

DSWD Region III Enjoins its Stakeholders in the Celebration of 2018 National Children's Month



City of San Fernando, Pampanga (Updated). This year, Philippines celebrates its 26th National Children's month with the theme: "ISULONG: TAMANG PAG-AARUGA NG BATA PARA SA LAHAT". The said theme is focused on Positive Parenting.

Positive Parenting is one of the key strategies identified in the Philippine Development Plan of Action to Eliminate Violence Against Children (PPAEVAC). Positive Parenting is the non-violent approach to parenting and caregiving children in their behavior while the parents acknowledge and respect their rights to a healthy development, protection from violence, and participation in their learning from infancy to childhood.

The 2015 National Baseline Study – on Violence Against Children (NBS-VAC) revealed that most of the Filipino children experience and vulnerable to physical, psychosocial and sexual violence is significantly high in the home. An alarming 3 in 5 children suffer in one or two forms of violence at home, while, oftenly, their common perpetrators are their family members.

The Unicef report in the Systematic Literature Review of Violence Affecting Children showed that:

- Violent discipline is the most frequent form of violence against children in the home, driven by factors including social norms, around the use of and ineffectiveness of discipline, authoritarian parenting,

and parents' level of education;

- The lack of supervision, single headed household, and absent parents increases the vulnerability of children to sexual violence at home;
- Emotional violence from parents increases children's negative behavior, which increases the risk of experiencing violent discipline and perpetrating aggressive behavior towards others;
- Parenting practices that include the use of coercion, threats, insults and a frightening tone increase the risk of child maltreatment and set the state of similar patterns of behavior in parent/child and other relationship;
- Experiencing childhood or familial sexual violence is also a driver of all forms of intimate partner violence victimization for females;
- Experiencing or being exposed to violence in the home also increases the risk that children will use or experience violence against partners, peers and family members.

To contribute in the attainment of the objectives of 2018 NCM, the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office III shall conduct the following regional activities:

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
November 2018	Signature campaign for the Passage of the Positive Discipline of Children Act	Central Luzon
November 7-9	BCPC Orientation to all Barangays of Olongapo City	Olongapo City
November 12	Tarlac Provincial Children's Congress cum Awarding of Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance Conferees	Tarlac City

November 16	36th Regional Children's Congress	Bren Z. Guiao Convention Center, CSF, Pampanga
November 16	Mini Variety Show and Gift Giving	Tarlac Home for Women
November 19-23	Juvenile Justice Welfare Week	Central Luzon
November 26	Kainang Pamilya (Family Breakfast)	City of San Fernando (P)
November 27	2018 NCM Center's Celebration	Amor Village, Tarlac
November 29	DSWD FO III Participates in the National Search for Pantawid Exemplary Child	NCR

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