

13th National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

February 9 – 14, 2009

Background/Rationale:

On the 2nd week of February 2009, the observance of the “National Awareness Week for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation” will once again take place. The annual observance was started by a group of NGOs under the leadership of the Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse or CPTCSA. Later, it was transferred to the government, through the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC). The observance has always been pursued by government and non-government agencies at the national and the sub-national level. Led by the Council for the Welfare of Children through its Sub-Committee on Sexual Abuse and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (SC-SACSEC), efforts are planned and implemented through collaboration with partner organizations at the national and local levels. CWC’s regional network, the Regional Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children or RSCWC established in all 17 regions, has always been instrumental in pursuing activities. All chaired by DSWD Regional Directors, RSCWCs have in the past conducted advocacy campaigns involving the provincial, city and municipal levels to reinforce the importance of community awareness to facilitate prevention. The NGO networks equally provide the necessary support to ensure the campaign’s reach, horizontally and vertically.

This year’s theme:

**“Sekswal na Pang-aabuso sa Bata: Nangyayari Saan Man,
Karahasan na Dapat WAKASAN!”**

Child sexual abuses remains to be a pressing concern. Government and non-government agencies have likewise remained steadfast in their efforts to prevent, protect and facilitate recovery and reintegration of victims. The abuses happen anywhere – be it at home, school, or elsewhere.

Child sexual abuses is a form of violence against children.. For the meantime, continuing awareness building needs to be sustained to underpin the ill effects of abuses to children and more importantly, to build the capability of the community in finding means to help themselves battle the crime.

Calendar of Activities:

Date	Activity	Time/Venue	Person/s Offices Involved
06 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Pre-CSAAW Press Conference 	9:00 am – 11:00 am / Aguirre Hall Multipurpose Building PNP, Camp Crame Quezon City	<p><i>Ms. Fe Raga, WCPC</i> Tel #: 723-04-01 loc. 3642</p> <p><i>Ms. Connie Salcedo, CWC</i> Tel #: 742-20-10</p>
09 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Kick-Off - Flag Ceremony ▫ CSAAW will be announced including the activities to be undertaken ▫ Lecture Series on Child Sexual Abuse 	7:30am (in front of the General Headquarters) 9:00am onwards, DPCR Conference Rm, PNP	<p><i>Ms. Fe Raga, WCPC</i> Tel #: 723-04-01 loc. 3642</p> <p><i>Ms. Irene V. Fonacier-Fellizar, Lunduyan Foundation, Inc.</i> Tel #: 913-34-64</p> <p><i>Dir. Zeny Rosales, CPTCSA</i> Tel #: 426-78-39 / 434-75-28</p>
10 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ RTD on Juvenile Justice Law in relation to the Rehabilitation of Young Sex Offenders 	8:00 am – 12:00nn DPCR, PNP	<p><i>Ms. Fe Raga, WCPC</i> Tel #: 723-04-01 loc. 3642</p> <p><i>Dir. Zeny Rosales, CPTCSA</i> Tel #: 426-78-39 / 434-75-28</p>
February 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Children's festival (culminating activity) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Press release ✓ Motorcade ✓ Booth, Exhibit and simultaneous children's activity (Film, showing, story telling, games, art) ✓ Main event - Theater presentation and concert with special participation by various artists 	7:30 am – 4:00pm QC Circle	<p><i>Dir. Zeny Rosales, CPTCSA</i> Tel #: 426-78-39 / 434-75-28</p> <p><i>Ms. Connie Salcedo, CWC</i> Tel. #: 742-20-10</p>

Note: NGO partners will simultaneously hold activities in their own respective areas in support to the National Awareness Week.