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GDOE Division of Special Education Professional Development Seminar
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Tiyan, Guam - A professional development seminar titled "Administrators Boot Camp Back to Basics: Making the FAPE Connection" is being held at Westin Hotel Guam from December 19th to 21st, 2023. The seminar is organized by the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) Division of Special Education in collaboration with CEDDERS at University of Guam. The target audience of this seminar are GDOE school Administrator and Assistant Administrators, as well as Charter School Principals. The seminar aims to enhance the knowledge and skills of the participants in providing free and appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities.

Dr. Bateman, along with our Special Education Leadership Team, will offer valuable insights on various aspects of Individualized Education Plan (IEP) development, such as writing clear and relevant Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLAAFP), setting appropriate and measurable IEP goals, designing and delivering Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), ensuring alignment and coherence of the IEP components, providing adequate and effective Special Education supports, and facilitating IEP meetings with skill and confidence.

There is a wide range of knowledge and skills among Special Education team members regarding the essential principles of IEP. To address this issue, the Division of Special Education is organizing a professional development session with the guidance of Dr. David Bateman, a renowned professor at Shippensburg University, principal investigator for the American Institutes for Research, and project leader for the Massachusetts IEP Project.

For more information, please contact the Division of Special Education at 671-300-1322 or via email at sped@gdoe.net or email Tes Reyes-Burrier, Public Information Officer at mtreyes@gdoe.net

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