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Judiciary Strengthens Autism Awareness in Guardianship Training

(Hagåtña, Guam) — Ensuring that individuals with autism are understood and supported in our courts, the Judiciary of Guam recently hosted a two-track training series, *Autism in Guardianship*, facilitated by Lola Plucer-Rosario, M.Ed., BCBA, Education and Behavior Consultant with Impact-Ed Guam and Blue Ocean Medical Group, LLC. The series was coordinated by the Judiciary of Guam's Office of the Public Guardian and Court Programs Office.

The *Autism in Guardianship Training* was designed to support both families and professionals. Track 2, tailored for guardians, family members, and advocates, was completed on August 16 and 30, 2025. This track focused on the unique support needs of individuals with autism, effective communication strategies, and practical tools to enhance their quality of life.

Track 1, held on September 15, 18, and 19, 2025, at the Judicial Education Center, was designed for judicial officers, attorneys, court staff, and guardianship professionals. This track covered key topics such as understanding autism and its implications within legal settings, strategies for effective communication, assessing decision-making capacity, and ethical, collaborative approaches to guardianship and its alternatives.

Participants in Track 1 included representatives from the Judiciary of Guam; the Public Defender Service Corporation; the Civil Law Center, Division of Public Defender Service Corporation; and the Bureau of Social Services Administration, Child Protective Services, Department of Public Health and Social Services.

“When our community understands how to support individuals with autism, we create a justice system and a society that is fairer, more compassionate, and more effective for everyone,” said Administrator of the Courts Danielle T. Rosete.

By building awareness and practical skills, the training helps ensure individuals with autism are treated with dignity and respect in the courts, while also giving families and advocates tools to improve quality of life at home.

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