

3rd Quarter

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Home-Based Child Care Providers commit to continuous learning in Health & Safety

With the recent shift to hybrid training, many Home-Based Child Care Providers can now join training sessions more easily and meet their ongoing requirements. This commitment helps ensure that the children they care for are in a safe and suitable learning environment. By taking advantage of these flexible training options, providers show their dedication to both their own professional development and the well-being of the children.

This proactive approach improves the quality of child care and builds trust with families, assuring them that their children are cared for in a safe, engaging, and well-regulated setting. The Health & Safety Pre-Service Training Topics are presented by Mr. Kevin Castro and Ms. Erica S. Thornburgh.



The System of Support

The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program initiative is to develop and implement a system of support for CCDF License-Exempt Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LEFFN) and Licensed Family, Friend, or Neighbor (LFFN) home child care providers in meeting the CCDF program's requirements.

Training and technical assistance

DICE Pacific, LLC provides an extensive range of training programs and technical assistance tailored for LEFFN and LFFN providers. Our dedicated team is readily available to support applicants throughout the application process and facilitate registration for online webinars, among other services. Our comprehensive training offerings include the 12 Health and Safety Pre-Service Training Topics, which include Pediatric First Aid with CPR, Strengthening Business Practices, The Growing Brain, and Mind in the Making.

Shedding Light on the System of Support through Numbers

TOTAL PROVIDERS: 52
 TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: 148
 TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED: 72

Breakdown by Island



	SAIPAN	TINIAN	ROTA
TOTAL PROVIDERS:	30	08	14
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED:	78	29	41
TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED:	35	14	23

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Raising community awareness about the System of Support

In July 2024, Ms. Erica S. Thornburgh and Mr. Marvin M. Ngeskebei appeared live on local radio station KKMP, hosted by Ms. Rosemond Santos-Sword and Mr. Gordon Marciano. The talk show served as a platform for the System of Support to update the community on Home-Based Child Care, offer contact information for follow-up questions, and share the latest progress of the System.



Strengthening Business Practices (SBP)

This training series is specifically designed to help providers enhance their basic understanding in sound fiscal management and effective business operations. The Strengthening Business Practices (SBP) training is currently underway in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, with trainers from the System of Support traveling to each island to facilitate these sessions.



In these photos, SBP participants are shown smiling and actively engaging in worksheets during the training sessions.

For more information on how you can become a Home-Based Child Care provider, contact us at the information printed below



Quality Activities grant funding payments processed

Grant funding for Home-Based Child Care providers has been processed and will be distributed in the coming months. This grant is dedicated to quality activities, enabling recipients to purchase educational materials and resources that enhance learning environments and provide engaging educational experiences for the children in their care.



Home-Based Child Care Providers join together to support CNMI Children Matter Month.

The annual CNMI Children Matter Month Symposium was a tremendous success across Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Home-Based Child Care providers showed strong support for the event, which featured engaging guest speakers, insightful presentations from stakeholders, and exhibitor booths offering valuable resources and interactive games. Providers actively participated on all three islands, contributing to the event's vibrant and supportive atmosphere.



Photos around Home-Based Child Care in the Commonwealth



A provider models the steps to a child during a Zumba session



The System of Support team poses for a photo during an outreach event



Providers receive technical assistance during a mandatory orientation



Providers are seen participating in hands-on training during the Pediatric First Aid with CPR course



Providers take a break during the Parent Handbook Workshop



A home-based child care activity room is ready for children to explore and learn

