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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS,
PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS/FIELD
OFFICERS AND OTHERS CONCERNED

SUBJECT : REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE ORGANIZATION AND
STRENGTHENING OF THE LOCAL COUNCILS FOR THE
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (LCPC) INCORPORATING
THEREAT EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT
(ECCD) COORDINATING COMMITTEES AT THE PROVINCIAL,
CITY, MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LEVELS.

Republic Act (RA) No. 7610 (Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act) provides for stronger deterrence and special protection against child abuse, exploitation and discrimination, and its corresponding penalties.

Further, Article 359 and 360 of the Civil Code of the Philippines provides that "the government shall establish Councils for the Protection of Children."

Likewise, Article 87 of Presidential Decree (PD) 603 (Children and Youth Welfare Code) states that, "every barangay council shall encourage the organization of a *Local Council for the Protection of Children* (LCPC) and shall coordinate with the *Council for the Welfare of Children* (CWC) in drawing and implementing plans for the promotion of child and youth welfare". There is, therefore, a need to organize LCPC not only in the barangays but also in all other local government units (LGUs), to ensure synchronization and integration of policies, programs and projects for children.

Recently, RA 8980 otherwise known as the Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Act promulgates a comprehensive policy and national system for children from 0-6 years old. Section 8 [XI] of the said law also requires the organization of National ECCD Coordinating Council (ECCDCC) and coordinating committees at all levels except in the barangay where the BCPC already exist.

Since the LCPC and ECCDCC have the same objectives, both shall function as one to avoid confusion and duplication of similar councils/committees in the LGUs. The LCPC shall be the umbrella organization for all programs on children and the ECCD Coordinating Committee shall be one of the committees under it.

In view thereof, all Local Government Chief Executives (LCEs) are hereby enjoined to organize/reorganize provincial, city, municipal and barangay Council for the Protection of Children (CPC) and take the lead in the implementation of all children's programs in their respective localities. These councils shall be fully harnessed for the efficient and effective implementation of all the major areas of concern for children.

COMPOSITION AND FUNCTION OF LCPC/ECCD COORDINATING COMMITTEES

AT ALL LEVELS:

1.0 PROVINCIAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (PCPC)

1.1 COMPOSITION

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|-------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson | - | Provincial Governor |
| Co-chair | - | |
| Members | - | Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member
(Chairperson, Committee on Women and Family) |
| | - | DILG Provincial Director |
| | - | Provincial Social Welfare and Devt. Officer |
| | - | Prov'l Labor & Employment Officer |
| | - | Division Superintendent of DepEd |
| | - | Provincial Planning & Devt. Officer |
| | - | Provincial Budget Officer |
| | - | Provincial Health Officer |
| | - | Provincial PNP Director |
| | - | Provincial Commander, AFP |
| | - | Provincial Treasurer |
| | - | President, League of Municipalities |
| | - | Provincial SK Federation President |
| | - | Provincial Nutrition Officer |
| | - | Child Representative |
| | - | At least three (3) representatives of non-government organizations (NGOs), two (2) of whom are appointed by the Committee handling ECCD Programs and one (1) from the trade/labor union sector. |

The Provincial Governor may designate any of his/her members as co-chair.

1.2 Functions:

1. Formulate plans, programs and policies for children that are gender-fair, culturally relevant and responsive to the needs of diverse groups of children from 0 to below 18 years of age.
2. Prepare Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) for children and recommend appropriations to the Sanggunian;
3. Provide coordinative linkages with other agencies and institutions in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of plans for children;
4. Provide technical assistance and recommend financial support to the City/Municipal and Barangay Council for the Protection of Children;
5. Establish and maintain database on children in the province;
6. Recommend local legislations promoting child survival, protection, participation and development, *especially on the quality of television shows and media prints and coverage, which are detrimental to children*, and with appropriate funding support;
7. Conduct capability building programs to enhance knowledge and skills in handling children's program
8. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program and submit quarterly status reports to the Regional Committee for the Welfare of Children (RCWC);
9. Perform such other functions as provided for in the ECCD and other child related laws.

2.0 THE CITY/MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (C/MCPC)

2.1 COMPOSITION

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| Chairperson | - | City/Municipal Mayor |
| Co-chair | - | |
| Members | - | Sangguniang Panlungsod/Pambayan Member
(Chairperson, Committee on Women and Family) |
| | - | DILG City/Municipal Field Officer |
| | - | Division Superintendent/District Supervisor of DepEd |
| | - | Local Labor & Employment Officer |
| | - | City/Municipal Planning & Devt. Officer |
| | - | City/Municipal Budget Officer |
| | - | City/Municipal Health Officer |
| | - | City/Municipal Social Welfare and Devt. Officer |
| | - | City/Municipal Nutrition Officer |
| | - | City/Municipal PNP Director |
| | - | City/Municipal Treasurer |
| | - | City/ Municipal LIGA ng mga Barangay President |
| | - | City/Municipal SK Federation President |
| | - | Parent – Teachers Association (PTA) President |
| | - | Child Representative |
| | - | At least three (3) representatives of non-government organizations (NGOs), two (2) of whom are appointed by the Committee handling ECCD Programs and one (1) from the trade/labor union sector. |

The City/Municipal Mayor may designate any of his/her members as co-chair

2.2 Functions:

1. Formulate plans, programs and policies for children that are gender-fair, culturally relevant and responsive to the needs of diverse groups of children from 0 to below 18 years of age.
2. Prepare AWFP for children and recommend appropriations to the Sanggunian;
3. Provide coordinative linkages with other agencies and institutions in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of plans for children;
4. Provide technical assistance and recommend financial support to the Barangay Council for the Protection of Children;
5. Establish and maintain database on children in the city/municipality;
6. Foster education of every child;
7. Advocate for the establishment and maintenance of playgrounds, day care centers and other facilities necessary for child and youth development;
8. Recommend local legislations promoting child survival, protection, participation and development, *especially on the quality of television shows, media prints and coverage, which are detrimental to children*, and with appropriate funding support;
9. Assist children in need of special protection and refer cases filed against child abusers to proper agencies/institutions;
10. Conduct capability building programs to enhance knowledge and skills in handling children's program;

11. Document barangay best practices on children;
12. Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the program and submit quarterly status reports to PCPC;
12. Perform such other functions as provided for in the ECCD and other child related laws.

3.0 THE BARANGAY COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN (BCPC)

3.1 COMPOSITION

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|-------------|---|--------------------------------------------------|
| Chairperson | - | Punong Barangay |
| Co-chair | - | |
| Members | - | Barangay Kagawad (Chairperson on women & family) |
| | - | Barangay Nutrition Scholar |
| | - | Barangay Day Care Worker |
| | - | Barangay Health Nurse/midwife |
| | - | Barangay Health worker |
| | - | DepED Principal/Teacher-in-Charge |
| | - | Chief Tanod |
| | - | SK Chairperson |
| | - | Children's Representative |
| | - | PTA President or his Representative |
| | - | NGO/PO Representative |
| | - | Others |

Members of the BCPC shall elect from among themselves the co-chair

3.2 Functions:

1. Foster education of every child;
2. Take steps to prevent juvenile delinquency and assist parents of children with behavioral problems so that they can get expert advice;
3. Adopt measures for the health of children;
4. Conduct capability building projects to increase knowledge and skills in handling children's program;
5. Encourage the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of parents, and provide learning opportunities on the adequate rearing of children and positive parent-child relationship;
6. Promote wholesome entertainment in the community, especially in movie houses;
7. Prepare AWWP for children and recommend appropriations to the Sanggunian;
8. Provide coordinative linkages with other agencies and institutions in the planning, monitoring and evaluation of plans for children;
9. Establish and maintain database on children in the barangay;
10. Advocate for the establishment and maintenance of playgrounds, day care centers and other facilities necessary for child and youth development;
11. Advocate for the passage of barangay resolutions/ordinances responsive to child-related issues and concerns and ensure the inclusion of children's program in the executive agenda;

12. Protect and assist children in need of special protection (e.g. abandoned, maltreated & dependents) and refer cases filed against child abusers to proper agencies/institutions;
13. *Monitor situational reports* on children and *prepare quarterly updates* including *the implementation of children's program* and make recommendations to the City/Municipal CPC for consideration and nationwide application;
14. Perform such other functions and other child related laws especially in matters of child and parent education, health, entertainment, etc.

4.0 SECRETARIAT

The Chairman of the Council shall designate the secretariat from any of the LGU operating units, which shall provide administrative and technical support services to their respective LCPC member agencies.

5.0 FUNDING

Upon recommendation of their respective LCPC, LGUs shall provide funding for programs/projects/activities on children and ensure that these are implemented.

6.0 MONITORING and EVALUATION

To determine the functionality of the LCPCs at all levels and find out their accomplishments, including implementation problems and issues, regular monitoring shall be conducted using the following reporting tools:

- a) Monitoring form 001 - to be accomplished by the BCPC, forms 002 - by the MCPC/CCPC and form 003 - by the PCPC.
- b) Accomplished Forms 001 shall be submitted to C/MCWC, 002 to the PCPC and 003 to the RCWC who shall consolidate the PCPC reports and send to CWC, Manila, copy furnished the DILG Planning Service thru the DILG Regional Offices on a quarterly basis;
- c) Program assessment shall be conducted every END of the semester (June and December) by an Assessment Committee headed by the DILG field officer-member of the LCPC.

7.0 ROLE OF THE DILG

The DILG shall oversee the organization and functionality of the LCPC and shall cause the wide information dissemination on this Circular in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

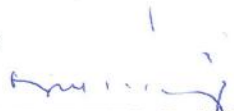
In order to strengthen the council, LCEs are encouraged to conduct Orientation/Training on LCPC/ECCD laws and its implementation, in coordination with the DILG.

All previous issuances inconsistent herewith are modified accordingly.

For strict compliance.


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