

WHO WE ARE

Motheread/Fatheread® CNMI was created in 1998 by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council to help families routinely use reading and storytelling as a medium for enhancing literacy in their homes. In FY2019, staff and volunteers promoted literacy and program activities at 119 events in the CNMI reaching a total of 26,467 people. The program offered 13 Adult Courses at various sites contributing to 74 graduates and facilitated 22 Story Exploring Sessions engaging 385 children between the ages of 4-11 with activities that promote reading comprehension, critical thinking, family values, and problem-solving skills.

Program Goals:

1. Equip Adult Course participants with strategies that use books and personal stories to improve reading skills among children at home.
2. Strengthen family bonds, communication, and relationships through reading and storytelling activities;
3. Promote reading and story-telling as a way to better understand and appreciate the CNMI's diverse ethnic, racial, and cultural heritages

At Motheread/Fatheread CNMI, we believe that each child deserves an enriching environment to learn and grow.

LEVELS

Early Literacy & Children's Story Exploring Program

Each Adult Course features a complementary Story Exploring session for children of adult participants. Story Exploring sessions are designed for children from birth through age 11 and use multicultural children's books to build reading and critical thinking skills. This curriculum uses targeted reading, writing, listening, and speaking activities to foster problem solving, increase comprehension, and nurture a love of books. Children learn vocabulary and how to interpret stories using props, games, songs, and other activities to make reading fun. Story Exploring sessions are facilitated by certified Story Exploring instructors.

Adult Literacy Program

Motheread/Fatheread® CNMI offers the Adult Course comprised of 29 lessons spread out across eight, one-hour class sessions. The curriculum uses children's books, and adult poems and narratives to teach literacy skills to adults, with an emphasis on developing skills in all four areas of literacy: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Additionally, the lessons help parents understand the importance of reading regularly to their children. This nationally recognized instructional model and curriculum addresses a variety of teaching approaches and learning styles, combining individual assignments with small group work, lectures, and discussion.

The course is taught by a parent trainer certified by Motheread, Inc. and is scheduled according to the needs of your organization. Class sizes are capped at 10 participants.

Upon completing the course, adult participants should be able to use the power of stories and literature to:

- Improve children's academic skills such as listening, speaking, reading, writing, comprehension and critical thinking;
- Increase children's interest in asking questions;
- Create an early positive experience with books;
- Strengthen family bonds, communication and relationships;
- Value and establish reading as a prime activity;
- Enhance personal reading skills;
- Increase patience with children and;
- Become reading role models for children.



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future for all
children in
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