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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO : SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

SDO Pasig City
SDO Manila
SDO Makati
SDO Caloocan City
SDO Parañaque City
SDO Pasay City

FROM : WILFREDO E. CABRAL, CESO III
Regional Director

SUBJECT : UPDATED TRAINING AND DESIGNATION OF DEPED CHILD PROTECTION SPECIALISTS

DATE : July 3, 2023

1. This has reference to the attached Memorandum OUOPS No. 2023-07-594 dated June 23, 2023 from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary for Operations, contents of which are self-explanatory for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Particular attention is invited to paragraphs 1 to 4 of the said Memorandum, for reference.
3. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum is earnestly desired.



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OUOPS No. 2023-07-594

MEMORANDUM

TO : **All Regional Directors**
All Schools Division Superintendents
All others concerned

FROM : 
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations 

SUBJECT : **Updated Training and Designation of DepEd Child Protection Specialists**

DATE : June 23, 2023

This has reference to Department Memorandum (DM) No. 131, series of 2016, entitled Training and Designation of DepEd Child Protection Specialists.

To reiterate, the Child Protection Specialists (CPS) shall provide technical advice to the schools and their respective schools divisions on learner rights and protection cases brought to their attention and recommend actions to address the same based on existing child protection-related laws and pertinent DepEd issuances. The CPS shall likewise assist in the referral of cases to other government, non-government or other agencies for appropriate interventions or further case management.

The responsibilities and tasks of the CPS shall be as follows:

- a. **Network-Building.** The CPS shall network and liaise with the different government and non-government agencies involved in learner rights and protection for the referral of learner rights and protection cases. The CPS shall, in coordination with the Division focal person for learner rights and protection, shall likewise develop and update a directory of resources which can easily be accessed and used by the parties in the referral of cases. In particular, the CPS shall:
 - i. identify the different government agencies, non-government institutions or organizations and local government entities (e.g. Barangay Councils for Child Protection (BCPCs), Women and Children's Protection Desks (WCPDs), Local/City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices (LSWDOs/CSWDOs/MSWDOs),



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Child Protection Units (CPUs), the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and child-focused non-government organizations (NGOs) and introduce themselves and their role as CPS. The CPS shall gather relevant contact information of the concerned agencies, as well as provide their own contact information for case referral and effective coordination; and

- ii. coordinate with the Division learner rights and protection focal person for the creation of a directory of resources of the different agencies and institutions where services and various forms of assistance may be provided to the affected children. The directory shall specify the contact persons of the agency, the services offered and the requisites to avail the same. The directory shall be regularly updated and shall be made readily available to all schools and the Schools Division Offices at all times.
- b. **Providing Technical Advice and Referral of Cases.** The CPS shall provide timely advice to the school or Schools Division relative to learner rights and protection cases such as, but not limited to, child abuse, discrimination against children, child exploitation, violence against children in school, corporal punishment, bullying or peer abuse and similar acts of violence or abuse defined in DepEd Order (DO) 40, series of 2012 and DO 55, s. 2013. The CPS shall likewise assist in the referral of children-at-risk (CAR), children in conflict with the law (CICL), and children in situations of armed conflict (CSAC) to the proper agency for further assessment or intervention, in accordance with DO 18, s. 2015 and DO 57, s. 2017. Learner rights and protection cases shall be referred to the designated CPS from the Schools Division where the case occurred. The CPS shall:
- i. recommend actions to be taken by the School Head (SH) or the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) or Assistant Schools Division Superintendent (ASDS) in line with the different child protection laws and appropriate DepEd learner rights and protection issuances;
 - ii. assist the SH, SDS, or ASDS in the referral of the case to the proper agency or institution for further assessment, case management, or availment of services; and
 - iii. coordinate with the Division learner rights and protection in the development of a unified procedure for case referral and extension of services within their respective school divisions.
- c. **Monitoring of Actions Taken.** The CPS shall follow up with the SH, SDS or ASDS on the recommended actions and the actual actions taken on the cases reported to them. The CPS shall likewise assist in the monitoring of the cases referred to other appropriate agencies for further assessment or case management. The CPS shall:



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- i. coordinate with the SH, guidance counselors or designated guidance teachers (GC/Ts) or Child Protection Committees (CPCs), whenever appropriate, on the implementation of the recommended actions on the cases referred to the CPS. The CPS shall monitor the progress of the victim and/or the child-perpetrator with respect to the actions actually taken to address the incident. The CPS may request for status updates on the cases from the SH, GC/Ts, CPCs or the Division learner rights and protection focal person as necessary;
 - ii. coordinate with the different government agencies and non-government organizations on the actions taken and the status of the cases referred for further assessment, intervention and case management; and
 - iii. submit an annual report of cases handled or referred to the region-based CPS. The Regional Office shall consolidate the reports from the CPS within their region and submit a consolidated report to the Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO) annually.
- d. Special Assignments. The CPS shall perform other tasks as may be assigned by the DepEd Undersecretary for Operations, their respective Regional Directors and SDSs, in urgent child protection cases and whenever necessary.

To qualify as CPS, the participant should have been designated as such by DM 131, s. 2016. For the new batch of CPS, the participant should have completed one batch of the Child Protection Specialization Course, conducted by the Learner Rights and Protection Office (LRPO) in November 2022 and January 2023, and issued a Certificate of Completion upon submission of an accomplished re-entry plan. The re-entry plan consists of specific actions that the CPS will take in relation to the above-mentioned responsibilities, as well as the physical targets, timeframe, and support or resources needed. The re-entry plans serve as the basis for program support funds provided by the LRPO to the Regional Offices.

The list of the first batch of CPS, as designated in DM 131, s. 2016, is contained in **Enclosure 1**. The list of the new batch of CPS, as trained by LRPO, is contained in **Enclosure 2**. The DepEd Central Office shall likewise provide a directory of designated CPS and update the same as necessary.

For your guidance and compliance.

Thank you very much.



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Enclosure 1

**List of Child Protection Specialists, as indicated in DepEd Memorandum No. 131,
series of 2016**

Region/Division	Name
Regional Office III	Edgardo S. Serrano
Bulacan	Lolita V. Bucot
Bulacan	Ma. Cristina H. Nogoy
Zambales	Catherine A. Panoy
Zambales	Edel Beltran
Balanga City	Lorna V. Guinto
Balanga City	Susan S. Nisay
San Jose Del Monte City	Beatriz N. Bongao
San Jose Del Monte City	Wilhelmina G. Minor
Meycauayan City	Judy F. Mercado
Science City of Muñoz	Jenalyn C. Siping
Science City of Muñoz	Joven P. La Rosa
San Jose City	Bernadette B. Regis
San Jose City	Mercedita O. Saldero
San Fernando City	Ma. Theresa B. De Jesus
Tarlac Province	Carmelita S. Alday
Gapan City	Jayson C. Magallanes
Pampanga	Lilia G. Valdez
Angeles City	Edgardo S. Nunag
Regional Office CALABARZON	Jocelyn L. Martin
Batangas City	Nieves A. Montalbo
Batangas	Lina M. Magoling



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Cavite	Shella B. Javier
Cavite City	Ria A. Tiston
Imus City	Henry C. Donsol
Bacoor City	Katherine R. Labajo
Antipolo City	Merlita O. Sayago
San Pablo City	Anna Liza D. Banayo
San Pablo City	Reena E. Reyes
San Pablo City	Nora M. Calabia
Lucena City	Tristan Jayson C. Collantes
Lucena City	Chinita A. Tolentino
Calamba City	Florette Laarni C. Bautista
Rizal	Mina F. Refuerzo
Tanauan City	Edgar Marshall M. Briñas
Calapan City	Nanette M. Macaguiwa
Central Office	Ernani O. Jaime



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Enclosure 2

List of Child Protection Specialists trained by the Learner Rights and Protection Office

The following are the participants who successfully completed the Child Protection Specialization Course (CPS) conducted by the Learner Rights and Protection Office and who were issued a Certificate of Completion.

Region	Division	Name
I	Regional Office I	Jose Ritchie B. Perez
	Dagupan City	Mitchellene Vigilia-Rivo
	Pangasinan I	Mark Gerry N. Oblanca
	City of San Fernando	Ray Anton L. Rimas
	Ilocos Sur	Marillac D. Quinsaat
	Vigan City	Alma Inamorata A. Nebab
	San Carlos City	Madeline S. Suarez
	La Union	Edelito D. Chan
	Ilocos Norte	Ruth Neil D. Cariaga
II	Regional Office II	Ryan R. Pacquing
	Batanes	Dencio G. Eriful
	Cauayan City	Ruth Anne B. Tabios
	Quirino	Ronalyn L. Barawid
	City of Ilagan	Nicole Kris L. Silva
	Santiago City	Emil E. Responso
	Tuguegarao City	Jiosen P. Callo
	Nueva Vizcaya	Wilhelmina C. Castro
	Isabela	Maria Rosanna A. Dauigoy
III	Tarlac City	Renniel Arvin M. Pineda
	City of San Fernando	Airene P. Dayrit



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	Pampanga	Paula S. Meneses
	Bataan	Hermie G. Duran
CALABARZON	Quezon	Leah Alcala Perez
	Batangas	Rosemarie J. Gonzales
	San Pablo City	Eloisa J. Pramis
	Rizal	Ma. Kripper N. Valmonte
	Laguna	Florentina C. Rancap
	Dasmariñas City	Maria Ellaine D. Grifaldo
MIMAROPA	MIMAROPA Regional Office	Liza Marie Victoria M. Dillena
	Marinduque	Glaiza T. Palatino
	Oriental Mindoro	Michael Angelo R. Adalia
	Calapan City	Mary Ann B. Arellano
	Puerto Princesa City	Annie Claire L. Camangeg
V	Regional Office V	Maria Cristina G. Baroso
	Catanduanes	Rosario B. Vegim
	Albay	Sylver Rose Nile S. Olicia
	Masbate City	Sarah B. Aguilar
	Camarines Sur	Susan G. Antonio
	Sorsogon City	Ireno M. Dicen
VI	Regional Office VI	Frances Jade E. Caniban
	Iloilo City	Fe P. Cofreros
	Negros Occidental	Reggie C. Paulino
	Capiz	Edna B. Azcarraga
	San Carlos City	Cristy Jarina Apurado
	Cadiz City	Analie J. Lobaton



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VII	City of Naga	Flordeliz Ubas
	Mandaue City	Marinel D. Oro
	Cebu	Mark J. Alquizola
VIII	Southern Leyte	Arizza R. Carbonilla
	Samar	Mary Jane A. Acedillo
	Borongan City	Franklin E. Pabello
	Catbalogan City	Gye Lynne T. Godio
IX	Regional Office IX	Rowena B. Balsamo
	Zamboanga Sibugay	Nora Dela Peña-Albiso
	Zamboanga del Norte	Ethyl Kimberly S. Labadan
	Zamboanga City	Belsenhower Bonne D. Macas
	Dipolog City	Andrew Homil G. Elumbaring
	Isabela City	Jenny P. Tuazon
X	Malaybalay City	Rosalio P. Arangco
	Ozamis City	Arlene C. Via
	Cagayan de Oro City	Cynthia V. Yañez
	Bukidnon	Ronnel Jun T. Estiva
XI	Regional Office XI	Stephen Mark T. Castres
	Davao City	Jonas P. Piore
	Davao del Norte	Elvin A. Anajao
	Tagum City	Febby Kirstin L. Ibita
XII	Regional Office XII	Ismael N. Ngitngit, Jr.
	South Cotabato	Rogelio Jr. De Juan
	Kidapawan City	Maiko Rosed M. Trojillo
	General Santos City	Anna Lizza C. Salvador
	City of Mati	Illuminado D. Boiser



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	Digos City	April Rose A. Alcalá
	Tacurong City	John G. Bayugos
XIII	Regional Office XIII	Ellen Grace M. Evangelio
	Cabadbaran City	Ma. Mitchie T. Malazarte
	Surigao del Norte	Lovely Sheena Y. Soro
	Surigao City	Jobie G. Pongcol
	Butuan City	Generuth M. Bagaforo
	Surigao del Sur	Melchor O. Catcha
	Bayugan City	Lily-Dell L. Catane
	City of Tandag	Florence C. Bagnol
	Bislig City	Maria Noemi M. Oropilla
CAR	CAR Regional Office	Mayclaire A. Jimenez
	Baguio City	Augie Perl A. Simangan
	Ifugao	Marilou D. Tenenan
	Tabuk City	Allan R. Galanza
	Apayao	Leinster C. Denna
	Kalinga	Marciana B. Bomowey
	Mountain Province	Renalyn B. Codod
	Abra	Edlaine B. Castillo
NCR	NCR Regional Office	Gina Lopez-Cruz
	Pasig City	Rose Ann B. Pamintuan
	Manila	Elizabeth G. Nuñez
	Makati City	Salome R. Ingua
	Caloocan City	Joshua Kenneth Lazaro
	Parañaque City	Leah Eborda-Sudsakorn



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	Pasay City	Bernardita A. Perez
Central Office	N/A	Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina
		Paulo O. Motita II
		Ma-Ann C. Escobedo
		Clint Richard L. Chua
		Camille Grace T. Cariaga
		Harvey S. Dollente
		Mary Kay P. Roldan
		Ma. Phoebe D. Agao