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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."

Infant/ Toddler Environment Rating, Third Edition (ITERS-3)
August 3, 10 & 17, 2024

A successful series of training sessions concluded on August 17, 2024. These sessions, held on August 3, 10, and 17, 2024, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, brought together eleven (11) infant and toddler teachers from various childcare centers in Saipan. The training was led by Russelle Mae Ignacio, an Evergreen Learning Coach with a specialization in infant and toddler care. The sessions took place at the Evergreen Office in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

The Infant/Toddler Environment Rating Scale, Third Edition (ITERS-3), is a comprehensive tool designed to assess the quality of care provided in infant and toddler programs. It looks at things like the setup of the classrooms, daily routines, and interactions between staff and children. By using ITERS-3, infant and toddler teachers can gain valuable insights into the effectiveness of their programs and identify areas for improvement. It's all about making the environment better for infants and toddlers, so they get the best care and learning experiences possible.

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.

