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**Preparation for the Opening of National Child Development Centers (NDCs),
Child Development Centers (CDCs)/Day Care Centers (DCCs) and
Private Learning Centers (PLCs) Offering Programs for 0 to 4 Years Old Children**

- I. The outbreak of COVID 19, which resulted in various forms of community quarantine has affected the delivery of early childhood education programs in the community. Amidst the difficulties and challenges posed by the pandemic, the ECCD Council is committed to ensure the provision of continued early learning programs to children aged 0 - 4. This will contribute to bringing about normalcy in the center's activities while facilitating the learners' development. It is important during this time that young children are provided with positive learning environment. However, it is strongly encouraged that the health and safety protocols of the learners, teachers and community workers are safeguarded at all times.
- II. For School Year 2020 - 2021, the ECCD Council recommends that the opening of NDCs and CDCs/DCCs will be on September 14, 2020.
- III. The following tasks to be undertaken during the period from June 1, 2020 to September 11, 2020 shall in the case of NDCs and CDCs/DCCs be done with guidance of the C/MSWD Officer:
 1. Conduct the usual community mapping to assess the situation in the community prior to the opening of the centers;
 2. Profiling of the young learners aged 0 – 4;
 3. Assessment of learners using ECCD Checklist and/or Portage Guide to Early Education which may be done through home visit while strictly observing health protocols;
 4. Conduct consultation and survey on parents' expectations and perceptions on post COVID delivery of ECCD programs;
 5. Ensure that the centers are sanitized and have undergone disinfection procedures and hand washing facilities are available, with water and soap;
 6. Encourage the implementation of the Bayanihang Bulilit by scheduling the parents to assist, adhering strictly to physical distancing and observing health protocols;
 7. Inventory of instructional materials;
 8. Preparation of learning and instructional materials/worksheets/modules for all levels based on the National Early Learning Curriculum.
- IV. Guidelines for the alternative mode of learning delivery, other than the usual face-to-face sessions are being developed and will be issued subsequently. Meantime, comments and suggestions on how best to conduct the delivery of programs in NDCs and CDCs/DCCs as appropriate in your area in the light of the present pandemic are most welcome.
- V. Private Learning Centers (PLCs) may opt to open any time before September 14, 2020 as appropriate in their situation and may plan their own preparatory activities before school opening strictly observing the health and safety protocols. In which case, we request that a written notice be submitted to the ECCD Council within June 2020 for our information.
- VI. Private Learning Centers (PLCs) who have been given Permits to Operate for Year 2020 by their respective Local Government Units (LGUs) are invited to signify their interests with the ECCD Council for inclusion in the Roster of Private Learning Centers (PLCs) that shall offer early learning programs for the 0 to 4 years old in School Year 2020-2021. The ECCD Council is currently updating its database on PLCs. We may be reached through our email at info.eccdc@gmail.com, or by FB @ ECCD Council Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/ECCDCouncil/> or call Telephone No. 02 8571-4615; 02 8571-6833.

For your information and guidance.


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