



TERRITORY OF GUAM
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910
U. S. A.
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 98-25

**RELATIVE TO FORMING A TASK FORCE ON EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT.**

WHEREAS, it is scientifically established that positive emotional, physical and intellectual experiences that a baby has in the earliest years, especially between birth and three years of age, are necessary for the growth of a healthy brain; and

WHEREAS, the repeated activation of these positive experiences provide the foundation for the infant's brain's organization and function in life; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that sound and proper early childhood education and development has a direct relationship in all aspects of a society's continuing progress and strength; and

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

WHEREAS, Guam has numerous resources available to provide support for the advancement of early childhood education and development; and

WHEREAS, an early childhood education and development task force will be formed to address this major public and private priority; and

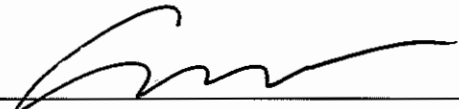
NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ, I Maga'lahren Guåhan, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, and the laws of Guam, do order:

- (1) An "Early Childhood Education and Development Task Force" is created, with members representing government agencies and the private sector involved directly and indirectly in early child care on Guam.
 - (a) The Early Childhood Education and Development Task Force consists of representatives from:
 - (i) Guam Educational Telecommunications Corporation (KGTF);
 - (ii) Guam Early Intervention System, Department of Education;
 - (iii) Early Childhood Education, Department of Education;
 - (iv) Head Start, Department of Education;
 - (v) Guam Association for the Education of Young Children;
 - (vi) Early Childhood Education, University of Guam;




- (vii) Child Development Center, University of Guam;
 - (viii) Early Childhood Education Department, Guam Community College;
 - (ix) Bureau of Family Health and Nursing Services, Department of Public Health and Social Services;
 - (x) Child Protective Services, Department of Public Health and Social Services;
 - (xi) child care facility;
 - (xii) Guam Memorial Hospital Authority;
 - (xiii) community at large parents; and
- (b) The Early Childhood and Education Development Task Force has Four (4) missions:
- (i) To serve as an advisory body on all issues, policies and other matters related to fostering a stronger early childhood education and development policy on Guam;
 - (ii) To develop an island-wide, public-private partnership plan to improve early childhood education and development;
 - (iii) To oversee the implementation of this early childhood education and development plan;
 - (iv) To report annually to the Governor and the Legislature on the current status of early childhood education and development.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 22nd day of September, 1998.



CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
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