

DSWD, NACC issue guidelines to ensure unhampered adoption processing services

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the National Authority for Child Care (NACC), formerly known as the Inter-Country Adoption Board (ICAB), issued guidelines to guarantee the continuous processing of child placement and adoption processing services while the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for Republic Act (RA) No. 11642 or the “Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act” is still underway.

Specifically, the Memorandum Circular No. 03, S. 2022 or the Guidelines on the Implementation of Section 56 of RA 11642 or “Domestic Administrative Adoption and Alternative Child Care Act” will serve as basis for the implementation of Section 56 of the new adoption and alternative child care law.

Section 56 of RA 11642 highlights that there will be a three-year transition process for the implementation of law. During the pendency of the establishment of the NACC, functions relating to foster care, issuance of Certification Declaring a Child Legally Available for Adoption (DCLAA), and adoption processes under RA 11222 or the Simulated Birth Rectification Act of 2019 will remain under the DSWD.