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THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PARTNER FOR TEACHER TRAINING

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Department of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health and Social Services, is taking a significant step towards enhancing early childhood education through the Guam Teaching Strategies - Creative Curriculum. This initiative is a testament to the commitment to providing educators with the tools and knowledge necessary to foster a nurturing learning environment. By focusing on play-based and research-backed instructional methods, the program is set to enrich the educational experience in Pre-Kindergarten settings across the region. The training sessions will end August 9 and started August 8, 2024 the two-day training are poised to empower teachers with the Creative Curriculum Framework, which is designed to support a wide spectrum of developmental and content areas while also cultivating a sense of community within the classroom. This progressive approach underscores the importance of adapting to the evolving needs of young learners and preparing them for a bright academic future.

This training introduces and reinforces the Teaching Strategies' ecosystem to our Head Start Program, Pilot Pre-Kindergarten, GATE Pre-Kindergarten, and Special Education Guam Early Intervention Systems (GEIS) Early Childhood Special Education program teachers. It is a hands-on session, unpacking the tools of the Teaching Strategies' ecosystem of content, data, and support focusing on a comprehensive, "whole-child" curriculum to teach, learn, assess, engage, report, and support students, families, and teachers.

Additional features include observation-based assessments embedded into daily instruction, project-based curriculum to build confidence, creativity, and critical thinking skills, promoting family engagement, and access to Professional Development programs directly from the system to build teacher capacity and encourage professional growth throughout the year. The program also provides seamless access to GOLD assessments, Creative Curriculum, and ReadyRosie programs.

This initiative is supported by the Department of Public Health Preschool Development Grant, University of Guam CEDDERS, and works alongside the Guam Early Learning Council.

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