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# **Palau Adult Education Program**

Narrative Report for FY' of 2013 - 2014

### **State Leadership Funds**

Trainings were conducted for our staff and teachers regarding course syllabus, assessment policy, testing, curriculum, and the overall Adult Education program to better serve our students. We provided technical assistance in developing creative classroom sessions to achieve learning outcomes. We conducted surveys and discussion groups to evaluate the program and how to improve our services in delivering the state plan. We have also provided an awareness session for the development of a career pathway program to be implemented in this next year.

#### **Performance Data Analyses**

Our numbers dropped due to the fact that in the beginning of 2014, our only testing option was online. The internet connection in Palau is very slow and we could not meet the demands of the online testing service to offer testing. Now that we have a paper-based option, we expect more students to go through our program.

We were not able to conduct programs through our one correctional facility this year because the building has been undergoing major construction. We have clients waiting to participate in the program and we will begin as soon as the renovations are complete.

We have a growing number of students from rural areas. We hope that with continued advertisement and promotion through partnerships we will continue to reach those in outer-lying communities.

#### **Integration with Other Programs**

We continue to identify, locate and inform potential service partners through visits to community and continued liaison with schools and other agencies to identify drop out adult who may need services. We implement our programs through partnership with state governments, schools, Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Juvenile Justice Program, and the Palau Community College.

#### English Literacy/Civics (EL/C) Program

Palau does not receive or participate in this program.

#### **Secondary School Credentials and Equivalencies**

Palau Adult Education is the only program in Palau that provides the services to achieve a High School Equivalency Diploma. It is an equal opportunity program for all individuals who meet the assessment policy requirements. Currently, the only test offered in Palau is the HiSET. The GED is still recognized, but we do not have the internet connection means as a country to offer the GED test. A student must pass all subjects of the HiSET (or GED if it was offered) and perform competent in the computer class in order to achieve a high school equivalency diploma. We are looking to add the career pathways program in this next year.

## **Adult Education Standards**

Palau has not formally adopted adult education college and career readiness (CCR) standards. We are working with our local College Access Challenge Grant office in developing these standards. They are currently working on a project in Palau at the moment regarding college and career readiness standards and curriculum for Grades 1 - 12. Through our partnership, we hope to develop and implement the standards and curriculum in this next year.

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