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### Exploring Language Games with Afterschool Children Training

On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Evergreen Learning Coach, Erlaine Evangelista conducted a three-hour training to fourteen childcare providers. The titled training *Exploring Language Games with Afterschool Children*. This training was held in Chalan Kanoa, Saipan at the MSV building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. During the scheduled training participants learned the importance of language games in fostering more complex language skills in afterschool children. In addition, how to identify age-appropriate language board games and strategies when introducing language games during free choice at their program. The training concluded with participants unpacking and participating in the provided language boardgames. Attendees shared their experiences in the activity and discussed how this practice can benefit the children they care for.

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.

