

Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
MUNICIPALITY OF MACABEBE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER ⁰³ S. 2012

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF PROGRAM ON CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION AND THE FORMATION OF THE CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION NETWORK (CAPIN) UNDER THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Whereas, the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child affirms the vulnerability of children and their need for legal and other protective mechanisms before and after birth, and the vital role of international cooperation in securing child's rights;

Whereas, every child has an inherent right to life and the State has an obligation to ensure the children's survival and development;

Whereas, the Philippine Constitution guarantees the rights of children to assistance, including, special protection from all forms of neglect, abuse, cruelty, exploitation and other conditions prejudicial to their development;

Whereas, the Municipal Government of Macabebe is committed to uphold children's rights by pursuing programs and mechanisms to ensure the survival, development, protection and participation of children as mandated by the Constitution;

Whereas, one of these rights is the right of children to be protected from all forms of abuse and exploitation;

Whereas, there is a need to consolidate one body for the assessment, monitoring and implementation of the aforesaid policy on a continuing basis in accordance with the 1991 Local Government Code of the Philippines;

NOW THEREFORE, I ANNETTE FLORES-BALGAN, Mayor, Municipality of Macabebe, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order and direct the following:

SECTION 1. Program Concept, Purpose and Creation of a Multidisciplinary Team. R.A. 7610 mandates government agencies to provide a comprehensive program to protect children and youth against all types of abuses. Child abuse reflects a multi-faceted trauma. On its own, each government agency tasked by law to help children victims of abuse does not have the capability to respond to all the complex problems of child abuse. Further, each agency has its own set of bureaucratic procedures which may cause re-traumatization of the child. Dragging the abused child around several agencies where he/she is subjected to repetitive and sometimes insensitive investigative procedures is very painful for and traumatic to the child.

In light of this, the **MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF MACABEBE** has undertaken the initiative to spearhead the creation of a **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION NETWORK (CAPIN)** under the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children.

This Network is envisioned to develop a group of caring government and non-government professionals who are committed to put the child's best interests in every phase of the helping relationship. These professionals are expected to provide services in an integrated and systematic manner that responds to an abused child's needs in a child-friendly way. It aims to establish a **Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)** and provide an institutionalized mechanism that ensures sustained helping strategies for the abused child from the beginning up to the conclusion of the helping relationship.

SECTION 2. Composition of the Network. The CAPIN shall be composed of the following government and non-government agencies mandated by law to respond and handle cases involving Children in Need of Special Protection (CNSP)

Mayor	-	Chairperson
SB Chair on Women and Children	-	Co-Chair

Members:

- SB Chair on Health
- Municipal Administrator
- Municipal Local Government Operations Officer
- Municipal Planning and Development Officer
- Municipal Budget Officer
- Municipal Treasurer
- Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer
- Municipal PNP Chief
- Municipal Health Officer
- Schools District Supervisors

High School Principals
ABC Chairperson
SK Municipal Federation Chairperson
Two (2) NGO Representatives accredited by the Sangguniang Bayan
catering to the protective needs of children

Multi-Disciplinary team (MDT) who shall handle all child abuse cases includes the following:

Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer – Case Manager
PNP Women and Children Protection Desk Officer
ABC Chairperson
Schools District Supervisors
High School Principals
Municipal Health Officer

SECTION 3. Function of the Network. The Network shall ensure that the Protection Rights of Children are upheld, through the following functions:

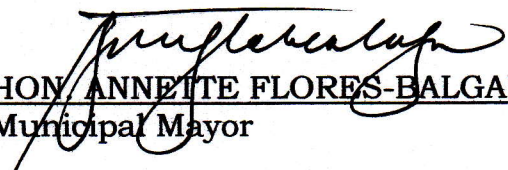
1. Advocate for the passing of local ordinance adopting the CAPIN as a special program in managing child abuse cases;
2. Facilitate the inclusion of the programs and services that shall assist child victims of abuse, neglect, exploitation and discrimination including children in conflict with the law in the Local Development Plan of the Municipality through the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children to ensure sustainability and institutionalization;
3. Assists the MDT in handling cases involving children in a professional and child-friendly manner to avoid multiple-trauma to the child victim through the establishment of Women and Children Protection Units;
4. Provide capacity building programs to Network Members in establishing a system to prevent child abuse and exploitation and give interventions for victims of such cases;
5. Adoption of the **Child Case Management Protocol** in all transactions of CAPIN; and
6. Initiate and undertake advocacy campaign to promote greater awareness, understanding, and improvement of services for child abuse victims

SECTION 5. Secretariat Support. SECRETARIAT SUPPORT. The secretariatship shall be lodged in the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and shall be responsible for the documentation of proceedings and meetings, preparation of reports and other necessary documents needed by the committee.

SECTION 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the Municipality of Macabebe, Province of Pampanga, this 16th day of February, in the year of the Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.

Issued by:


HON. ANNETTE FLORES-BALGAN
Municipal Mayor