

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

April 2025

## **Community Events**

# Child Abuse & Neglect Awareness Month Wave

#### **April 2, 2025**

#### **Chief Kepuha Round About**

With the start of April, comes the start of Child Abuse & Neglect Awareness Month. Come Join the enthusiastic team of the Division of Children's Wellness as we come together to spread awareness of child abuse and neglect. We will be out there waving from 4:30 to 5:30 pm.

## **Agana Heights Coconut**

#### **Festival**

#### April 1, 2025

### Fort Apugan

Agana Heights will be celebrating their 17th annual Coconut Festival this year at Fort Apugan, overlooking the island's capital city. Residents and guests can expect a fun-filled weekend and will be able support a variety of local vendors. Games, activities, petting zoos, food trucks, and activities for the whole family will be available to the public!

## **Japanese Festival**

#### April 12, 2025 Ypao Beach

The 43rd Annual Japanese Autumn festival hosted by the Japan Club of Guam takes place Saturday, April 12, 2025 at the Governor Joseph Flores Beach Park (Ypao Beach Park). The annual Japanese Festival celebration is a traditional Japanese Festival first introduced to Guam by The Japan Club of Guam in 1977.

#### Ko'Ko' Kids Fun Run

#### April 12, 2025 Ypao Beach

The Guam Ko'ko' Kids Fun Run is a fun-filled family event featuring a 0.6K, 1.6K and 3.3K Fun-Run for children ages 4–12 years old. All runners receive a finisher's t-shirt and a chance to win awesome prizes including Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals for the top three boys and girls in each division. The race course begins and ends in the Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park and will feature a beach shore run for the older age division.

#### Guam Ko'Ko Road Race

#### April 13, 2025 Ypao Beach

The Guam Koʻkoʻ Road Race features a Half marathon and 4-person 5K Ekiden Relay event out-and-back course that starts in Tumon in front of the Guam Visitors Bureau, heads south on Pale San Vitores Road toward Chalan San Antonio then south on Marine Corps Drive (Route 1). The race route returns northbound on Route 1 back to Tumon and finishes at the Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao Beach). All participants will receive a finisher's tee and medal

### Outreach

Issue #6

## **Public Health Awareness**

#### **Month**

Micronesia Mall, Center Court Sunday April 6, 2025.

#### **GCASAFV**

Guam Coalition Against Sexual Assault & Family Violence Skinners Plaza, Hagatna, Guam Thursday April 10, 2025

## Lions Club of Guam Health

#### Fair

Micronesia Mall, Center Court. Saturday April 13, 2025.

#### **News & Announcements**

## 2025 Governors Summer Youth Employment Program.

 Aims to provide youth ages 15-17 years of age an opportunity to gain workforce experience in the Government of Guam or child care centers. The Childcare component is scheduled to begin on June 9, 2025 and consists of participating in childcare centers, youth organizations, and village summer camps.

#### CCR & R

#### **Child Care Resource & Referral**

- The BCCS has began implementing its voluntary referral to services for employment and GED Completion. This service is available to all CCDF families receiving services from the BCCS.
- Please click on the link to fill out the referral form:
  - Referral Request

#### **Family Engagement Survey**

- The BCCS is looking to host an event for parents and families to enhance family engagement in early childhood. We want to hear from YOU!
- Please click the link to access survey.
  - Parent Survey

