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Dear Parents:

**WELCOME TO THE CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND
 (CCDF) PROGRAM**

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The Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Program is housed under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA). The DCCA CCDF Program provides financial support for all eligible families with young children. We recognize that finding quality childcare is an important responsibility and that there are many things to consider when trying to find one. Some of these factors include: price, availability, location, and quality of care. We hope that this consumer statement will provide you with the information you need to help with your child care choice.

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 Executive Director
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Services for Children and Families:

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA) assists individuals and families with locating and receiving various resources and services. You may contact 664-2577 for more information.

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The Child Care Licensing Program or CCLP:

The Child Care Licensing Program or CCLP is the program that ensures children attending child care programs are in safe and healthy environments. The CCLP licenses all center base day care and large family home providers.

Low Income Home Energy
 Assistance Program
 (LIHEAP)

Gordon Salas
 Supervisor
 Childcare Licensing
 Program

Monitoring of Child Care Providers:

All licensed programs whether center base of family homes is required to meet minimum health and safety training and requirements. They also must be inspected at least twice a year. Licensed programs are inspected by the CCLP Health and Safety Inspector. Licensed exempt providers such as the Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) Providers also must meet minimum health, safety, and training requirements.

Garapan Street Market

Inspection Reports:

The Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP) provides inspection reports for each visit to a childcare program. The report provided will describe any health and safety violations identified and the corrective action that must be taken by the provider.

Criminal Background Checks:

All persons 18 and over who have regular direct access to children receiving care or providing services are required to have a criminal background check. The following are offenses that prevent an individual from being employed by a childcare provider or providing care: have no known history of child abuse and neglect, physical or psychological psychiatric problems, or criminal convictions that may adversely affect or interfere with the care of children; murder, crimes against children, criminal sex offenses against a minor child and child abuse and neglect, violent felonies; sexually violent offenses, kidnapping, arson, violations of the CNMI Minor Children Firearms Control Act; distribution of a controlled substance to a persons under 18; any drug related offense committed during the preceding five years or has been convicted of a misdemeanor involving child pornography.


Quality Rating

The CNMI's Reach Higher, CNMI is a mandatory Quality Rating and Improvement System or QRIS for all providers receiving CCDF funds. This is available currently for licensed center-based programs. This system informs of the quality levels of each program. The programs are rated beginning with Star 1 to Star 5 with Star 5 being the highest quality. Families may use the information gathered from the QRIS to inform their choice of quality childcare.


How to Report a Concern About A Child Care Provider:

The Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP) investigates complaints about possible violations of licensing rules by child care facilities. You may contact 664-2572 to report complaints. Complaints about possible child abuse and neglect at a child care facility should be reported to the Division of Youth Services (DYS) at 237-1000.

For additional information contained in this consumer statement, please visit www.cnmicclp.gov.mp



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