Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands System of Technology-Related Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities: A Training, Demonstration, Resource & Information Center

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Abstract
The U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Assistive Technology Project (ATP) and the Trankilu (Tranquil) Alternative Financing Program (AFP) both federally funded programs, are initiatives of the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities or CNMI CDD charged with systems advocacy and in increasing awareness of the availability and benefits of a broad range of assistive technology for persons with disabilities. Demonstration and training on the use of low to high technology is on of the main focus of these projects.

Purpose
U.S. State, Territories & Commonwealths that receives federal financial assistance from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research (NIDDR), US Department of Education are mandated to develop and implement a consumer-responsive, statewide program of technology-related assistance for individuals with disabilities of all ages. The purpose of this presentation is to promote awareness on the benefits, availability and how assistive technology devices or equipment and services including funding assist a person with a disability function independently, productively and included in his/her daily life and the community he/she lives in.

Learning Outcomes:
Participants will have an opportunity to learn about the goals, potential, positive effects and outcomes of the CNMI Assistive Technology programs that include: AT Assessment, Demonstration center, Training, Resources & Information, AT Equipment Loan Program and the Assistive Technology Low Interest Loan Program.

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