



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÁTÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2004-14

**RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
ON *EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND EDUCATION*, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE “*ECCEC*”**

WHEREAS, it is scientifically established that positive love, social-emotional, physical, communicative, spiritual/moral, and intellectual experiences that a young child has in the earliest years, especially between birth through five years of age, are necessary for nurturing the overall developmental needs of a child; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing situation of these positive experiences provide the foundation for the young child’s overall development and functional life experiences; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that appropriate early childhood care and education has a direct relationship in ensuring these young children become successful individuals in life and contributing citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, Guam needs to develop a comprehensive plan ensuring that early childhood care and education is a continuing and leading priority of both private and public policy; and

WHEREAS, Guam has numerous resources available to provide high quality support and services for the advancement of early childhood care and education; and

WHEREAS, an Early Childhood Care and Education Committee, the ‘*ECCEC*’ will be established to address major public and private priorities in early childhood and in Guam’s response to the Bush Administration’s *Good Start, Grow Smart* early childhood initiative.



NOW, THEREFORE I, FELIX P. CAMACHO, I Maga'låhen Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam as amended and the laws of Guam, do order:

1) An "Early Childhood Care and Education Committee" (ECCEC) is established, with members representing government agencies and the private sector involved directly and indirectly in early childhood care and education on Guam.

a. The ECCEC consists of representatives from:

i. Department of Public Health and Social Services;

1. Division of Public Welfare
2. Division of Environmental Health
3. Division of Public Health

ii. Department of Education;

1. Division of Special Education:

- a. Guam Early Intervention System
- b. Preschool/Elementary Program

2. Head Start
3. Curriculum and Instruction
4. Division of Food Services

iii. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse;

iv. University of Guam;

1. Guam CEDDERS
2. Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Center
3. School of Education

v. Guam Community College;

1. Early Childhood Education Program

vi. Representative from the following are encouraged to participate in this program:

1. Department of Youth Affairs;
2. Guam Caregivers Association;
3. Family Home Providers;
4. Private and Federal Preschools;
5. Guam Legislature
 - a. Committee on Education
 - b. Committee on Health; and
6. Parents



ECCEC 2004 MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Department of Public Health and Social Services;
 - a. Division of Public Welfare – Diana Calvo
 - b. Division of Environmental Health – Tom Nadeau
 - c. Division of Public Health – Ron Balajadia
- 2) Department of Education;
 - a. Division of Special Education
 - i. Guam Early Intervention System – Cathy Tydingco
 - ii. Preschool/Elementary Program – Terese Crisostomo
 - b. Head Start – Veronica Garrido
 - c. Curriculum and Instruction – Eloise Sanchez
 - d. Division of Food Services – Vicente Borja
- 3) Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse – Hernalin
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- 4) University of Guam;
 - a. Guam CEDDERS – Elaine Eclavea
 - b. Professional Development and Lifelong Learning Center – Rita Edwards
 - c. School of Education
- 5) Guam Community College
 - a. Early Childhood Program – Sarah Leon Guerrero and Marsha Postrozny
- 6) Department of Youth Affairs – Grace Taitano
- 7) Child Care Providers;
 - a. Guam Caregivers Association – Pedro Borja
 - b. Licensed Child Care Providers – Gerard and Magdalena Huffer, Lagrimas Underwood, Estela Gapas, and Cleofe Blumer
- 8) Family Home Providers – Lysa Mesa
- 9) Private Preschools – Leah Santos
- 10) Parents



b. The ECCEC adopts "Guiding Principles" that ensures:

- All children have equal opportunity and access to high quality early care and education programs provided in a healthy and safe environment. These programs will ensure a positive foundation for academic success and lifelong learning by:
 - Nurturing their overall developmental needs;
 - Respecting individual characteristics and cultures;
 - Strengthening partnerships between parents, teachers, providers, administrators, and island leaders; and
 - Preparing them to enter school, ready to learn, and be successful individuals in life as contributing members and citizens of their community.
- 2) The ECCEC will develop, implement, and oversee "Guam's Comprehensive Plan for Early Childhood Care and Education of Young Children".
- 3) The ECCEC will report annually, to the Governor and Legislature, its progress.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Felix P. Camacho".

FELIX P. CAMACHO

I Maga' lãhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kaleo S. Moyuan".

KALEO S. MOYUAN

I Segundo Maga' lãhen Guåhan

Lieutenant Governor of Guam

