home Based Providers.**

Staff from the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs -Child Care and Development Fund (DCCA CCDF) joined the Office of Child Care (OCC) for a cross-regional meeting focused on CCDF program administration in the states and territories within Region II, IV, and IX. The cross-regional meeting was held from June 4-5 and the territory meeting was held from June 6-7 in New York City. In attendance were Roselle Teregeyo – DCCA CCDF accountant and Co-Administrator, Kim Babauta-Eligibility Staff, Magdalena Lieto – Eligibility Staff, Donald Camacho – Department of Finance, and Maribel Lose, CCDF Director and Administrator.



This cross-regional meeting focused on the upcoming 2025-2027 CCDF State and Territory Plan, the new CCDF Final Rule published in March 2024 and the ways that these topics will inform CCDF program administration over the next 3 years. Participants engaged in discussion with OCC leaders and regional peers around OCC priorities, changes to the OCC Federal CCDF program monitoring reports, and various region-specific issues.

The CNMI CCDF was invited by the Federal Region IX to present on the lead agency's history, priorities, challenges, successes and lesson learned in establishing safe, healthy, and engaging family and child care settings on the islands of Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. Along with Guam and Puerto Rico, the CNMI CCDF led conversations around the evolution of the Quality Recognition and Improvement System (QRIS) within their individual territories. The CNMI also highlighted its successful initiative of System of Support for Home Based providers and plans to include this group of providers in the QRIS.

