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Department of Education
REGION IV-A CALABARZON




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Regional Memorandum
No. 166, s. 2025

**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF 2025 CHILD
SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK AND SAFER
INTERNET DAY FOR CHILDREN PHILIPPINES**

To: **Schools Division Superintendents**

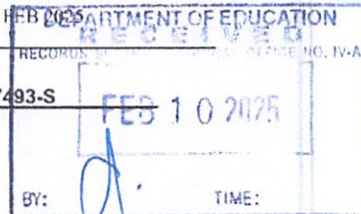
1. In reference to the Memorandum from the Department of Social Welfare and Development¹, this Office, through the Field Technical Assistance Division, reiterates the aforementioned subject.
2. This aims to raise awareness among parents, families, communities, and service providers about their role in protecting children, while also amplifying the voices of Filipino youth and children who play a crucial part in ensuring a safer and more secure digital environment for all.
3. Please see attached Memorandum from the Department of Social Welfare and Development for reference.
4. For inquiry, kindly contact Chief Michael Girard R. Alba of the Field Technical Assistance Division via email michael.alba@deped.gov.ph or through mobile number at 09913842394 or Ms. Rochelle May M. Nisola via email at rochellemay.nisola@deped.gov.ph.
5. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum is highly desired.


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¹ Observance of 2025 Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week and Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines



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MEMORANDUM

FOR : ALL RIACAT-VAWC IV-A MEMBER-AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

ALL LOCAL COMMITTEES ON ANTI-TRAFFICKING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN (LCAT-VAWC)

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND RIACAT-VAWC IV-A CHAIRPERSON

SUBJECT : OBSERVANCE OF 2025 CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS WEEK AND SAFER INTERNET DAY FOR CHILDREN PHILIPPINES

DATE : 10 FEBRUARY 2025

The Regional Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children (RIACAT-VAWC) IV-A fully supports the national observance of the **"National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation"**, also known as the "Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week (CSAAW)", every second week of February, as mandated by Presidential Proclamation No. 731, s. 1996, and the **Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines**, held every second Tuesday of February, pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 731, s. 2018.

The theme for this year's CSAAW, **"Maging Solusyon: Labanan ang Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children,"** alongside the local theme for Safer Internet Day, **"Digital Bayanihan, Para sa Kabataang Ligtas at Protektado Online,"** underscores the importance of a whole-of-nation approach in creating safer digital spaces for children. It centers on addressing the challenges and opportunities within the digital landscape, particularly the extent and impact of Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) on young individuals and communities. Moreover, it aims to raise awareness among parents, families, communities, and service providers about their role in protecting children, while also amplifying the voices of Filipino youth and children who play a crucial part in ensuring a safer and more secure digital environment for all.

In support of these annual observances, RIACAT-VAWC IV-A encourages all government agencies and instrumentalities, local government units, non-governmental organizations, civil society groups, and private sector entities in the CALABARZON region to actively participate in and organize relevant activities.



- **Makabata Teleradyo Program:** Tune in to the special broadcast airing on 10 February 2025, focused on raising awareness about OSAEC, available on the CWC Facebook page at fb.com/CWCgovph and Radyo Magasin 1278 kHz.
- **E-Learning Course on the Anti-OSAEC and Anti-CSAEM Law or Republic Act 11930:** Enroll in the self-paced e-learning course offered by the Council for the Welfare of Children and Stairway Foundation, available from 11 to 28 February. This course is open to Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPCs) and Local Committees on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Their Children (LCAT-VAWCs). Certificates of Completion will be provided to successful participants upon course completion. Self-Enrollment Guide is attached for your reference. For inquiries, please contact Ms. Florida Radam, RSCWC IV-A Regional Coordinator, at 0926-891-7208 or via email at rscwc_calabarzon@cw.gov.ph.
- **Maging Solusyon: Labanan ang OSAEC sa CALABARZON Ngayon! Webinar:** Organized by RSCWC IV-A in partnership with RIACAT-VAWC IV-A and DSWD IV-A, this webinar, scheduled on 13 February, offers valuable insights about OSAEC and explores how children and youth can actively contribute to combating this issue. Register at <https://bit.ly/CSAAW2025CALABARZON>. For more information, visit the RSCWC IV-A Facebook page at fb.com/rscwc4acalabarzon.

Local Committees on Anti-Trafficking and Violence Against Women and Children (LCAT-VAWCs) are encouraged to implement advocacy and prevention initiatives, including, but not limited to, promoting Republic Act No. 11930, or the Anti-OSAEC and Anti-CSAEM Act; displaying the 2025 CSAAW and SID banners/tarpaulins outside their offices; and producing and distributing information, education, and communication (IEC) materials through their websites and social media platforms.


Resource materials are available through the following links:

- Proclamation No. 731, s. 1996 (Child Sexual Abuse Awareness Week) - <https://pcw.gov.ph/proclamation-no-731-national-awareness-week-for-the-prevention-of-child-sexual-abuse-and-exploitation/>
- Proclamation No. 417, s. 2018 (Safer Internet Day for Children Philippines) - <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2018/02/05/proclamation-no-417-s-2018/>
- CSAAW 2025 Campaign Materials (social media cards and banners) - <https://bit.ly/CSAAW2025Collaterals>
- SID PH 2025 Campaign Materials (poster, banner, videos, and online post captions) - <https://tinyurl.com/SIDPH25IEC>
- SID PH 2025 Facebook Display Photo (DP) frame: <https://twibbo.nz/sidph2025>

Should you have concerns or clarifications, you may reach the RIACAT-VAWC IV-A Secretariat through, Mr. Ray Andrew P. Villafuerte at +63921-774-7140, DSWD trunk line (02) 8850-8380, or via email at iacacp.fo4a@dswd.gov.ph.

For your information and compliance.

Thank you.

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