

Tri-Agency Disability Summit Gains Balanced Stakeholder Input



Forty-two of the 76 stakeholders, including self-advocates, parents, and service providers, gathered for a group photo at the end of the Tri-Agency Disability Summit held on May 30 at the Westin Resort Guam. Stakeholders from across the island worked on updating Guam's status in ten Areas of Emphasis as identified in the Developmental Disabilities Act of 2000.

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Barbara Johnson, Self-Advocate, (seated center) communicates her input during the Tri-Agency Disability Summit's "Session 1: What is Working?" Looking on are Margarita Gay, RN (left), Department of Public Health and Social Services Maternal Child Health Administrator and Marie Wusstig (right) Guam CEDDERS Training Associate and Guam EHDI Project Coordinator and Table 1 Summit Recorder.

Periodically our community needs to step back and see how things are progressing within the developmental disabilities arena as a whole. The opportunity to do just this presented itself when the Guam Developmental Disabilities (DD) Tri-Agency Network facilitated the 2017 Disability Summit on May 30 at the Westin Resort Guam. Seventy-six community stakeholders attended the event sponsored by the Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC), the Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center (GLSC-DLC), and Guam CEDDERS.



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The agenda for the day started with a general overview of the purpose of the event and a summary of findings from the past. The rest of the day was devoted to small group sessions to determine “what’s working;” “what’s not working;” ranking the top five priority need areas; and brainstorming potential activities to address these needs. Participants were assigned to a specific table comprised of members from different groups including persons with developmental disabilities, parents/family members, and service providers for this activity. The final activity of the day provided time for each group to share what they determined to be their top three priority areas and recommendations.

The small group sessions involved a total of 11 stakeholder tables reviewing Guam’s status in the following Areas of Emphasis as listed in the Developmental Disabilities Act of 2000: Quality Assurance, Education and Early Intervention, Child Care, Health, Employment, Housing, Transportation, Recreation, Assistive Technology, and Community Supports.

Next steps include processing the input received and compiling the information into a resource document, facilitating smaller group input sessions, and presenting findings to policymakers and agency leaders. The information will also be disseminated to stakeholders and agencies to use as a needs assessment and formal reference for supporting various projects.

Overall Top Five Priorities Based on Areas of Emphasis 2017 Tri-Agency Disability Summit

1. Employment
2. Education/Early Intervention
3. Transportation (tied)
4. Health (tied)
5. Housing



Participants assigned to Table 3 take a group photo during one of the work sessions at the Tri-Agency Disability Summit. Seated (L-R) are John Payne, Guam Community College Accommodative Services and Teressa Cruz-Blas, Catholic Social Services Karidat Program. Standing (L-R) are Bernadette Colet, Self-Advocate; Zenaida Okada, Parent and Service Provider, Department of Public Health and Social Services; Leone Rohr, Parent, Parents Empowering Parents Inc. Executive Director, and Guam CEDDERS Advisory Council Chairperson; and Christina Jung, Guam CEDDERS Research Associate and Table 3 Recorder.

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(Left photo) Self-advocate Tina Artero shares her thoughts during one of the work sessions at the Tri-Agency Disability Summit. (Right photo) Venancia Colet, Parent (left) and Betty Llaneta, Guardian (right) are in the midst of an active discussion on prioritizing Areas of Emphasis in critical need during "Session 3: Priority Ranking."



Seated (L-R) Constantine K. Apimwar, Catholic Social Services Karidat Program; Lou Mesa, Parent and member of Autism Community Together; and Michelle Marquez, Guam Regional Transit Authority, as they discuss issues during "Session 2: What is NOT Working?"

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(Left photo) JJ Mendiola (in blue) Guam CEDDERS Interoperability Data Manager, takes notes during one of the work sessions at the Tri-Agency Disability Summit. (Right photo) Members of the Tri-Agency Disability Summit Planning Committee included: (Seated L-R) Eufemia P. Local, Parent; and Joyce Tejeretas, Guam Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Advisory Committee Vice Chair. (Second row, L-R) Marie Libria, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC) Program Coordinator; Mary Kidd, Guam CEDDERS Consultant; and Carol Cabiles, Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center Program Coordinator. (Back row, L-R) Leone Rohr, Guam CEDDERS Advisory Council Chairperson, Parents Empowering Parents Executive Director (PEP); and Terrie Fejarang, Guam CEDDERS Associate Director.



(L-R) Eufemia P. Local, Parent; Terrie Fejarang, Guam CEDDERS Associate Director; Marie Libria, Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDDC); Mary Kidd, Guam CEDDERS Consultant; Joyce Tejeretas, Guam Early Hearing Detection & Intervention (EHDI) Advisory Committee Vice Chair; Leone Rohr, Guam CEDDERS Advisory Council Chairperson, Parents Empowering Parents (PEP); and Carol Cabiles, Guam Legal Services Corporation – Disability Law Center, tweak the agenda for the Disability Summit during a planning meeting held on May 24.

Guam EHDI Project Awarded New Funding

As the current five-year Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (GEHDI) Project Rikohi was winding down with an end date of March 31, word was received that the application submitted last October for another cycle was approved for another three-year period, from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2020. Supported by funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal Child Health (MCH) Program, this new GEHDI Project has been christened “Project Fitme,” using the Chamorro word for “strong, durable, and lasting.”

The new grant will continue to support Guam EHDI to strengthen the system of supports, with the overall goal being to support the development of a statewide program and system of care that ensures that deaf or hard of hearing children are identified through newborn and infant hearing screening and receive evaluation, diagnosis and appropriate intervention that optimize their language, literacy, and social-emotional development. The program goals are: 1) Increase health professionals’ engagement within the EHDI system; 2) Improve access to early intervention services and language acquisition; and 3) Improve family engagement, partnership, and leadership within the EHDI program and system. With adequate supports in place, families, health professionals and educational professionals will work collaboratively to ensure children and families receive the services necessary to optimize the child’s language, literacy and social-emotional development.

While parent and family engagement will be strongly supported through parent mentoring, social networking, and leadership and advocacy activities, a primary focus will continue to promote the 1-3-6 approach to ensure all infants born on

Guam receive a hearing screening by one month, infants who do not pass on the outpatient rescreen receive a timely Diagnostic Audiological Evaluation (DAE) by three months, and infants diagnosed with a hearing loss receive Early Intervention services by six months of age.

The continued success of the Guam EHDI Project would not be possible without our strong collaborative partners at the civilian birthing sites which includes Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA), Sagua Mañagu Birthing Center (SMBC), and Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC). Dedicated personnel from these sites perform the initial hearing screenings and schedule the follow up outpatient rescreen appointments when an infant does not pass the initial screening. They also facilitate the timely and accurate inputting of required data into the Guam ChildLink-EHDI database for appropriate tracking and surveillance to ensure that identified babies are not “lost to follow up.” Other committed partners, such as the Guam Department of Education’s Audiology Services and the Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS) provide the outpatient hearing screening clinic for the infants born at GMHA and GRMC. Guam EHDI also assists in coordinating and scheduling follow-up rescreen appointments and facilitating DAEs.

New collaborative partners who will facilitate parent engagement include Parents Empowering Parents, Inc. (PEP), Guam Positive Parents Together (GPPT), and the Oasis Empowerment Center (OEC). Be on the lookout for quarterly updates on the progress of the new initiatives under Project Fitme and the development and adoption of a system sustainability plan by the end of the grant period.



On May 12, Elaine Eclavea, Guam CEDDERS Consultant, facilitated the first Evaluation Work Group meeting under the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI) Project. The purpose of the workgroup is to gather input for the EHDI – Information System Evaluation Plan from its stakeholders. During the meeting, an overview of the system was provided and agreements were established regarding evaluation activities, events, and timelines. (Clockwise starting at front left): Elaine Eclavea; Guam CEDDERS Staff – Christina Jung, Marie Wusstig, Terrie Fejarang, JJ Mendiola, Jenika Ballesta; Eileen Pascua, Sagua Mañagu; Leah Malanum, Sagua Mañagu. Not pictured: Joyce Tejerasas, Parent; Eufemia Local, Parent; and Michael Fejeran, Parent.

Guam EHDl Activities *(cont. from page 5)*



Guam EHDl and Guam Memorial Hospital Authority Nursing Supervisors met in May to review the initial hearing screening form and newborn hearing screening protocol. L-R: Valerie Meno, Labor and Delivery, Nursing Supervisor; Marie Wusstig, Guam CEDDERS Training Associate and Guam EHDl Project Coordinator; Ma. Victoria Guiao, Obstetrics Ward Nursing Supervisor; Avelina "Bing" Opena, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Nursing Supervisor and Ruth Sabangan Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Nursing Supervisor.



On May 16, Elaine Eclavea, Guam CEDDERS Consultant, facilitated an Evaluation Work Group meeting with the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) as part of the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDl) Project. The purpose of the workgroup is to gather input for the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention – Information System (EHDl-IS) Evaluation Plan from its stakeholders. During the meeting, an overview of the system was provided and agreements were established regarding evaluation activities, events, and timelines. Pictured (Left-Right): Elaine Eclavea; Margarita Gay, RN, Maternal Child Health Administrator; Margaret Bell, Maternal Child Health Program Coordinator. Not pictured: Marie Wusstig, Guam CEDDERS Training Associate and Guam EHDl Project Coordinator.

Akudi Loan Program – By The Numbers!



The Akudi Loan Program is a project administered by the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) in collaboration with the Pacific Microcredit Institute and Bank of Guam. The loan program offers a unique funding alternative with low-interest rates to qualified individuals with disabilities residing on Guam to purchase assistive technology (AT) devices. The program approved four loans to help Guam residents purchase the following devices to improve their daily living and overall quality of life including:

- Two Hearing Aids: Total - \$3,600.00
- AT Device Repair Services: Total - \$750.00
- Two Accessible Vehicles: Total - \$72,481.30

Additionally, the Akudi Loan Program offers funding for individuals with disabilities who want to start their own business or expand an already existing business. This type of funding promotes independence in the work place and assists in purchasing equipment, supplies, inventory, and other related services. The program approved one loan under this category with the amount totaling \$35,000.00.

The Akudi Loan Program is ready and able to serve community members with disabilities to improve their quality of life through assistive technology. For more information, please contact GSAT at 735-2490/1 or visit the website at www.gsatcedders.org.

Guam CEDDERS Conducts Document & Website Accessibility Training



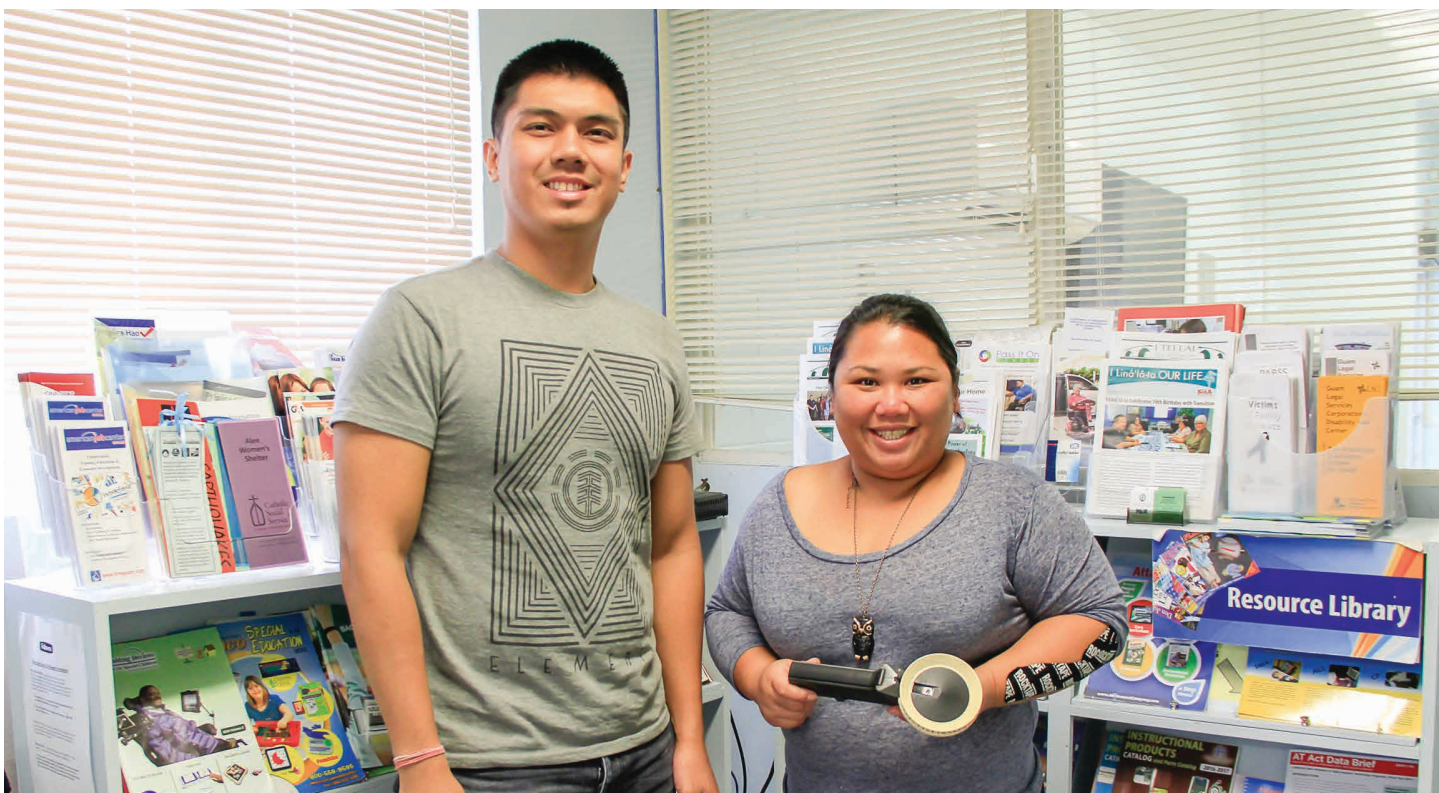
On May 31, Sherolyn Guerrero (sitting facing camera), Guam CEDDERS Disability Media Specialist, and Leah Abelon (sitting to the right of Ms. Guerrero), GSAT Coordinator, conducted training on "Document and Website Accessibility." Fifteen participants attended the training, which included representatives from the Judiciary of Guam, Guam Law Library, University of Guam, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities, and Guam Community College.

Guam CEDDERS Presents Akudi Loan Program Information at PEP Island-Wide Conference on Disabilities



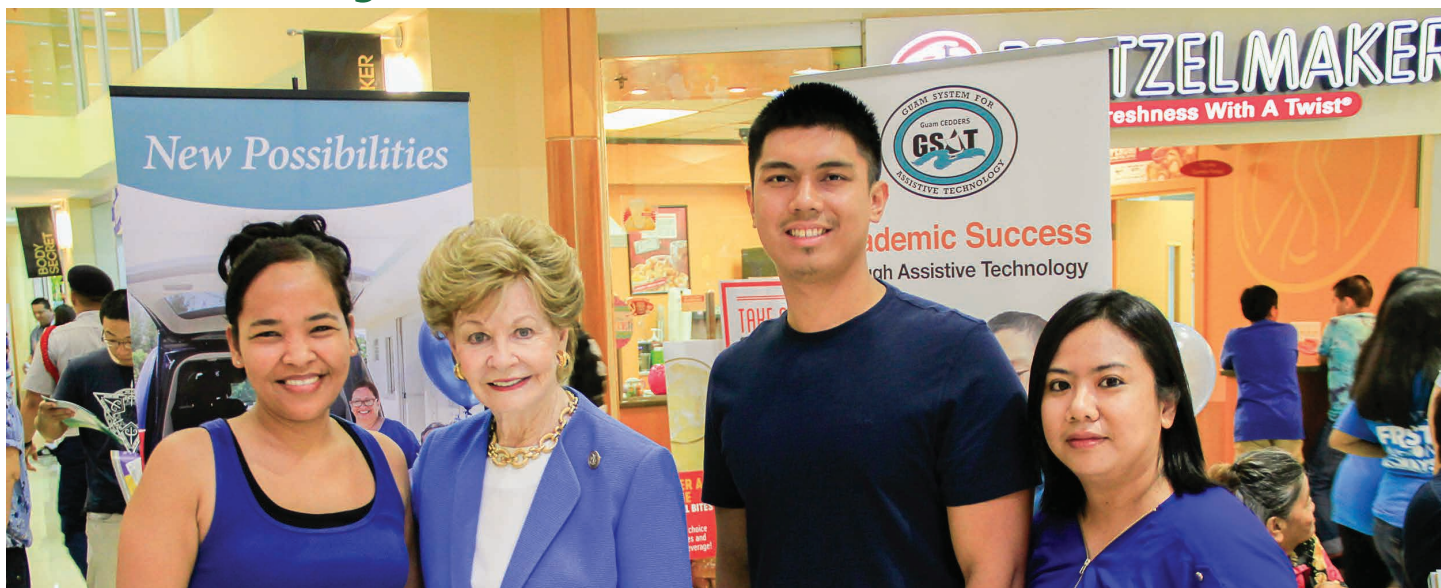
Christina Jung, Guam CEDDERS Research Associate (standing left) and Leah Abelon, GSAT Center Coordinator (standing right), presented information on the Akudi Loan Program during the Parents Empowering Parents Island-wide Conference on Disabilities at Hotel Nikko Guam on April 29. The Akudi Loan Program assists persons with disabilities and their families obtain low interest loans to purchase assistive technology devices and services.

GSAT Provides Accessibility Options to Guam Hilton Resort & Spa



Michelle Angeles, Materials Manager for the Hilton Resort and Spa, visited GSAT on March 8 seeking information related to facilitating accessibility at the Hilton. After considering several options, she borrowed a Braille Labeler in preparation for an inspection to help ensure their facilities are accessible to individuals who are blind. The device was returned on March 17 after the facility successfully passed an inspection. The Hilton is now planning to purchase their own Braille Labeler. Shown above (L-R): John Guiao, GSAT Student Office Assistant and Ms. Angeles.

GSAT Staff Provide Outreach Services During the 10th Annual Autism Awareness Fair



The Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) participated in the 10th Annual Autism Awareness Fair held on April 8 at the Agana Shopping Center. Pictured (L-R): Sylvia Duenas, Guam Community College Human Services Practicum Student; The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Congresswoman; John Guiao, GSAT Office Assistant; and Leah Abelon, GSAT Center Coordinator.

Guam CEDDERS Staff Attend American Sign Language (ASL) Session



Kirsten Bamba-Rosario, Guam Community College American Sign Language (ASL) Instructor, (in gray shirt showing "I Love You" sign) conducted a two-hour session on Basic ASL for interested members of the public on April 1 at the Agana Heights Mayor's office. Christina Jung and JJ Mendiola, Guam CEDDERS, staff assigned to the Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (Guam EHDII) Project attended the session.

Guam CEDDERS Attends Better Hearing and Speech Month Outreach



The month of May was "Better Hearing and Speech Month." This year's theme was Communication: The Key to Connection. On May 13, staff from two of Guam CEDDERS projects, the Guam System for Assistive Technology (GSAT) and Guam Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (EHDI), participated in the Better Hearing and Speech Outreach event hosted by the Marianas Alliance of Speech and Hearing Professionals (MASHP) at Guam Premier Outlets. (Pictured standing L-R) Mel Torre, GDOE Speech Pathologist; Leah Abelon, GSAT Center Coordinator; Royanne Salas, Special Education Teacher; and David Zieber, DOE Audiologist and MASHP Member.

GSAT Advisory Council Holds General Membership Meeting



The GSAT Advisory Council held its General Membership meeting on April 18. Members attending the meeting included: (Standing; L-R): Christina Jung, Guam CEDDERS Research Associate; Lee Perez, Self-Advocate; Leah Abelon, GSAT Center Coordinator; Kirsten Bamba, Sign Language Interpreter; Rosanne Ada, GDDC Director; Phyllis Topasna, GDOL/AJC Representative; Lou Mesa, Secretary; Naomi Sanchez, GLSC-DLC Representative; Nichol Napoleon, GDOE Representative; Jude Ogo, Self-Advocate; Jeff Warfield, DISID/DVR, DSS Representative; Barbara Johnson, Vice Chairperson; Dawn Maka, Member at Large. (Sitting; L-R) Tom Manglona, Self-Advocate; Victor Tuquero, Self-Advocate; Josephine Cortez, Member at Large; and Rudy Ignacio, Self-Advocate and Chairperson.

Donna McNear, Vision Instruction Consultant, Provides Continuity in Support to the Pacific Region



Donna McNear, Vision Instruction Consultant, provided technical assistance to the Palau Ministry of Education on May 1-2 and to the Guam Department of Education on May 4-10. (Left photo, L-R) Donna met with Madilde Gresham, a parent of a child with a visual impairment, on May 10. (Right photo, L-R) Donna also met with Darlene Taimanglo, Guam Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments (TVI), to discuss teaching strategies.

EPICS Scholars Meet with Program Faculty



Educating Pacific Island Clinicians in Speech Language Pathology (EPICS) scholars met as a group with San Jose State University program faculty via WebEx on May 22 in preparation for their upcoming Summer classes on Assessments and Treatments. Classes will take place from June 5 through July 7 at House 24, the newly christened "EPICS House."

Guam CEDDERS Participates in UOG Social Work Department Practicum Fair



Guam CEDDERS participated in the University of Guam Annual Social Work Department Practicum Fair held on Friday, May 5. The purpose of the Fair is to allow 30 Social Work (SW) students, who will be seniors next year, an opportunity to learn more about the range of community services providing social services supports and programs, for possible practicum placement for Academic Year 2017-18. Seated (L-R) are: Chelsea Resurreccion, SW Student; Terrie Fejarang, Guam CEDDERS; and Tanya Simer, SW student.

Project Tinituhon Facilitates Training on Guam Early Learning Guidelines



On May 27, Vera Blaz (standing), Guam CEDDERS Training Associate, facilitated a workshop on how to use the Guam Early Learning Guidelines to help nurture children's growth and development. Sixty-four child care directors and providers attended the training that was held at Guam Community College and conducted in collaboration with Joe Montague, Child Care Development Fund Program Coordinator, Department of Public Health and Social Services.

Project Bisita I Familia Prepares for Federal Site Visit



On May 11, Project Bisita I Familia staff held a planning meeting to review the agenda for the federal on-site visit with the Region IX Project Officer and representatives from The Bizzell Group. Pictured (L-R): Maria Dixon, Administrative Assistant; Elizabeth Calvo, Social Marketing Coordinator; Relida Sumaylo, Project Supervisor; Sherill Tinio, Home Visitor; Audrey Topasna, Program Coordinator; Margarita Gay, Project Director; JJ Mendiola, Interoperability Data Manager; and Diana Santos (back to camera) Social Worker. Not Pictured Jenika Ballesta, Guam CEDDERS Research Associate and Continuous Quality Improvement Plan Coordinator.

Project Bisita I Familia Receives Summary Report During Exit Conference



On May 26, Project Bisita I Familia held an exit conference to discuss the overview site visit findings from the federal on-site visit with the Region IX Project Officer and representatives from The Bizzell Group. Pictured (L-R): Diana Santos, Social Worker; Jenika Ballesta, Guam CEDDERS Research Associate and CQI Coordinator; Vera Blaz; Guam CEDDERS Training Associate; JJ Mendiola, Interoperability Data Manager; Margarita Gay, RN, MCH Administrator and Bisita Project Director; Maria Dixon, Administrative Assistant; James Gillan, DPHSS Director; Audrey Topasna, Program Coordinator; Relida Sumaylo, Project Supervisor; Sherill Tinio, Home Visitor; Ronda Waller, Programmatic Reviewer Bizzell Group; Nahleen Heard, HRSA/MCHB Project Officer; and George Dines, Fiscal Reviewer Bizzell Group.

Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation and Planning Forum Focuses on Environmental Scan Updates

On May 19, Guam CEDDERS facilitated the Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation and Planning Forum. The Forum had three goals: (1) to reflect on the state of young child wellness; (2) review the status of ongoing system change initiatives; and (3) identify priorities for continued systems building. Sponsored by Guam LAUNCH and Project Tinituhon, this event brought together 35 stakeholders representing child serving agencies, parents of children with disabilities and family support groups, the Rigalu Foundation, and private childcare providers. The majority of participants served as members of Project Tinituhon's Strategic Management Teams (SMTs) and shared a long history of working together on behalf of young children and their families. However, as a group, they had not met in nearly a year. The Forum provided an important opportunity for them to reconnect with each other and to recommit to working together to bring about early childhood systems change.

A particular focus of the Forum was to get stakeholder input into the revision of the Guam LAUNCH Environmental Scan and

Early Childhood State Plan. As part of this process, participants were provided with updated information on the state of young child wellness. Preliminary data from 2015 and 2016 related to child and maternal health, developmental and social emotional screening; and children's participation in early care and education programs were shared with participants who then discussed the findings and identified additional data that they would like to see included in the updated documents.

The Forum also provided an opportunity for participants to review the status of ongoing early childhood initiatives and discuss how to move forward with their workgroups. Through large and small group discussions, participants reviewed activities across four areas: (1) early promotion and identification; (2) social emotional wellness (3) early learning; and (4) parent engagement and support. As a result of these discussions, participants identified priority initiatives for each area, identified workgroup facilitators and recommitted to participating in regularly scheduled workgroup meetings.



Participants enjoyed the energizer activity "Peel the Banana" which was led by Guam CEDDERS Staff, Jenika Ballesta & Vera Blaz, during the Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation & Planning Forum.



Bonnie Brandt, Guam CEDDERS Training Associate, gives a thumbs up during her data presentation at the Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation & Planning Forum on May 19.



Participants of the Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation & Planning Forum posed for a photo at the end of the day. The forum was held on May 19 at the Dusit Thani Resort Guam.

Guam CEDDERS facilitates Routines-Based Interview (RBI) Enhancement Webinar and On-Site Training for GEIS Staff



Keith Villaluna, Guam CEDDERS Data Specialist, assisted with the facilitation of the Routines-Based Interview (RBI) Enhancement Webinar, conducted by Naomi Younggren, Ph.D., Early Childhood Consultant on March 17 at the GSAT Conference Room. Seventeen Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS) staff attended the 2-hour webinar.



Naomi Younggren, Ph.D., was on Guam from May 22 - 26 providing on-site Routines-Based Interview (RBI) Coaching training and technical assistance to the Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS) Staff.



GEIS Staff posed for a photo after the RBI Coaching training on May 25 (L-R) Pat Mantanona, R-Leen Mario, Elizabeth Blas, Ramon Castro, Bertha Cabrera, Tisha Sanchez, Mike Cepeda, Gajee Parsons, Francine Camacho, Rosie Tkaczuk, Sherry Cruz, Dr. Naomi Younggren, Grace Loyola, Cookie Treltas, and Joanie Manibusan.

GDOE's Continuous Improvement Road Map for Improving Reading Achievement



School personnel from Chief Brodie Memorial and J.M Guerrero Elementary Schools, two of the four Guam Department of Education (GDOE) State Systemic Improvement Project (SSIP) schools, listen attentively to Nieves Flores (standing), Ed.D., Guam CEDDERS Consultant, review the steps of the Continuous Improvement framework during the March 20 GDOE Professional Development.



Participants review an article and data for discussion on understanding and analyzing universal screening data during the March 20 GDOE Professional Development.

GDOE Continues Its Improvement Road Map for Improving Reading Achievement

To wrap up the end of school year 2016-2017, Guam CEDDERS facilitated the last professional development session for the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) State Systemic Improvement Project (SSIP) schools on Wednesday, May 31 at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort. Teachers and administrators from Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School, Juan M. Guerrero Elementary School, M.U. Lujan Elementary School, and Capt. H.B. Price Elementary School attended the full day session on the continuation of implementing district and school-level coherent improvement strategies for improving reading achievement in the early grades – K-3.

To meet the objectives laid out in the GDOE SSIP Action Plan, training focused on Objective 2: To increase knowledge and skills in collecting and analyzing universal screening and progress monitoring data for reading; and Objective 4: To increase knowledge and skills in evidence-based instruction and intervention for reading.

The training activities provided participants with opportunities to meet the objectives through practice using their aimsweb 3rd Quarter Reading Benchmark Screening data to determine the level of intervention needed (i.e. Is it a grade level issue? Is it a classroom issue? Or is it a small group concern?). Training was also provided on two of the five essential components of reading: Fluency and Phonemic Awareness, giving the participants opportunities to practice two evidence-based reading strategies to use in their classrooms.

The last activity of the day required the teachers to use their aimsweb or other assessment data to practice writing the STUDY and ACT steps of their Plan, Do Study, Act (PDSA), for implementation at the beginning of SY 2017-2018.

The schools were also asked to share and celebrate their accomplishments for the year.

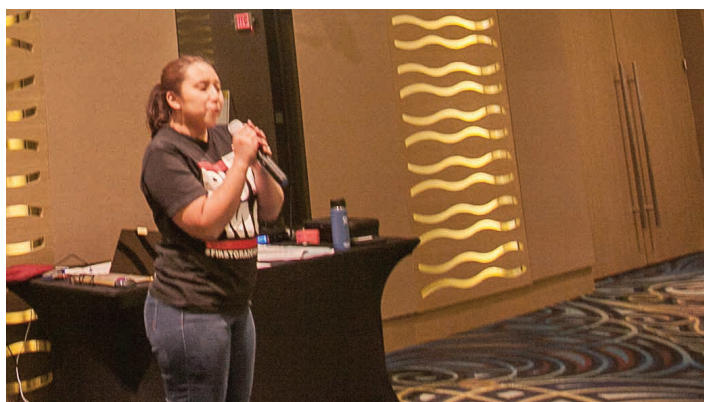
Follow-up training with the four SSIP Schools will continue in August 2017.



MaryLeah Pervez, 4th Grade Teacher from Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School, sharing her grade level's Big Ideas for ensuring students are reading connected texts daily.



(L-R) Zena Sablan (3rd grade), Mie Rabago (GATE) and Eva Lucy Santarin (TA) from M. U. Lujan Elementary School work together to graph and analyze their classroom and grade level data.



Bianca Nguyen, 1st grade teacher from J.M. Guerrero Elementary School, shares her Plan-Do- Study-Act (PDSA) on "Finding Verbs", which included the "I can" statement and student progress.



Leanna Reyes (left) Counselor, and Darlene Vigil (right), 1st Grade Teacher, from J.M. Guerrero Elementary shared with Jericho Tobias (center), Counselor from Chief Brodie Memorial Elementary School, one Bright Spot from School Year 2016-2017.

Guam CEDDERS Presents Resources to GEIS



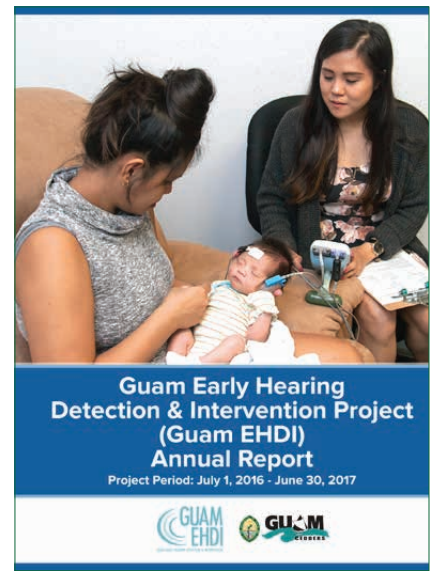
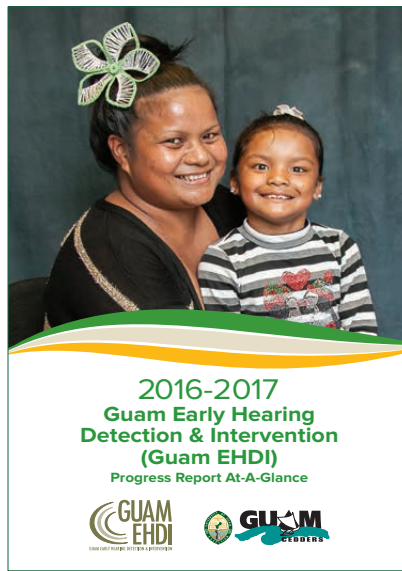
Sherry Guerrero (right), Guam CEDDERS Media Specialist, presented resources to encourage language development to Camille Onglao Gonzales (left), representing Guam Early Intervention System (GEIS) on May 18. The resources, which included board books, flash cards, and DVDs on sign language, will be shared with families of young children identified as having a hearing loss.

Guam CEDDERS Supports IDEA Fiscal Forum for Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States

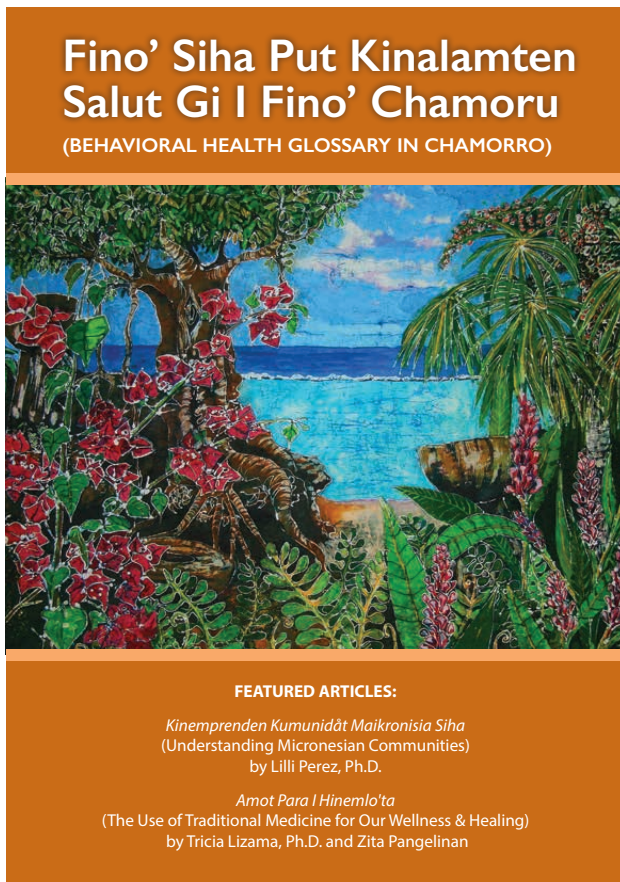


Guam CEDDERS supported the IDEA Fiscal Forum for Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States facilitated by the US Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP), Risk Management Service (RMS), and the National Center for Systemic Improvement (NCSI) on March 22-24 at the Federal Center South Building, Seattle, Washington. The purpose for the forum was to provide the six Pacific entities and Virgin Islands an opportunity for entity program and fiscal staff to connect with others in similar situations, to share knowledge and experiences, hear updated information from the Department on fiscal issues, and gain access to both OSEP and RMS staff and receive technical assistance from national content experts.

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Jun 2 Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation and Planning Forum, 8:00am-5:00pm, Dusit Thani Guam

Jun 2 Guam CEDDERS Advisory Council Meeting, 3:30pm-5:00pm, GSAT, House 19, Dean Circle, UOG

Jun 5-Jul 7 EPICS Classes, 8:30am-4:30pm, House 24, Dean Circle, UOG

Jun 6 On-Site TA: SSIP, Nieves Flores, Ed. D., Saipan, CNMI

Jun 14 Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDGC) General Membership Meeting, 11:00am-2:00pm, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa, Chuchuku Room

Jun 21 GEIS/Chief Brodie Outpatient Hearing Clinic, 8:30am-3:30pm, Chief Brodie School, Tamuning, Room 4

Jun 25 7th Annual Healthy Hearts, Healthy Living Health Fair, 10:00am-3:00pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Toto

Jun 26-30 On-Site TA: PT Services, Rene Ranola, Guam

Jun 30 GEIS/Chief Brodie Outpatient Hearing Clinic, 8:00am-5:00pm

Jun 30 Early Childhood Comprehensive System Evaluation and Planning Forum, 8:00am-5:00pm, Dusit Thani Guam

**JUL
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Jul 1 Guam Early Learning Guidelines Training for CCDF Parents, 9:00am-11:30am, Guam Community College Multipurpose Auditorium

Jul 3 ADA Awareness Month Proclamation Signing, 10:00am-10:20am, Governor's Conference Room, Adelup

Jul 3-6 On-Site TA: PT Services, Rene Ranola & Early Childhood, Elaine Eclavea, Republic of Palau

Jul 5 ADA Employer Responsibilities Workshop, 1:30pm-3:30pm, DISID Conference Room

Jul 7 Reasonable Accommodations Process Workshop, 9:00am-11:00am, DISID Conference Room

Jul 8 Safety Awareness Training, 9:00am-12:00pm, Yigo Gym

Jul 10 Accessible Parking Requirements Workshop, 9:00am-11:00am, DISID Conference Room

Jul 12 Accessible Route of Travel Workshop, 1:30pm-3:00pm, DISID Conference Room

Jul 13-14 On-Site TA: SSIP, Elaine Eclavea, Saipan, CNMI

Jul 14 Disability Simulation: "Day in A Life" Activity, 8:00am-12:00pm, DISID Conference Room

Jul 19 Rights of Employees with Disabilities Workshop, 1:00pm-3:00pm, DISID Conference Room

Jul 20-27 Shriners Clinic

Jul 21 Liberation Day Parade DISID Pot Luck, Bell Tower, Anigua

Jul 22 Integrated Bowling Tournament Activity, 8:00am-11:00am, Central Lanes

Jul 24 Accessible Websites Workshop, 9:00am-11:00am, DISID Conference Room

Jul 26 Service Animals Workshop, 1:00pm-3:00pm, DISID Conference Room

Jul 26-28 On-Site TA: Special Education Update for Principals, David Bateman, Ph.D., Guam

Jul 28 Accessible Model Home Open House, 9:00am-11:00pm, GSAT, House 19, Dean Circle, UOG

Jul 29 Child Immunization Clinic, 10:00am-2:00pm, Micronesia Mall, Dededo

Jul 31-Aug 4 PEP: I CAN TOO! Summer Camp, 8:00am-12:00pm, TBA

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Aug 12 Child Immunization Clinic, 10:00am-2:00pm, Micronesia Mall, Dededo

Aug 14-15 SSIP Professional Development, Guam

Aug 14-16 On-Site TA: Related Services, Verna Chinen, Guam

Aug 17 On-Site TA: SSIP, Nieves Flores, Ed.D., Saipan, CNMI

Aug 28-Sept 1 Site Visit with Donna McNear, Guam

Sept 5-8 On-Site TA: Vision Instruction, Donna McNear, Republic of Palau

Sept 5-8 On-Site TA: FSM National Meeting, June De Leon, Pohnpei, FSM

Sept 11-15 On-Site TA: Educational Supports for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities, Michael Burdge, Guam

Sept 12 Guam EHDI Advisory Meeting, TBA

Sept 13 Guam Developmental Disabilities Council (GDGC) General Membership Meeting, 11:00am-2:00pm, TBA

Sept 26-29 On-Site TA: Hearing Officers Training, Gail ImObersteg, Esq., Guam

For more information on any of these events, please call 735-2479 or visit www.guamcedders.org