

STREET CHILDREN IN METRO MANILA ARE BENEFICIARIES OF 'KARITON KLASRUM' PROJECT



DSWD Secretary Corazon Juliano-Soliman (2nd from left) joined by DepED Secretary Bro. Armin Luistro (extreme right), Mr. Efren Peñaflorida (3rd from right) and representatives from LGUs and NGOs during the launching of the 'Kariton Klasrum' in Ultra, Pasig City.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Education (DepED) launched on April 18, 2013 the 'Kariton Klasrum' project for homeless street families in Metro Manila, held at the Philippine Sports Complex, Pasig City.

Dubbed as K4 or 'Kariton, Klasrum, Klinik, Kantin, the project was adopted from the idea of 2009 CNN Hero of the Year Efren Peñaflorida. It aims to address the basic needs of street children who are unable to go to school to attend formal education.

DSWD Secretary Soliman said that this project targets the identified street children who are beneficiaries of

DSWD's Modified Conditional Cash Transfer (MCCT) program in Metro Manila.

Soliman added that the project has dual objectives: to educate street children and to provide health services and shelter assistance to street families to ensure their safety and well-being. Currently, there are 1,554 homeless street families in NCR who are enrolled in the MCCT program.

MCCT targets the sector of the population who were not included in the regular Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program. Qualified beneficiaries receive monthly cash grants of P1,400.00 and a complete package of assistance, to include housing assistance and job opportunities for the improvement of their living conditions.

DepED Secretary Armin Luistro also announced that there are already four (4) pushcart classrooms stationed in designated areas in NCR, particularly in Novaliches, Pasig, Caloocan and Manila.

The implementation of the project is in partnership with DepED, Dynamic Teen Company, represented by CNN Hero Efren Peñaflorida, Local Government Units (LGUs), non-government organizations (NGOs), and civil society organizations (CSOs) in Metro Manila. ###

DSWD-NCR SIGNS MOA WITH NCRPO ON POLICING ILLEGAL SOLICITATION



DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan (left), NCRPO Director Chief Superintendent Leonardo Espina and DSWD-NCR Institutional Development Division Chief Ms. Teresita Valentino during the signing of MOA between DSWD-NCR and PNP NCRPO.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development in the National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR) recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) in enforcing Presidential Decree 1564 otherwise known as the Solicitation Permit Law and DSWD Administrative Order No. 14 series of 2007 or the revised Omnibus Rules and Regulations on Public Solicitations. The event was held in Camp Bagong Diwa, Taguig City.

The MOA strengthens the partnership of DSWD-NCR with NCRPO in the apprehension and investigation of unscrupulous solicitors in Metro Manila and complements the implementation of DSWD's regulatory function.

Bonoan said that with the strengthened advocacy, illegal solicitation activities conducted by individuals, Non-Government Organizations or People's Organizations within Metro Manila will be lessened.

NCRPO Director Chief Supt. Leonardo A. Espina expressed his immediate acceptance of the partnership and committed his solid support to all the endeavours of the police force to ensure compliance to the provisions of the agreement. ###

DSWD-NCR CONDUCTS FORUM TO STRENGTHEN FOSTER CARE

The Department of Social Welfare and Development in the National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR) conducted its first semester Social Welfare and Development Forum on "Aruga at Kalinaga Para Sa Mga Bata sa Barangay: Alternative Parental Care for Children in Need of Special Protection," held in Makati City last May 22, 2013.

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan said the forum was very timely with the passage of RA 10165 or the Foster Care Act 2012 and opportunity to encourage more foster parents to share their homes and provide love to children placed in child-caring institutions.

Atty. Melissa De Villa Gorospe of DSWD Legal Service discussed the salient features of RA 10165 or the Foster Care Act of 2012 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

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DSWD NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan as she welcomes the participants to the forum.

During the forum, Bonoan shared that there are some 2,118 children who are placed in different child-caring institutions in Metro Manila and are awaiting for families who may provide them with alternative parental care.

She also encouraged the participants from child caring agencies, LGUs, NGOs and media to contribute in the development of more foster and adoptive families who will provide individual care to the thousands of children in institutions.

A participant - Ms. Ella, a former bank executive who fostered a child afflicted with cerebral palsy from Missionaries of Charity said, she fell in love with the child so she asked the nuns if she can share her home with the child.

"Fostering a child is a commitment and a 24/7 job. I know I can give him joy, love and a home. I do not expect him to reciprocate my love and I won't regret loving a special child," shared Ms. Ella.

There were also two foster children with their foster parents who both shared their experiences in foster care.

Republic Act 10165 or the Foster Care Act of 2012 adheres to the policy of the State to provide every child who is neglected, abused, surrendered, dependent, abandoned, under sociocultural difficulties, or with special needs with an alternative family that will provide love and care as well as opportunities for growth and development. It was signed into law on June 11, 2012. ###

9 Gold Medals for NCR's PWD-Trainees and Staff

Disability did not hinder the persons with disability (PWD) clients and staff of DSWD's NVRC in winning nine (9) gold medals in the Philippine Paralympic National Games (PPNG) held in Sta. Cruz, Laguna Sports Complex from March 16-23, 2013.

For the track-and-field event, Lando Banares, a trainee with cerebral palsy garnered three (3) gold medals for 100, 200 and 1,500 meter dash run, respectively. Ryan Buenafe, a trainee with visual impairment won the gold medal, for javeline throw for visually impaired category, while Anthony Garganta, a staff with orthopaedic impairment bagged two (2) gold medals for javeline throw and long jump for orthopedically impaired category.

Meanwhile, wheelchair user staff Augusto Hernandez won two (2) gold medals in javeline and discuss throw, respectively, under wheelchair user classification, while Regino Dulas, also a wheelchair user got the 9th gold medal for the team in the 48-52 kilograms power lifting event, men's division.

Aside from the gold medals, the team also brought home four (4) silver and three (3) bronze medals in different events and categories.

Ms. Edna Sacedor, head social worker of NVRC, happily shared that the NVRC team did not only bring home medals, but it also received the "Best of Five" in basketball event for wheelchair users which was awarded to Alex Teves, NVRC sports coordinator.

She added that the PPNG is conducted yearly through the administration of the Philippine Sports Association for the Differently Abled-National Paralympic Committee of the Philippines (PHILSPADA-NPC Philippines).

This event aims to discover the future national athletes who will participate in the international events. For this year, there were 18 teams from all over the country who participated in the said event. ###



PANTAWID PAMILYANG

EMPLOYMENT FACILITATION ASSEMBLY FOR PANTAWID PAMILYA BENEFICIARIES



DSWD-NCR OIC-Assistant Regional Director Jacel J. Paguio addresses the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program beneficiaries from Pasay City who attended the first employment facilitation assembly.

Perlita Dades, 21 years old, from Brgy. 171 Pasay City came in her best dress, with high hopes that she will be assisted in getting a job after her attendance to the employment facilitation assembly organized by the Department of Social Welfare and Development-National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR), held at Kalayaan Covered Court, Brgy. 201, Pasay City.

Perlita is one of the 100 employable members of Pantawid Pamilya household beneficiaries who proceeded to the covered court to attend the activity which aimed to prepare and assist them in finding employment.

“This is one of the strategies that the Department is initiating in partnership with other government agencies and private organizations to help the beneficiaries who will complete the five-year implementation of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program,” Assistant Regional Director Jacel J. Paguio said.

During this assembly, participants were taught how to prepare a Bio-Data or Resume and were guided how to present themselves during job interviews.

Employers such as PhilExport, Stream Global Services, Ayala Foundation and David Mendoza Consunji, Inc. (DMCI) were also invited during the assembly to conduct actual interview with applicants.

“I am happy that DSWD initiated this activity which is truly helpful especially to my fellow beneficiaries who wanted to get a job to help our family,” Perlita said in Tagalog. Perlita’s family is one of the 1,239 families from Pasay City who will exit from the five-year implementation of the program in December 2013.

“In Metro Manila, a total of 10,382 families will complete the five-year implementation of the program and we would like to ensure that these families reach the self-sufficient level through the convergence efforts of DSWD, other government agencies, non-government organizations and civil society organizations,” Paguio added. ###

Did you know that?



As of June 2013:

- ◆ There are 209,440 Pantawid Pamilya beneficiaries in NCR. Of these, 10,382 (Set-1) will be completing the five-year implementation in December 2013.
- ◆ Of the 10,382 Set-1 beneficiaries, 5,990 have been accessed to Self-Employment Assistance -Kaunlaran (SEA-K) and 1,207 to employment.
- ◆ 20 families from Set-1 have been assessed as self-sufficient; 8,367 are on subsistence level while 1,995 are on survival level of well-being.
- ◆ There are 1,610 homeless families in NCR who are beneficiaries of the Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Homeless Street Families (MCCT-HSF). Of these, 849 families have been provided with Alternative Family Homes.
- ◆ There are 1,002 households and 225 children from LGUs, CSOs and DSWD-run institutions who are beneficiaries of the Modified Conditional Cash Transfer Program for Families in Need of Special Protection (MCCT-FNSP).###

PILIPINO PROGRAM Updates

DSWD-NCR INTENSIFIES 'BAWAL ANG EPAL DITO' CAMPAIGN WITH LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES



DSWD-NCR staff posting the BAED poster on LBP branch.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development in the National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR) intensified its '*Bawal Ang Epal Dito*' campaign in partnership with Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), to protect the beneficiaries from partisan politics during the mid-term elections campaign.

The LBP allowed the DSWD-NCR to post the '*Bawal Ang Epal Dito*' campaign materials on LBP branches in Metro Manila, near their Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) where beneficiaries withdraw their cash grants.

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan said that the campaign dealt with the issues of external pressures and misconception of the beneficiaries about the involvement of politicians in the implementation of Pantawid Pamilya. It also empowered the beneficiaries to know their rights and to be vigilant of individuals and/or groups who will use the program to push their political agenda.

Bonoan emphasized that only DSWD Central and Field Offices have the authority to delist beneficiaries from the program if they do not comply with the conditionalities, and that this partnership with LBP helped in disseminating the message to the beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries of Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

"We are very glad that LBP gave solid support in this joint effort," Bonoan disclosed. ###

DSWD-NCR opens the Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya 2013

To recognize the contributions of the families in complying with the set conditionalities under the Pantawid Pamilya program, and for promotion of responsible parenthood among its beneficiaries, the Department of Social Welfare and Development - National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR) opened its Search for Huwarang Pantawid Pamilya 2013.

Started in 2010, the Search is open to all family-beneficiaries who are registered in the program for at least one (1) year, have good standing in the community with no derogatory records, have not been convicted of any administrative, criminal or civil cases for the past five (5) years, and whose income is not derived from gambling, prostitution, child labor, extortion and similar illegal means.

In NCR, each Local Government Unit (LGU) is en-

titled to one (1) family nominee.

Criteria for judging are; a family with 100% compliance in all conditionalities (25%), practices and promotes healthy living (20%), actively involved in community and environmental endeavors (20%), demonstrates love and respect for the community include and the environment (20%), and manages and utilizes cash grants properly (15%).

The winner will be awarded on the last week of September to coincide with the celebration of the Family Week.

Representatives from the Regional Inter-Agency Committee for the Filipino Family (RIAC-FF) and Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) will be actively involved in the screening and validation of the LGU nominees. ###

HELP TO REACH OUT STREET KIDS; TWEET DSWD @savestreetkids



The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) taps Filipino netizens to help in reaching out street kids in Metro Manila through micro-blogging site Twitter.

The public may now inform the DSWD in real time 24/7 access about kids sleeping, loitering, begging or vending on the streets through its twitter account @savestreetkids.

Launched in November 2012, the DSWD, in partnership with the Local Government Units (LGUs) provides social services to reported sighting of street children in major thoroughfares in the National Capital Region.

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan explained that reached-out street children and families are brought to either the DSWD, LGUs or NGO facilities for provision of support services and interventions.

To report street kids, simply tweet the complete name of street or intersection, the nearest landmark, name of city/municipality and the actual time when the street kids were sighted. The netizens will be updated on the status of their report as soon as reach-out activities have been conducted.

"We have a team of social workers who provide immediate response to received tweets about sighting of street children in Metro Manila while received tweets from other regions are referred to the concerned regional office for their response," said Bonoan. ###

SUMMER SPORTS CLINIC FOR RSCC KIDS



To provide the children at DSWD Reception and Study Center for Children (RSCC) with a fun-filled summer and to develop sportsmanship, leadership and teamwork among them, at least 31 children, 5 to 10 years old joined the soccer sports clinic, from April 2 to May 30, 2013 at the RSCC grounds.

Ms. Hazel Militante, Head Social Worker of RSCC said that days before the start of the soccer sports clinic, children were excited and always looked forward to their Tuesdays and Thursdays soccer session.

Coach Jesus 'Jess' Landingin, a resident soccer coach of Nasyon ng Kabataan, Haven for Children and Elsie Gaches Village and her daughter Joyce, who is a national coach and football-scholar of the University of Sto. Tomas served as trainer and coach of these children. ####

MANDALUYONG CITY IS NATIONAL FINALIST IN 2012 PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR MOST CHILD-FRIENDLY CITIES



Mandaluyong City Mayor Benjamin Abalos Jr. (center) receives the award from (left) Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) Executive Director Brenda S. Vigo, NEDA Deputy Director General Dr. Emmanuel F. Esguerra, DOH Undersecretary Nemesio T. Gako and DILG Undersecretary Austere A. Panadero.

The City of Mandaluyong, known as the Tiger City was the National Capital Region's nominee to the Search for 2012 Presidential Award for Most Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities under the Highly Urbanized City category.

Mandaluyong City Mayor Benjamin Abalos Jr. personally received the recognition during the awarding ceremonies held on April 17, 2013 at Bahay ng Alumni in UP Diliman, Quezon City.

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan said that Mandaluyong won the Presidential Award for Most Child-Friendly Cities in 2011.

For this year, the City of Davao bagged the prestigious 2012 Most Child-Friendly City award while Mandaluyong City joined the cities of Bacolod, Baguio, Butuan and Olongapo in the roster of national finalists.

Mandaluyong was nominated for its innovative programs and initiatives such as Enhanced Millennium Baby Project, Pamahalaan sa luyong (Y-JAM), among others.

Pamayanan, E-Trike, E2G2 (Effective and Ethical Good Governance) and Young Journalists Association of Mandaluyong (Y-JAM), among others.

The Presidential Award for Child-Friendly Municipalities and Cities was initiated by the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) to recognize the LGUs that put premium to "child-friendly" environment and upholds the rights of Filipino children to survival, development, protection and participation. ###

TASK FORCE ROXAS BOULEVARD CONTINUES

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan said during the June Regional Management Development Conference that Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Secretary Francis Tolentino announced that the "Task Force Roxas Boulevard" campaign will continue until December this year.

It will be recalled that DSWD and MMDA launched in May 24 the Task Force Roxas Boulevard to free the area from street dwellers and informal settlers until June 12, 2013.

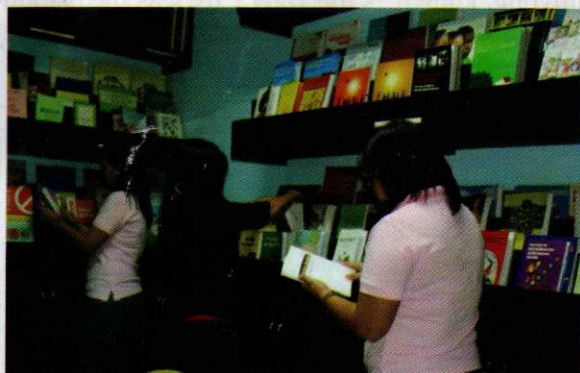
Bonoan said the "Task Force Roxas Boulevard" will continue to work at obtaining zero street dwellers along Roxas Boulevard stretching from Del Pan, Manila; Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Pasay City; Baclaran coastal area and NAIA Terminal in Parañaque City.

"This is jointly implemented by the DSWD, MMDA and the cities of Manila, Pasay and Parañaque which will facilitate immediate response to reports on street children, street families and Bajaus," said Bonoan.

The reached-out individuals and families will undergo assessment and profiling at MMDA Workers Inn, located along Roxas Boulevard for provision of social services and referral to the concerned LGUs and/or centers, for temporary shelter. ###



DSWD-NCR OPENS ITS REGIONAL LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER



The RLRC library.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development in the National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR) formally opened its Regional Learning Resource Center (RLRC) in simple ceremonies held on May 29, 2013 at the Field Office.

The RLRC is a component of Knowledge Management and supports the vision of the Department to become a hub for best practices, learning exchange and growth programs in the Asia Pacific Region, through its knowledge and resource/learning center and centers of excellence.

DSWD-NCR Regional Director Ma. Alicia S. Bonoan described RLRC as a 'one-stop shop' knowledge management center designed to provide an interactive learning facility for sharing and exchange of knowledge among its partners and stakeholders.

"The institutionalization of the knowledge sharing process through a technology-supported learning and resource center meets the demands of the fast-phased setting where information are made accessible and may be obtained in just a click," said Director Bonoan.

The users of RLRC may view both the printed and electronic format of social protection trends, technical and published papers, and social welfare and development policies, programs and services. They can also consult and exchange ideas with the DSWD's core group of specialists for the different sectoral programs thru the use of Information Technology.

DILG-NCR Regional Director Renato Brion who was present during the launching congratulated the DSWD-NCR for opening another opportunity for more knowledge and learning exchange among the stakeholders.

The RLRC has core facilities which include a library, conference room, computer and video conference area. It also has a Knowledge Management portal and DSWD on-line library to provide its users access to online information. It is open for use of students and other stakeholders who wish to conduct research about the DSWD. Interested parties may call the Capacity Building Unit at 310-1433 or email to foncr@dswd.gov.ph. ###

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