

Child Care Providers Participate in Technology Training

On April 09, 2022, a 2 and half-hour workshop entitled, “Technology 101” was conducted by Evergreen Learning Coach, Ms. Paulette Failauga at the Evergreen Learning Office in Chalan Kanoa. There was a total of 12 participants in attendance from various childcare programs in the CNMI comprising of 2 providers from Tinian and 10 providers from Saipan. The workshop was a two-part training with part 1 focusing on basic to intermediate skills when working with Microsoft Word. Microsoft Word or MS Word is a popular word-processing program used mainly for creating documents and other media needs in childcare programs. This part of the workshop gave childcare providers a hands-on opportunity in essential skills and helped participants learn a variety of ways to utilize Microsoft Word in order to enhance efficiency and productivity as well as some tricks and shortcuts to save time and energy. Providers were given a task to create a personalized newsletter for their program or classroom using different features of the MS Word Software. Newsletters are indicated and/or counted as a means of communication with families for the Reach Higher CNMI, Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS) Star 1 requirements categorized under Family Engagement and Strengthening. The purpose of Part 2 for this workshop subtitled, “Google Apps,” tasked providers to upload their newsletters and share them with others using Google Drive, a cloud-based storage solution that allows you to save and share files online and access them anywhere from any electronic device. Participants also got a chance to utilize Google Calendar to create online reminders and meeting invitations as well as other scheduled events for themselves and others.

