



THE LINKAGE

A DISID QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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About THE LINKAGE

The LINKAGE is a new publication of Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities (DISID). This quarterly newsletter is intended to highlight some of the work that DISID undertakes for persons with disabilities and their families. It also provides agency updates related to staffing, programs and services, and community engagement.

Visit www.disid.guam.gov to download a digital copy or call DISID at (671) 475-4624 for alternative format options.

New Contract for Adult Residential Care, Respite and In-Home Care

DISID and the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Agaña, dba Catholic Social Services (CSS), have entered into a service contract for Adult Residential Care Program and Respite or In-Home Care Program for FY 2025.

The Adult Residential Care Program provides 24-Hour residential care for adults with profound intellectual and/or cognitive disabilities.

Respite or In-Home Care Program provides services to children and adults with chronic disabilities.

Contact DISID for more information on program details and eligibility.

Supporting Island Events



DISID staff pose with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and staff from various Mayors' office who assisted in offloading the DME equipment.

DME Donation Received

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints donated 200 wheelchairs and 100 rollator walkers to DISID to support individuals with mobility disabilities. This donation signifies the church's continued effort to improve the lives of the community of disabilities throughout Guam. DISID is appreciative of the ongoing partnership with the church.



(Above) Members of the Latter Day Church and DISID pose with Guam Fire Department as one group receiving donated wheelchairs.

DISID served as the lead agency for the 2024 Governor's Christmas Parade, "The Colors of Christmas", which took place on December 12, 2024. DISID also participated in the Governor's Halloween Extravaganza on October 30, 2024, and Relay for Life on November 9, 2024.

DISID's involvement in community events demonstrates the agency's commitment to enhancing the lives of all members of our island community.



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DIVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)

Professional Development

DSS staff participate in training for professional development including:

- *Disability Statistics for Tracking Inclusive and Sustainable Development through the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)*
- *ADA Train-the-Trainer Program through Pacific ADA Center, Region 9*

Community Habilitation Program (CHP) Extended Through January 2025

The Community Habilitation Program (CHP) operated by Catholic Social Services (CSS) has been extended to January 31, 2025. The contract set to expire at the end of FY2024 received approval for a one-time, four month extension that would allow for the development of an alternate program that would offer optional support services to existing CHP clients. DISID and CSS continue a close partnership through other programs that assist individuals with disabilities across the adult population including a 24/7 residential program and respite or in-home care services.

Need Disability Sensitivity and Awareness Training (DSAT)?

DISID Division of Support Services (DSS) offers training for small to large groups.

Contact DISID at (671) 475-4624 for details.

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DVR)

Training on a National Level

VR 101 Training Modules with the VR Center for Innovative Training (CIT) in VR with George Washington University (GWU)
 VR Development Group/YesLMS
 VRTAC-QE (San Diego State University)
 VRTAC-QM (San Diego State University)
 NTACT-C (University of North Carolina at Charlotte)



VR Counselor, Alvin Ancheta, speaking to high school students on transition services.

- ◆ Pre-Employment Transitional Services are currently provided to students with disabilities (ages 14-21) in the 6 GDOE Senior High Schools
- ◆ DVR will be partnering with the Dept. of Labor's One-Stop Center by May2025.

VR NEWS

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