# Division Of Youth Services 🌋



"Strengthening Families to promote the well-being of children, youth and communities."

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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# **24-HOUR HELPLINE**

# PARENT HELPLINE

YOUTH HELPLINE

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## Administrator's Message

#### To Our Community Readers,

The Division of Youth Services' Annual Report entails a compilation of DYS' programs and services for Fiscal Year 2017, both in crisis intervention and prevention efforts. The report

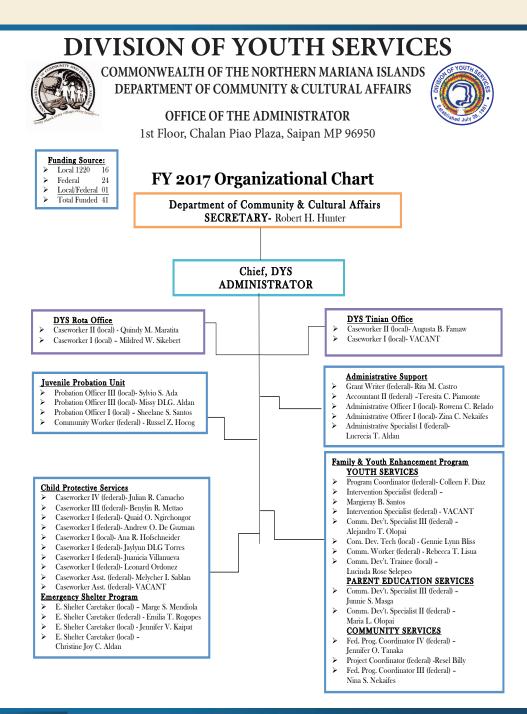
specifically outlines the numerous program accomplishments, data, community outreach projects, professional development, community partnerships and a snapshot of program success stories.

These program accomplishments would not have been possible if it weren't for the leadership and dedication of our staff from Saipan, Tinian and Rota who continuously work around the clock to provide direct services to and advocate for our CNMI families. Our frontline workers continue to provide guidance to assist families overcome obstacles to provide for changes and opportunities that will enable stabilization and reunification.

Lastly, we would like to recognize our community partners for sharing a common goal and joining our efforts in strengthening families in the CNMI!

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DYS Administrator



### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

Strengtening families to promote the well being of children, youth and communities.

#### VISION:

"All families in the CNMI will be slf sufficient and self reliant economically, socially and culturally independent."

The Division of Youth Services was established by P.L. 2-19 and 8 CMC, Div. 1 Article 2 "Family Protection Act". It has numerous responsibilities that promote the well-being of children, youth, families and the community as a whole. The division intervenes on reports of all forms of child abuse and neglect, domestic violence where children are involved, truancy, runaway/homeless youth, juvenile delinquency and provide rehabilitative services to youth remanded for secured care. Specific mandates of P.L. 2-19 include the following:

• To provide necessary legal protection for family members who are victims of civil and criminal family abuse.

• Plan, coordinate, develop, and implement programs and services designed to provide developmental and rehabilitative services not

limited to recreational services, individual and group counseling, outreach, survival education, employability development, and substance abuse training for the youth.

• Responsible for the provision of services to all youth including youths adjudged to be wards of a court of the Commonwealth with jurisdiction in juvenile cases.

#### **CONSUMERS:**

- Victims of child abuse and/or neglect and their families
- Juvenile Offenders and their families
- Other youths in community (Prevention Programs)
- Other parents in community (Prevention Programs)
- Low Income Households

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

#### PARENT EDUCATION SERVICES

• Classes (Common Sense Parenting, Early Childhood S.T.E.P., Active Parenting Now, Active Parenting of Teens)

- Parents Anonymous Support Group Meetings
- Parent Development Workshop
- 24-Hour Parent Help Line

#### FAMILY & YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

- Afterschool Tutoring
- Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Book Mobile
- Arts/Craft/Music Sessions
- Cognitive Life Skills Session
- Real Colors Session
- Aggression Replacement Training
- Substance Abuse Prevention Programs (Matrix, Teen Intervene, Early

Discovery, Discovery and Underage Drinking Sobering Facts)

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT SERVICES

- Leadership & Economic Opportunity for Self-Sufficiency Program (Education, Training and Employment Referrals)
- Community Action Agencies
- Volunteer Program
- Unit/Program Referrals

#### **INTERVENTION**

*Child Protective Services:* Respond to reports of Child Abuse and/or Neglect. Legally mandated to protect the children who have been abused or neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and/or neglect. It also provides or coordinates family services to reduce or alleviate the risk of abuse or maltreatment.

*Juvenile Probation Unit:* Monitor court order conditions of juveniles placed under probation. It also provides for case management services as part of the youth rehabilitative programs to prevent further delinquent or criminal activities.

*Emergency Shelter Program:* The Emergency Shelter is designed to provide temporary placement of a child who is placed under DYS custody as a result of child abuse and/or neglect. Primary function is to serve as a "home away from home"

*Foster Care Program:* Long-term placement in a family setting of children under DYS custody. This may include Kinship Placement (family) placement under approved conditions.

#### I. To Increase Organizational Capacity

OJECTIVES	ACTIVITY	DESIRED	SUCCESS INDICATOR
		OUTCOME	
1.1 To restructure SOP for programs	Revise/Update SOP in line with Child Welfare	Legal Sufficiency	90% completed pending review from AG's Office
1.2 To ensure employees are properly compensated on timely manners	Process Annual/Merit Increments of Personnel Salaries and wages	Employment Sustainability	34 Employees have been compensated per PL 19-74
1.3 To equip programs with operational needs	Procure Operational/Office supplies	Increase Efficacy in services	Procure 3 vehicles (1 pickup truck & 2 SUV's) 1 Pick up Truck for Saipan 1 SUV for Tinian 1 SUV for Rota Pending: Video-Teleconference equipment (No vendor on island)
1.4 To track client services and case management in line with Bureau of Child Welfare	Create Data Tracking system	Data driven services	Data Collection system <u>launched</u> on <u>March 2017</u> in line with Bureau of Child Welfare
1.5 To ensure health and safety measure and capabilities	Coordinate with various agencies on building safety code	Certified Occupancy & building safety compliant	90% inspected and certified (Fire, Health & Safety) Challenges: Child Care License pending processing
1.6 To avail accessibility to consumers by centralizing venue of services	Explore options to relocate DYS Office Space	Convenient access of programs and services	On July 2017, DYS relocated its office space to Joeten bldg. (1 <sup>st</sup> floor) Chalan Piao
1.7 To measure outcome of services	Compile required reports for DYS (monthly, annually & all grant reporting requirements	Quantified Services	<ol> <li>FY' 2016 Post Expenditure Report uploaded via OLDC.</li> <li>PA monthly data uploaded to PA website.</li> </ol>
1.8 To avail continued funding opportunity	Draft and finalize the 2018 Consolidated Block grant application and its requirements 1. Joint Legislative hearing conducted on 7/27/17 2. Public Hearings conducted on Saipan-8/3/17, Tinian-8/10/17 and Rota-8/17/17 3). State Plan submitted to DHHS via OLDC on August 30, 2016.	Approval for continued funding opportunity	In FY' 2017, DYS was funded a total of \$ 2,045,666 a). DHHS-SSBG Consolidated Block Grant Award FY' 2017: \$1,512,951 b). CJPA-OJJDP: \$ 40,749 c). CNMI Local Appropriation PL 19-74: \$ 459,049 d). Department of Interior- Compact Impact: \$ 32,917
1.9 To enhance/develop current DYS programs and services	Apply for additional funding source	Additional Funding source	<ul> <li>1.9.1 CDBG/NMHC awarded Saipan Kagman Community Center &amp; Tinian Youth Learning Center</li> <li>1.9.2 Included in the CSB- additional funding-Emergency Community Services</li> </ul>

#### II. To Increase Professionalism and Competency in the Workplace

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES		SUCCESS INDICATOR
2.1 To provide a HARMONIZED ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK and Enhance knowledge base	<ol> <li>Conduct SOP Trainings for DYS Personnel</li> <li>Coordinate&amp; Conduct Multi-Disciplinary professional development</li> <li>Participate in webinars, T &amp; TA's</li> <li>Coordinate certification trainings on Disaster Preparedness relative to Emergency Support Function #6.</li> </ol>	Efficient & effective service response.	<ul> <li>2.1.1 Pending update in established SOP</li> <li>2.1.2 99% DYS</li> <li>Employees attended</li> <li>2017 DCCA Professional</li> <li>Development Training</li> <li>held at the Aqua Resort</li> <li>2.1.3 Continuous</li> <li>Participation on</li> <li>Webinar offered by the</li> <li>Children's Bureau</li> </ul>
	<ol> <li>Conduct In- Service, cross-trainings on effective service delivery</li> <li>Conduct Best Practice trainings on PA® facilitators, children's program workers and volunteers.</li> </ol>		2.1.4 95% DYS Employees have received certification from the National Institute Management Institute on Emergency Disaster Incident Command System

#### III. To Improve Delivery of DYS Services

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITIES	DESIRED OUTCOME	SUCCESS INDICATOR
3.1 Provide direct client care and supervision	<ol> <li>Shelter coverage on scheduled shifts</li> <li>Provide &amp; Coordinate supplies to ensure shelter is equipped with food and operational supplies.</li> <li>Serve meals on timely manners</li> <li>Ensure good hygiene for children in care</li> <li>Initiate and ensure structured activities</li> </ol>	Safe and secured home	There are <u>24</u> clients served in FY' 2017
	6). Transport children to and from appointments and school		
3.2 Conduct Crisis Interventions to Child Abuse & Neglect reports	<ol> <li>Conduct Immediate Intervention on reported Child Abuse &amp; Neglect Reports</li> <li>Initiate Protective custody as needed</li> <li>Safety Assessment and investigation</li> </ol>	Child is safe	CPS responded to a total of 221 cases; 4 180 on Saipan 4 20 on Tinian 4 21 on Rota

## FY 2017 ACTION PLAN

3.3 Coordinate CASE MANAGEMENT services	<ol> <li>Formulate Service Plan</li> <li>Refer clients for appropriate services (inter-unit and external resources)</li> <li>Risk assessment (High to Low and to no risk)</li> </ol>	Quantified Services	<b>3.1.3</b> Please kindly refer to the Data Information
3.4 Increase immediate responds and accessible information sharing relative to intervention	Avail HELPLINE for YOUTH & PARENTS	To provide Accessible Immediate Emotional Support	Fourteen (14) calls received and referred to
3.5 To ensure that resources are available and promoting our Community Action Agencies in the CNMI	<ol> <li>RECRUIT Community Action Agency (CAA)</li> <li>Selection of CAA based on submitted proposal</li> <li>Subgranting CAA</li> <li>Provide trainings and technical assistance</li> <li>Monitoring</li> </ol>	Accessible and Mobilized Services to village level and to the UNSERVED POPULATION	CNMI Women's Association sub- granted a total of \$ 75,000 for FY' 2017; Employment Training & Education Enhancement
3.6 Increase MENTORSHIP & EMPOWERMENT	<ol> <li>RECRUIT Youth &amp; Community VOLUNTEERS</li> <li>Conduct Volunteer training for all volunteers</li> <li>Schedule volunteers to services within DYS &amp; other partnering agencies</li> </ol>	Competency Development; Pro-social, Career development and Independent living	53 newly trained volunteers for FY' 2017
3.7 To increase AWARENESS of the community needs and ways to improve upon the services we deliver	CONDUCT Community Needs Assessment in three key areas; Legislature, Judicial and community	Corrective action on services	Collected <b>130</b> surveys from the community level

## FY 2017 ACTION PLAN

#### IV. To increase Public Awareness by providing Education and outreach activities.

OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY		SUCCESS INDICATOR
4.1 Increase	1). Conduct MANDATED	Well	<b>411</b> Jon (10)
AWARENESS on	REPORTERS trainings;	informed	<b>4.1.1</b> Ten (10) Mandate Reporter
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Child Abuse &	Schools, law enforcement,	Community	Seminars conducted
Neglect	doctors and nurses, etc	on Child	
		Abuse Law	4.2.1 Sponsored
	2). Coordinate Youth	and ways to	Youth Mentorship;
	Development Opportunities	alleviate	Summer
		abuse of	Empowerment
	3). Coordinate Parent	Children.	Camps, Promoting
	Development Workshops &		Healthy Lifestyle
	classes		through Sports and Promoting
	4). Conduct School &		Volunteerism in
	community presentations on		Community Events.
	how to prevent Child Abuse &		Continionary Events.
	Neglect		4.3.1 Two (2) Parent
	Negleet		Workshop was held
	5). Coordinate and update		on Saipan & Rota
	media productions		
	media productions		4.4.1 Five (5) Public
			Awareness
			Presentations
			conducted on
			"Child Abuse &
			Neglect" and "Safe
			and Unsafe touches"
4.2 Increase in	Participate in ALL co-	Wrap Around	Please refer to the DYS
COLLABORATION	sponsored events for	approach	Partners page
with partnering	PREVENTION	and service	
agencies		delivery	
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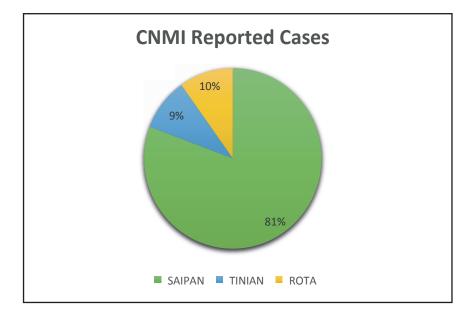
Is a unit under the Division of Youth Services mandated by Public Law 2-19 to conduct assessment and investigation on reports of Child Abuse & Neglect.

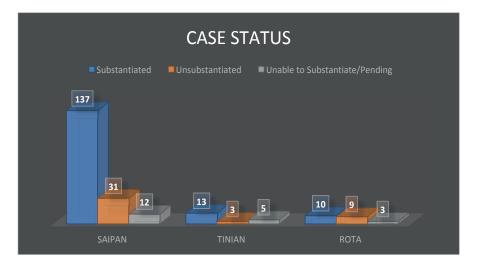
The purpose of the Child Protective Services (CPS) of DYS is to protect the lives, health and well-being of children from imminent danger in responding to physical, sexual and emotional abuse and physical, emotional, medical and educational neglect.

The CPS attempts to fulfill its purpose through the performance of several functions accorded to it by law. These functions include: intake, crisis intervention, safety assessment, family service plans, referral for services and court-ordered home studies.

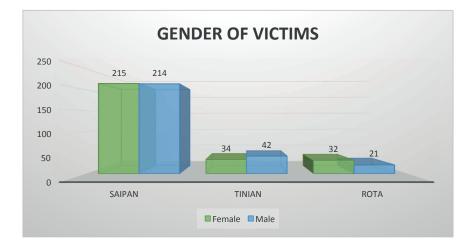


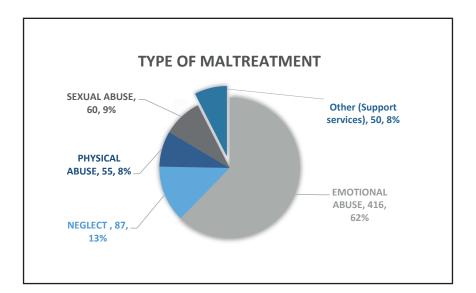
#### CPS CASE PROCESS





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# **PUBLIC AWARENESS**

DESCRIPTION	AUDIENCE	PLACE	DATE
Child Abuse & Neglect	Parents	William S. Reyes Elementary School	December 23, 2016
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Health & Safety Child Care providers	Multi-Purpose Center	February 25, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect	Family Planning- Systems of Care Clients	SOC Oleai Office	March 15, 2018
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Staff & Management	Systems of Care Office	March 27, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Teachers & Staff	Dandan Headstart	April 5, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Teachers & Staff	Northern Marianas International School	April 11, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Teachers & Staff	Chalan Kanoa Headstart	April 25, 2017
Safe & Unsafe Touches	Youth Participants of DYS Summer wellness camp	Hopwood Jr. High	June 23, 2017
Safe & Unsafe Touches	Youth Participants of DYS Summer wellness camp	Carolinian Affairs grounds	June 30, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect	Ayuda Network 25 <sup>th</sup> Network Summit	Kanoa Resort	July 13, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Teachers, Staff & Management of Early Headstart Program	Pacific Islands Club	August 3, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Teachers, Staff & Management	CNMI Headstart Program Center	August 11, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Public School System Counselors	SAMS	August 25, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	HOME staff	Pacific Islands Club	August 30, 2017
Child Abuse & Neglect & Mandated Reporter	Teachers & Staff	Saipan Southern High School	September 8, 2017

# ✓ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Work Ethics
- ✓ Government Ethics Code and Related Matters
- ✓ Customer Service Excellence and Time Management
- ✓ Drug Free Workplace Seminar
- ✓ Career Seminar (Employer Expectation & Sexual Harassment and Assault in the Workplace)
- ✓ DYS Professional Development Training
- ✓ DCCA Professional Development
- ✓ Forensic Interview Training
- ✓ Forensic Training with Attorney General's Office
- ✓ Systems of Care Wrap around session
- ✓ Forensic Interview Refresher Training
- ✓ Family & Youth Enhancement Program Risk and Resiliency Check-up Assessment
- ✓ Trauma 101, Trauma and Treatment Network
- ✓ Community Response on Domestic and Sexual Violence
- ✓ Community Wide Trauma Informed Care
- ✓ Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST)
- ✓ Suicide Alertness Safe Talk
- ✓ Dealing with Secondary Stress
- ✓ CNMI Behavioral Health Conference
- ✓ Feeling Safe, Being Safe
- ✓ Sexual Abuse Prevention Curriculum
- ✓ Climb Higher Seminar
- ✓ Common Sense Parenting
- ✓ Heart Saver (CPR)/AED
- ✓ Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- ✓ FEMA IS-00100
- ✓ FEMA IS-00200
- ✓ Intermediate ICS-300 for Expanding Incidents
- ✓ Advanced ICS-400 for General Staff-Complex Incidents
- ✓ Red Cross Disaster Assessment & Direct Client Care
- ✓ FERPA

#### **CAN Roadside Waving**



DYS IN-SERVICE TRAINING



Forensic Training (05/22-26/17)



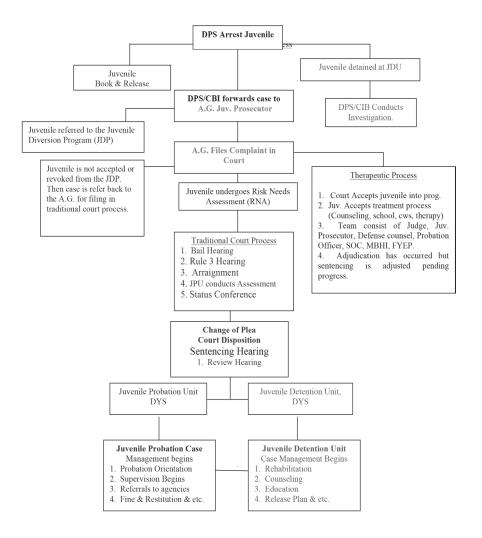


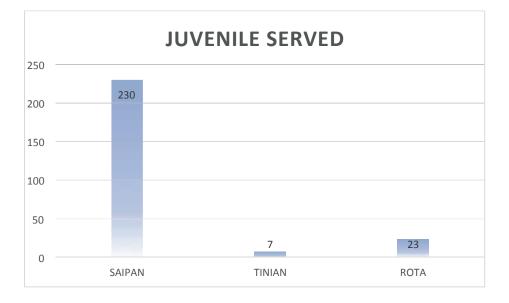
Juvenile Probation Unit is an intervention component of the Division of Youth Services that deals with the court not only by helping to identify and recommend appropriate sanctions to be imposed, including time in custody at the Juvenile Detention Facility, fines and community Services.

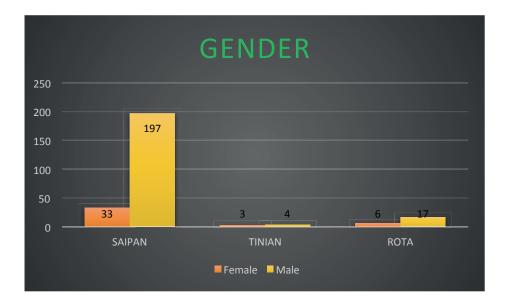
There are two (2) philosophies of the Juvenile Probation Unit, the Development of the Youth in our community through Prevention and a balanced approach toward holding Juvenile Offenders accountable.

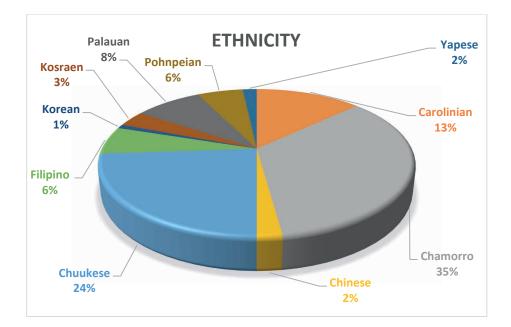
JPU provides the following services; 24/7 response to Juvenile Delinquency reports, case management, client assessment and monitoring, attendance in court hearings, produce multiple client reports and provide for a link services for detained Juveniles.

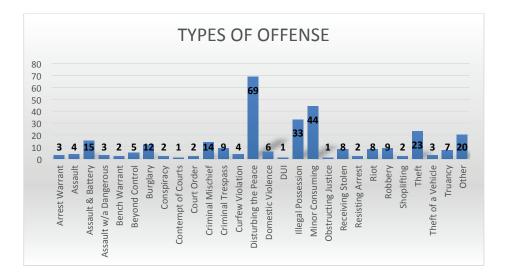
#### JUVENILE CASE PROCESS SOP Flow Chart











# ✓ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ Heart Saver (CPR/AED)
- ✓ Shelter Management
- ✓ Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST)
- ✓ American Probation & Parole 2017 Winter Training Institute
- Motivational Interviewing
- ✓ Wrap Around
- ✓ Probation Officer's Training
- ✓ Drug Free Workplace
- ✓ Government Ethics Code
- ✓ Customer Service Excellence & Time Management
- ✓ Officer Survival Course and OC Pepper Mace
- ✓ Shelter Field Guide
- ✓ Crisis Intervention
- ✓ Working with Clients with Co-Occurring Disorders/Serious Mental Illness
- ✓ National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- ✓ Pacific Judicial Council Probation Officers Training
- ✓ Juvenile disposition Assessment (Risk Assessment webinar)

#### FAMILY & YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

The DYS Family & Youth Enhancement Program (F&YEP)- Community Services (CS) provides a variety of programs and services to assist the poor and near poor to reduce and eliminate the causes of poverty, to empower the low- income community to be self- sufficient.



I. YOUTH ENHANCEMENT SERVICES empower youth to affect positive change in their communities.



II. PARENT EDUCATION SERVICES provide all parents in the CNMI with classes and other related programs to help promote the development and productive skills to fulfill and strengthening the lifestyle in all families and all ethnicities in our communities. It is a program where parents are trained to be equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to be effective parents.

III. The COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM is another component within FYEP that serves the community needs and the following;

a. The purpose of the volunteer program is to provide assistance to the Division of Youth Services by way of a volunteer workforce which will help to accomplish the missions set forth by the Division. The utilization of volunteers provides a cost- effective means of supporting staff as well as assisting in the enhancement of our DYS service delivery.



A person participating in the volunteer program renders aid, performs services, or assumes an obligation voluntarily without benefits. It is a great way to get work experience by learning new skills, meet new people who can give you guidance and possibly help you to find a paid job later on.

b. DYS Community Services Sub- Grant is a grant made possible by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services- Community Service Block Grant. The CSBG Sub- grant's purpose is to deliver necessary services to the citizens of the Commonwealth with emphases on serving the poor and near poor population.

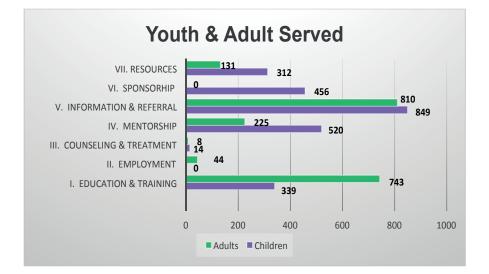
DYS will make funding available to non- profit organizations (sub- grantees) to deliver the services and activities necessary to improve the lives of the CNMI disadvantaged population.

c. DYS Community Outreach is tasked to provide outreach in the community to increase awareness of existing DYS Programs and services.

d. Data's are collected and compiled monthly at the CS office and are reported to the division's funding sources as required.

#### FAMILY & YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

TYPE OF SERVICE	Children	Adults
I. Education & Training	339	743
II. Employment	0	44
III. Counseling & Treatment	14	8
IV. Mentorship	520	225
V. Information & Referral	849	810
VI. Sponsorhip	456	0
VII. Resources	312	131



#### INFORMATIONAL OUTREACH



INFORMATIONAL OUTREACH AT THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CONFERENCE



MORNING RADIO TALK SHOW ON CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT & PARENT SUCCESS STORIES



INFORMATIONAL OUTREACH HELD IN ROTA "COCONUT FESTIVAL"



THE POWER OF INFORMATION SEEN ON THIS POSTER BY OUR CNMI CHILDREN



INFORMATIONAL OUTREACH AT THE 2017 SAFE JAMBOREE AT THE OLEAI SPORTS

#### **EDUCATION & TRAININGS**





EDUCATING AND PROMOTING AWARENESS ON "SAYING NO TO DRUGS"

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



AN ACTIVITY TO PROMOTE YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TEAM



YOUTH SUPPORT GROUP AT KAGMAN COMMUNITY CENTER



DYS ROTA EDUCATING GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY YOUTH ON SIGNS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT & ANTI-BULLYING

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**



PARENT EDUCATION - CHILD CARE CENTER PROVIDERS COMPLETED THE COMMON SENSE\* PARENTING CLASS.



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM-CHILDREN BUILDING GINGER BREAD HOUSE



PARENT MENTORSHIP – 2017 PARENT NOMINEES RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY ROLES



EDUCATION – CHILDREN ENGAGED IN LEARNING ABOUT WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AT THE TINIAN YOUTH CENTER.

### DAY CARE SERVICES



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM-READING TIME AT TANAPAG YOUTH LEARNING CENTER





JOETEN-KIYU PUBLIC LIBRARY READING HOUR OUTREACH AT KAGMAN COMMUNITY CENTER

SUMMER PROGRAM – CHILDREN'S ART WORK AT THE TINIAN YOUTH CENTER



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM – REFLECTION TIME AT KAGMAN COMMUNITY CENTER



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM-HOMEWORK TIME AT THE KAGMAN COMMUNITY CENTER.

#### **RECREATIONAL SERVICES**



SUMMER PROGRAM-YOUTH AGES 6-12 ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY TO ENGAGE INTERACTION AND TEAM BUILDING



SUMMER PROGRAM – CHILDREN AGES 3-5 READY TO CONQUER THEIR MISSION AT THE TINIAN YOUTH IN TRANSITION CAMP



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM – DYS SPONSORED THE YOUTH BOYS BASEBALL LEAGUE TO PROMOTE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.

#### **RECREATIONAL SERVICES**



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM – CHILDREN AGES 6-12 ENGAGED GRAFITTI WORK TO BUILD ON EXPRESSING THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR DRAWINGS.



MENTORSHIP PROGRAM – DYS SPONSORED THE TINIAN YOUTH GIRLS SOCCER TEAM TO PROMOTE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.



PROMOTING QAULITY TIME – MOTHER/ DAUGHTER TIME AT THE MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER AS PART OF THE 2017 WOMEN'S MONTH

#### **CAMPAIGNS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT**



ROTA ROADSIDE WAVING CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT



PROMOTING AND RECOGNIZING PARENT LEADERS IN THE CNMI.



GOVERNOR PROCLAIMED FEBRUARY 2017 AS "NATIONAL PARENT LEADESHIP MONTH" IN THE CNMI



SAIPAN ROADSIDE WAVING CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT



TINIAN YOUTH SHOW CASING THEIR CAMPAIGN MESSAGE AGAINST CHILD ABUSE& NEGLECT

#### **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENTS**



SAIPAN PARENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



JOB READINESS TRAINING HOSTED BY CNMI WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION







ROTA PARENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

#### **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH & DEVELOPMENTS**



FYEP YOUTH ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM COMPLETED TRAININGS ON CRISIS INTERVENTION, UNDERSTANDING SUICIDAL IDEATION & ASSESSING ITS RISK



#### DYS-SAIPAN TRAINED IN "TRAUMA INFORMED CARE" TRAINING



DYS PERSONNEL COMPLETED THE FORENSIC INTERVIEW REFRESHER TRAINING



DYS ROTA PERSONNEL TRAINED IN "TRAUMA-INFORMED ADVOCACY" SPONSORED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC & SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

American Red Cross, CNMI Chapter Avuda Network, Inc. Center for Independent Living CHCC-Community Guidance Center (CGC)-Wellness Clinic CHCC-Community Guidance Center (CGC)-Recovery Clinic CHCC-Community Guidance Center (CGC)-Systems of Care CHCC-MCHB H.O.M.E. Visiting Program CHCC-Women Infant and Children Program (WIC) CHCC-Rota Health Center CHCC-Tinian Health Center Children's Bureau, Center for States, US Dept. of Health and Human Services **CNMI Homeless Coalition CNMI** Department of Homeland Security CNMI-Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) CNMI Women's Association Commonwealth Cancer Association Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) DCCA Child Care and Development Fund DCCA-Child Care Licensing Program DCCA Council for Arts & Culture DCCA-Low Income Housing and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) DCCA-Nutrition Assistance Program DCCA-Outreach Coalition Department of Corrections Department of Lands & Natural Resources (DLNR) Forestry Program Department of Public Safety (Saipan, Tinian and Rota) Department of Fire & Emergency Medical Services (Saipan, Tinian and Rota) Domestic Violence Intervention Center Family Court Family Violence Task Force Grace Christian Academy Indigenous Affairs Office Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Karidat Social Services Law Enforcement and Victim Services Assessment and Training Group (LEVSAT) Learning Disability Association of Hawaii (LDAH)

#### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Marianas Eye Institute Medicaid Office Motheread-Fatheread Program National Parents Anonymous, Inc. Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence Northern Marianas College-Adult Basic Education (ABE) Northern Marianas College-CREES/EFNEP Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI) Northern Marianas Trades Institute Office of Adult Probation Office of the Attorney General Office of the Governor-Carolinian Affairs Office Office of the Governor-Indigenous Affairs Office Office of the Governor-Youth Affairs Office Office of the Governor-Women's Affairs Office Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Public School System-Alternative Education Program Public School System-Child Development Assistance Center Public School System-Early Childhood Intervention Program Public School System-Food and Nutrition Program Public School System-Kagman High School Public School System-Marianas High School Public School System-Special Education Program Public School System-Student Attendance Review Committee (SARC) Public School System-Office of Student and Support Services Public School System-Head Start Program (Saipan, Tinian and Rota) **Rota Family Court** Rota Little League Rota Mayor's Office Rota Women's Organization **Rota Youth Center** Salvation Armv Superior Court Tinian Court House Tinian Little League Association Tinian Mavor's Office Tinian Teen Center Tinian Youth Center

## SELECTIONS FROM THE COMMONWEALTH CODE RELATIVE TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Commonwealth Code 6 CMC, DIV. 5 CHAPTER 3 Abuse or Neglect of Children

Article 1. CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT: Duty to Report.

S5311. Purposes of ChapterS5312. Child Abuse or NeglectS5313. Duty to ReportS5314. Immunity from LiabilityS5315. Failure to Report

Article 2. Protection of Abused or Neglected Children.

S5325 (b): Confidentiality of Records

S5311. Purposes of Chapter

This Chapter seeks to:

- a) Ensure that each abused child and the child's family receives such care, preferably in their own home, as will serve the emotional, mental, and physical welfare of the minor and the best interests of the Commonwealth; and
- b) Require reporting of child abuse incidents so such children and their families may be identified and given any treatment and assistance deemed to be in the best interests of the child and the Commonwealth.

#### S5312. Child Abuse or Neglect: Offense Defined

- a) A person commits the offense of child abuse if the person:
  - 1) Willfully and intentionally strikes, beats or by any other act or omission inflicts physical pain, injury or mental distress upon a child under the age of 18 who is in the person's custody, such pain or injury being clearly beyond the scope of reasonable corporal punishment, with the result that the child's physical or mental health and well-being are harmed or threatened; or
  - 2) Through willful or negligent act or omission fails to provide a child under the age of 18 who is in the person's custody with adequate supervision, medical care, food, clothing or shelter with the result that the child's physical or mental health and well-being are harmed or threatened
  - 3) Engages in or attempts to engage in an act of sexual molestation with a child under the age of 18 who is in the person's custody.
- b) Child Abuse does not include the exercise of reasonable and traditional parental discipline, which may be determined in reference to prevailing community and cultural standards.
- c) A person convicted of child abuse and neglect may be punished by imprisonment for not more than five years, a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both; however, the Court may upon conviction order that the person be provided with appropriate counseling to cure, alleviate or prevent psychological problems that are judged to be related to the child abuse and neglect incident.
- d) "Sexual Molestation" as used in this chapter means all conduct prohibited my Section 1311 of this title and Article 2 of this chapter, the Child Pornography Act.

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- e) "In the person's custody" as used in this chapter means in the custody of the child's parent, guardian, foster parent, an employee of a public or private residential home or facility or any other person over the age of 18 responsible for the child's welfare in a residential setting.
- f) "Willful or negligent action or omission" as used in this chapter includes both negligent treatment and maltreatment as defined by federal regulation.
- g) "Mental distress or injury" means an effect on the intellectual or psychological capacity of a child as evidence by observable and substantial impairment of his ability to function within normal ranges of performance and behavior, with due regard to his culture.

#### S5313. Child Abuse and Neglect: Duty to Report

a) Any health care worker, school teacher or other school official, day care provider, counselor, social worker, peace officer or other law enforcement official who comes into contact in a professional capacity with a child who the person knows or has reasonable cause to suspect is abused, neglected or sexually molested by any person in a manner which harms or threatens harm to the child's physical or mental health and well-being shall report this knowledge or suspicion promptly to the Department of Public Safety or the Division of Youth Services. This notification shall be within 24 hours. The report shall contain a statement of the time, date, circumstances and details or information which gave rise to the reporting official's belief that abuse or neglect has or will occur. All such reports communicated to DPS may not be disclosed to the public.

#### S5314. Child Abuse or Neglect: Duty to Report: Immunity from Liability

Any person making a good faith report shall be immune from civil or criminal liability which might otherwise arise from such action.

#### S5315. Child Abuse or Neglect: Duty to Report: Failure to Report

Knowing or willful failure of any person required to make a report pursuant to 6 CMC §5313 shall, upon conviction, be punished by imprisonment for up to one year, or a fine of \$1,000, or both.

#### S5325. Confidentiality of Records

b) The release of data that would identify the person who made a report of suspected child abuse or neglect or person who cooperated in a subsequent investigation is prohibited.

## WHY SHOULD I REPORT?

- 1. YOU ARE REQUIRED BY COMMONWEALTH LAW TO DO SO. Failure to report could result in a fine or imprisonment, or both (6 CMC, Div. 5, Chapter 3, Article 1, S5315)
- 2. TO PROTECT THE CHILD. You should not hesitate to report promptly. It is not the intent of the law to remove the child from the home unless the child clearly is in danger. Nor is it the intent of the law to punish the parents. Instead, in most cases, the family can be helped so that the parents and child can stay together. Understand that the intent of the law is to get help to the family.

In the CNMI, you are protected by law when you report what you suspect to be a case of child abuse or neglect. This means that you are protected or immune from civil or criminal liability. If you do not want to give your name when you report, that is fine. The case will still be investigated. Further, the identity of a reporter who made a report of suspected child abuse or neglect is strictly confidential and protected by law. (6 CMC Article 2. S5325b)





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