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"Matatag na Pamilya: Susi sa Proteksyon ng mga Bata" (Strong Family: Key to Child Protection)

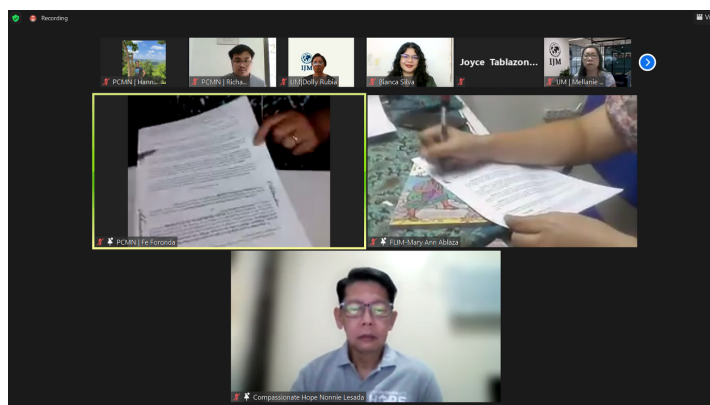
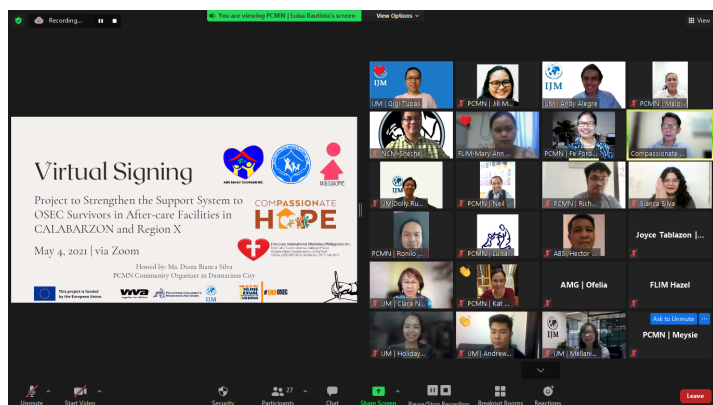
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BANNER NEWS!

Five Centers and Shelters sign a Memorandum of Agreement with End OSEC Consortium: Strengthening the support system to OSEC Survivors in After-care Facilities

by Ma. Luisa A. Bautista, PCMN Communications Officer



via Zoom - "We continue to make a difference in the lives of the survivors and the children in general... This MOA commits us to continue to work together more closely towards our goal to End OSEC... with the commitment and hard work of everyone, it (this project) will protect more children and guarantee the restoration of every survivor we rescue..." International Justice Mission (IJM) Philippines National Aftercare Development Director, Ms. Dolores B. Rubia, RSW, MSW, said in signifying the importance of the restoration and recovery of OSEC survivors and marking the commitment of the End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (End OSEC) Consortium to the five (5) centers and shelters during the virtual Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing, May 4.

AMG Bahay Silungan, Inc., Compassionate Hope, Inc., First Love International, Malisa Home, Inc., and Shechem Children's Home signed the MOA with the End OSEC Consortium, as represented by PCMN's National Director, Ms. Fe A. Foronda, to strengthen the support system to OSEC Survivors in After-care Facilities in CALABARZON (Region IV-A) and North Mindanao Region (Region X) which was attended virtually by 30 participants from the above-mentioned organizations.

"I value this partnership because this is an important cog in the whole of the project of End OSEC. Likewise, perhaps in the whole of the Philippines, we are providing a benchmark of practice - cooperation that can be done together, because no "one organization" can do this, ending OSEC. This is a whole nation approach, this needs everyone on board..." Ms. Foronda stated in her keynote message that she hoped for a lasting partnership with centers and shelters as it is necessary to the rehabilitation and reintegration of the OSEC survivors. "We are doing this not only because of the science of caring and nurture for children but because of our faith also".

Virtual Signing

Project to Strengthen the Support System to OSEC Survivors in After-care Facilities in CALABARZON and Region X

May 4, 2021 | via Zoom

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Each representative from five centers and shelters stated their acceptance messages.



"It is our prayer that AMG Bahay Silungan will be able to provide safety, healing, recovery, and justice to OSEC survivors... we will strive to be able to help the survivors. With everyone's help and prayer, we can end the Online Sexual Exploitation of Children." **AMG Bahay Silungan, Inc. Executive Director, Ptr. Hector Arana,** said as he expressed that AMG Bahay Silungan realized that there are gaps and challenges but believes that together, can help survivors to be reintegrated back to their families.

Compassionate Hope, Inc., Co-Director, Rev. Nonnie G. Lesada, stated that "We appreciate the opportunity to be part of this endeavor as in much as putting an end to this crime is as also one of the desires of Compassionate Hope in caring for and ministering to these victimized young boys and girls."



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"...we are honored and blessed to be part of this advocacy towards (the reintegration of) survivors of OSEC... through the process of healing and recovery, with the team that assesses the cases and helps them recover from what they experienced." **First Love International Ministries Social Worker, Ms. Mary Ann D. Ablaza,** shared in her acceptance message.

Malisa Home, Inc., Chairperson of the BOT, Ms. Joelyn Soldevilla-Biag, noted that "We look forward to productive training activities as these are what we need at the moment. We gladly share with you our efforts to safeguard our children and we are glad that we have all of you as allies."



"As we deal with the challenges of OSEC, we appreciate this strong partnership. Shechem Children's Home is committed to be God's conduit to make His promises to everyone... because of OSEC, the dignity of children are ruined but praised God because He raised different organizations in order for us to be God's hands, feet, and voice to restore the dignity of children." **Shechem Children's Home Chairman, Rev. Stephen Gualberto,** said as he accepted the partnership with the End OSEC Consortium and gratitude to the partnership.

For the ways forward, the End OSEC Consortium, through PCMN, will host an orientation session to the representatives from the five centers and shelters about the End OSEC project and consultation on the financial support to survivors documentation requirements and process of request.

"Our support (to every survivor from the project coverage placed in the shelters or centers)...I know that it will have an impact on the lives of

children." PCMN Program Manager, Mr. Ronilo Oyanib, stated as a closing message to the virtual MOA signing and emphasized that End OSEC Consortium is one with the centers and shelters in building safer communities for children.

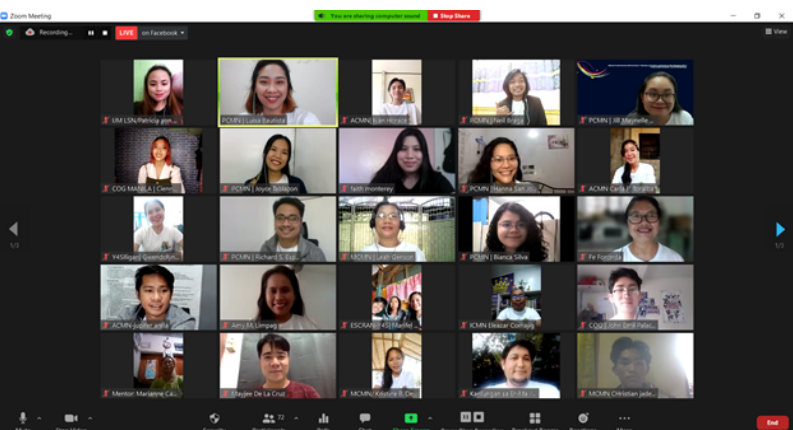
The signing of MOAs with partner centers and shelters will commence the projected action plans in attaining the target to strengthen the support system to OSEC survivors in after-care

facilities through capacity building of justice operators including the workers in the centers, and in technical and financial support towards the rehabilitation of the survivors.

The European Union funds the End OSEC project and is under the implementation of the End OSEC Consortium which consists of Viva Denmark, Philippine Children's Ministries Network, and International Justice Mission (IJM) Philippines. #

"I Can Do Something!": Youth Advocates Take on the 2021 Youth For Safety National Youth Summit

✦✦ by Ma. Luisa A. Bautista
PCMN Communications Officer



"...as a youth, you can participate in anything that will result in your development, growth, and significance to the community where you have influence." PCMN National Director, Ms. Fe A. Foronda, stated as welcome remarks during the National Youth Summit with the theme: "Kabataan sa Panahon ng Pandemya, May Magagawa Ako!" (Youth amidst Pandemic: I Can Do Something!) last April 10.

A total of 73 participants consisting of Youth Advocates and mentors of the PCMN Youth for Safety (Y4S) Youth Organization gathered virtually to attend the National Youth Summit (Assembly).

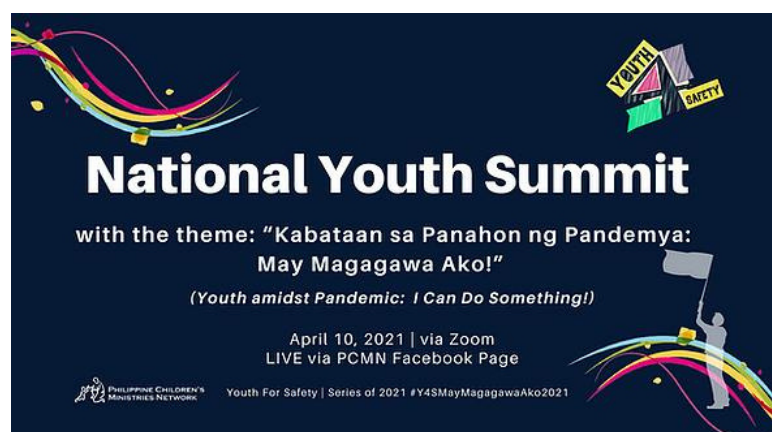
To bring solidarity to the participants, Ms. Foronda recommended significance to the

I CAN Do. The phrase I Can Do meant,

I am a **C**aring and compassionate youth **A**dvocate, with e**N**dless opportunities to **DO** good to our society.

This is a fitting mantra as all including the youth are impacted by the lockdowns due to pandemics. But this does not mean, the youth stop to make meaningful participation in doing good to society.

PCMN Youth For Safety (Y4S) Youth Organization former Presidents, Mr. Mayjee dela Cruz and Mr. Emmanuel Corpuz attended the National Youth Summit to provide solidarity and inspirational messages to the participants. They shared their experiences as Youth Advocates and Youth Leaders to inspire the current Youth Advocates.



In the plenary discussion, Mindanao Children's Ministries Network (MCMN) Executive Director, Ms. Leah Y. Genson, provided information on Youth For Safety, its vision, mission, and goals. She also informed the youth advocates on the organizing framework that can be used to use in local mobilization and assemblies. It was then followed by Parliamentarian / Author, Ms. Amira H. Manginsay, JD, as she tackled the parliamentary rules and procedures and Local Youth Development Officer (LYDO) Antipolo City, Mr. Cris Cate, as he discussed the role of LYDC and its importance in a youth organization, accreditation and sourcing support from the LGUs.

During the second part of the Summit, elected officers per cluster participated in the Break-out Room to elect Regional Officers. They gathered in the plenary to elect the National Officers of the PCMN Y4S Youth Organization.



The following are the elected National Officers who compose the National Assembly:

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| President: | Art Nel L. Bencolado |
| Vice President: | Gwendolyn Cortes |
| Secretary: | Alwin D. Capales |
| Treasurer: | Maricris G. Perez |
| Auditor: | Alyna E. Trozo |
| PIO: | Cienna Charisse Igano |
| Business Managers: | Jessa Mae Darang |
| | Jenny Mae Iña |
| | Lloyd Ronquillo |
| Committee Head of Finance: | |
| Committee Head of Social Media and Publicity: | Faith Monterey |
| Committee Head of Membership: | Romar Jet Chaonui ito |
| Committee Head of Partnership (Luzon): | Marc Gargidy A. Naz |
| Committee Head of Partnership (Visayas): | Carla P. Toralba |
| Committee Head of Partnership (Mindanao): | Jonathan G. Generalao |

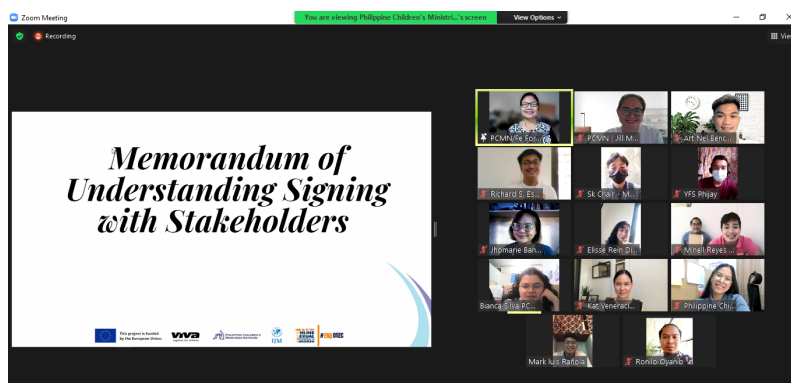
PCMN signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with three (3) Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Councils and one (1) Leo Club from Dasmaringas City

by: Bianca Silva, PCMN Community
Organizer and Art Nel Bencolado,
PCMN Youth Mobilizer

PCMN signs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with three (3) Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Councils and one (1) Leo Club from Dasmaringas City as partner stakeholders for youth activities collaboration, especially on ending Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC), last April 28.

The signing of MOU with partner stakeholders will commence the projected action plans in attaining the target to strengthen the prevention of OSEC in the communities through capacity building and online safety awareness activities.

The online event was graced by PCMN National Director, Ms. Fe A. Foronda, and she expressed her enthusiasm by emphasizing the power of the



youth to change the trajectory of the country. The Youth For Safety was started with 15 organizations advocating for the prevention of child sexual abuse in 2013. Eight years later, the Youth Organization continued on with the same mission and vision, currently with focus on the Safety of Children Online.

The Memorandum of Understanding is a demonstration of a stronger partnership to realize youth empowerment starting with Dasmaringas City in the campaign of ending OSEC. With civic groups and the government sector hand-in-hand with the rise of the crimes in the internet against children, we need more focused work on protecting children online.

The PCMN Y4S Youth Organization aims to collaborate with other youth organizations in the city on capacitating by providing tools and curriculum to increase work against OSEC. #

Let's reflect!

Biblical Perspective on Family as Institutionalized by God "Strong Family: Key to Child Protection"



"Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ shared the life of an earthly family in Nazareth: Bless we pray, all families in this and every land, and the homes in which your people dwell. Grant to each husband and wife, child, grandchild, and grandparent a growing love for each other that their lives may be a sign of Christ's love in this sinful and broken world. Give us the grace to bring the children up in your faith and love, that as they advance in years, they may grow in your knowledge and serve you above all else. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"



by Fr. Lendehl Rey Sallidao, PCMN BOT Chairperson

The above prayer is taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). There is so much about this prayer that continually fascinates me as a Christian child-protection advocate. First, it reflects the fundamental teaching of the Bible that children are to grow and develop in the context of a "loving" family for the continuing work of Christ reconciliation and restoration of this sinful and broken world. It tells us that children are an integral part of the family where they are to thrive and grow towards achieving their full potential as God intended. **Their growth is a sign of the Kingdom of God.**

We read in the Bible that God entrusted the children's care to adults for them to love, care for, protect, train, and nurture children. **Proverbs 22:6** talks about how parents are to teach and model out the way for the development of children from a young age towards adulthood: "train up a child in a way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it". In this passage, the parents who have authority over their children are expected to use that authority in giving full attention to the care and training of their children. Parents are to focus on the development of children patterned after God's love for His people. We see this in **Deuteronomy 6:4-7** where he instructs adults to teach the children to love and honor God and to obey His commandments.



Second, the Prayer reflects the holistic growth of a child patterned after that of Jesus' growth and development. It talks about Jesus himself being born in the context of a family. It was within the nurturing care of his earthly family that Jesus grew in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and men" (**Luke 2:52**).

God entrusting His own Son to humankind as a vulnerable child tells us much of the importance of a strong family and the primary role of parents. God requires that His Son be nurtured by a frail but able family and community in Nazareth.



And third, the prayer reflects the importance of the roles and relationships within the family. Through such roles, relationships develop and as such, the children learn how to relate, communicate, behave, express emotions and develop social skills.

Each member of the family in their roles makes an impact on the growth and development of the child as well as on their care and protection. This takes place in the foundational description of the family which consists of a father, mother, children, and grandparents. Later, such a relationship will eventually extend to aunts and uncles, cousins, and other relatives.

Such roles and relationships are fundamental to the overall welfare of the child; her growth, development, care, and protection are anchored in all things that are happening in the family.



Our shared vision in PCMN where we see “Children enjoying the fullness of life in a loving and nurturing environment” has the family at its core. We understand that our advocacy for the protection of children from all

forms of harm and exploitation as well as for their growth and development must be undertaken in the context of the family and in the community. Our calling to protect the children is primarily to strengthen the base and that is the family. This is the model that God has instituted which is what we hold fast as Christian believers and as Filipinos. Strengthening the family is fundamentally a Filipino culture.

We then as a PCMN family puts our utmost attention to families and strengthen them in **“faith and love”**. This is the way God has shown us in His Son Jesus Christ “who shared the life of an earthly family in Nazareth”. This holistic growth and development is our model which work as a sign of the Kingdom of God. #

Project Corner

PCMN launches a Child-Protection-in-Emergencies Response in Bicol Region

✦✦ by Ronilo Oyanib,
PCMN Program Manager



PCMN with Gintong Aral Community Development Inc. (GA) launched the Community-based Psychological First Aid program after Cyclone Goni in Bicol Region.

PCMN, with the approval of Global Care, in partnership with Viva Hongkong, decided to bring the project to Albay Province particularly in the City of Tabaco and Municipality of Guinobatan. Last June 6 to 13, PCMN and GA met with community actors such as Pastors, faith-community Leaders, and Youth to conduct consultations and a series of training to prepare partners for the implementation of the six-month-long project.

The project conducted a trainers' training on Operation Safe, Family and Child Phone Mentoring Program and Hope Bearers. These trainings aim at capacitating leaders from varying level of collaboration for the rollout of activities.



At the onset of the activities, a vision casting ensued to align the vision and mission of the implementing organizations. In the future, there is a plan to establish a network in the region. Leaders from the two areas expressed support for the project and interest in building a network in the province that shall continue the advocacy and work for the children that the project will be left after the project ends.

The project is both a post-disaster response and an emergency response to pandemic.

Expected outputs include 1000 children receiving hygiene kits and nutritional meals during Psychological First Aid camps. Likewise, 500 selected families in both areas will receive PHP 1,000.00 as a form of conditional cash relief after they completed the phone mentoring calls with their assigned mentors.

Disaggregated Data of Training Pax

| Name of Activity | Guinobatan | | Tabaco City | | Total |
|------------------------|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | |
| Vision Casting/UGHC | 11 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 72 |
| Tot on Hope Bearer | 9 | 24 | 19 | 28 | 80 |
| Tot on Phone Mentoring | 9 | 24 | 19 | 28 | 80 |
| Tot on Operation Safe | 11 | 20 | 17 | 26 | 74 |
| Total | 40 | 88 | 74 | 104 | 256 |



Family and Child Phone Mentoring Program: Key to reduce violence against children



by Leah Y. Genson

Executive Director, Mindanao Children's Ministries Network

Consuelo Foundation, in partnership with PCMN, implements its program on Family and Child Phone Mentoring (FCPM) in Mindanao which aims to reduce violence against children.

The project started by training the twenty (20) volunteer mentors coming faith-based groups and barangay VAWC Desk Officers to build their capacity to deliver essential messaging using phone calls. The messages revolves around engaging parents and children on COVID-19 Awareness, building a strong relationship within the family, mental health and resilience, staying safe at home, staying safe online, Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (OSEC) and learning together every day. Additional themes such as finding hope in hard times, coping with loss, and staying safe under pressure.

The mentors were also taught to use and navigate the CFPMP toolkit.



Mentors' weekly debriefing is done every Friday to help them process their experiences and teach problem-solving skills. Each mentor is allowed to share their experiences and learnings during the call. With the help of the facilitators, issues were raised and processed.

One area of feedback was that families didn't have enough food to eat due to the loss of jobs among parents due to the pandemic.

Matters of concerns were referred to the city government to find solutions for these families. Some families access food from the City Social Welfare and Development Office. Some families were referred to the Office of the Urban Poor for "Trabaho Davaoeno", TUPAD as an emergency employment program.

Academes such as the University of Southeastern Philippines, together with HOPELINE were tapped to provide support on mental health.

Completers of program will be organized into small groups towards engaging the families in economic activities.



Testimonial on Family and Child Phone Mentoring Program

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I am a volunteer mentor who received a disclosure from a family being mentored about a sexual abuse case. I supported the family by conducting follow-up of the child's situation and a referral to the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO). The family, as a consequent, reported the case to the Philippine National Police to apprehend the perpetrator.

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PCMN, with MCMN, is collaborating efforts to work together with government and non-government partners to ensure that this young victim is responded to towards restoration. Through this phone mentoring partnership, 400 vulnerable families were reached with enhanced

the psychosocial functioning of families through building meaningful relationships inside the family and connecting them with significant community actors such as the church for support.

The phone mentoring program has been developed by Viva to respond to issues of families during lockdown. Around 8,000 families were responded to globally.#

A smart parent for a safe child: A smart community for a safe world

by Jill Maynelle R. Visbal
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“It takes a village to raise a child.” This African proverb proves right until today as children need not only their family; or their community, but the whole world to take care of them. Basic needs have to be met; rights to be protected and have safe spaces for children to explore. As PCMN envisions children enjoying the fullness of life in a loving and nurturing environment, several capacity building activities on Safety of Children Online have been made to volunteers, parents, civil society organizations, and churches since 2018 in the City of Dasmariñas.

One of the active volunteers in the city is Council Member of Brgy. Sto. Nino 2, Ms. Flordeliza M. Canoy. She's been a participant of several training of PCMN such as leadership training for Youth Advocates on End-OSEC; Paralegal orientation for the protection of children; training on trauma-informed crisis intervention; forum/ workshop on reporting and referral pathway for OSEC; and roll-out of parents' module on OSEC prevention to name some.

Nanay Flor, as she's fondly called, learns a lot from this training not only for her family but also from her co-parents as well.



Staff and Membership Care Corner

Listening Session with Ms. Tez Gayares: **An internal provision of support mentally and emotionally as a family**

✦ by Hanna San Jose, PCMN Network Development Officer

According to Nanay Flor, PCMN's project on ending OSEC made her community aware of this crime. Most parents are not tech-savvy, and their kids are way ahead of them in terms of technical know-how. But learning from these types of training made parents like her, to be wary of what to post and share online; check on what their kids post, or how their children behave in social media accounts and monitor who their children interact with in the internet.

The advocacy and training shared with them by PCMN made her, the barangay, and its officials be aware of OSEC in their community. She always adhere to the the saying "Think before you, click."#

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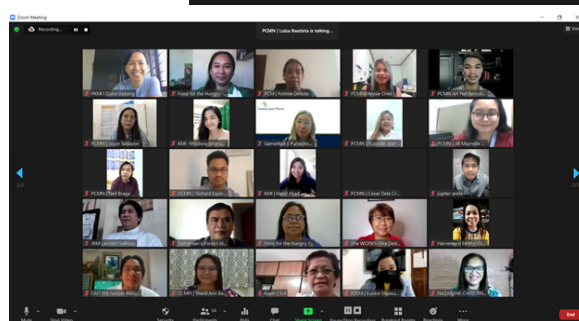
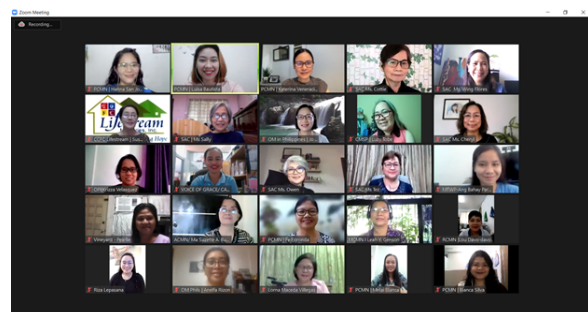
The learnings I gained from the training made me think twice when I post or share contents with children on it. I remind my friends and co-parents to delete posts that may invite harm to children. Likewise, I inform them to check the activities of children in their community's computer rental shops whether they put children in harm's way or not. I believe that children need to be protected by their family first, then their community, and the world.

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PCMN aims to provide continuing care to its staff, especially now that the management recognized that the staff needs the mental and emotional support of PCMN as a family, particularly in this time of the pandemic, wherein everyone is experiencing so many different emotions and challenges - whether work or family-related.

With this, a professional counselor Ms. Maria Theresa A. Gayares, LPT, RGC facilitated the small group learning sessions with the PCMN staff every Tuesday afternoon of the whole month of May. Staff members were assigned to a random group to attend, mostly not from the same units or projects that they are in, wherein they are led to a time of open sharing of their feelings, thoughts and debriefed in the process by Ms. Gayares.



"A healthy employee means a healthy organization... resulting to an effective worker.", PCMN's National Director, Ms. Fe Foronda, said as she encouraged the staff to participate in the small group listening sessions with Ms. Tez.

PCMN's Finance Manager, Ms. Rufina "Sally" Salvatierra, shared her experience after participating in the small group listening session.

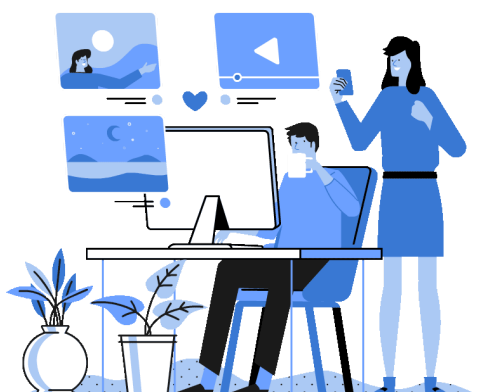
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I intended to strengthen my relationship with my family after experiencing the small group listening sessions. It left a huge impact on me knowing that there is someone who listened to my feelings and thoughts, without judgement. I now made an effort to listen not just for my immediate family (spouse and two children), but also to my extended family (in-laws) living nearby.

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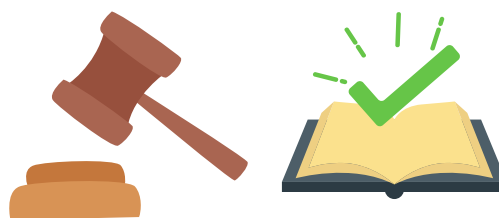
PCMN management continues to hope for healthy well-being for each of the staff, resulting in healthy relationships around them, not just at work but also in their families, as well!#



Policy Change Corner

One step closer to passing the Anti-OSAEC Law

✦✦ by Katerina Veneracion, PCMN Advocacy and Partnership Officer



Good news for all child advocates! The Philippines is one step closer to passing the Anti-OSAEC or "Anti-Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children" Law. Our legislators are hard at work consulting with stakeholders to complete the final version of the bill that amends the Anti-Child Pornography Act (RA 9775) and the Anti-Photo and Video Voyeurism Act (RA 9995).

The bill defines and penalizes OSAEC and, in the words of its Senate sponsor, Sen. Risa Hontiveros, *"the law also strengthens support and tools for our law enforcement officers to leave no stone unturned when bringing perpetrators of OSAEC to justice. It makes tech giants and social media networks accountable for crimes that happen in their backyard...It also eases coordination for cyber-tipline reports. And most especially, the Anti-OSAEC Law ensures that protocols when pursuing OSAEC cases are sensitive, careful, and empathetic with the rights and welfare of the child."*

PCMN has been advocating for this bill to be passed since the start of the End OSEC and LE-OSAEC projects.

We have been working with the Child Rights Network (CRN) in policy advocacy and have joined forces with partners to campaign and raise awareness on this prevalent danger—both at the national and local levels. Working with the LGUs and other agencies, we are in the process of revising the local ordinances (Children's Code/City Child Welfare Code) of Iligan, Dasmariñas, and Antipolo. Project orientation and consultation with hotel and resort owners were held recently in Antipolo to involve the private sector in this advocacy.

Aside from the OSAEC bill, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act (RA 9208 as amended by 10364), is being strengthened to also include OSEC as a form of trafficking. This is where PCMN is actively pushing for the institutionalization of a Human Trafficking Prevention Education Program through school-based and community-based programs. It is a preventive measure that PCMN, in collaboration with the Department of Education, has successfully conducted through the rollout of OSEC school modules in our project sites.

With the amendments of these different laws and local ordinances, we hope for the increased protection of children from OSAEC in all aspects—prevention, rescue, restoration—and to aid in the investigation and prosecution of offenders and facilitators. Changes that are urgently needed for such a time as this.#

focal persons such as Kagawads, a Purok Leader, Violence against Women & Children (VAWC), and Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPC) point persons, aside from 4 MCMN mentors and a couple in business actively participated and thoroughly enjoyed the training. Since the workshop was interactive and experiential for better absorption and retention of principles, the photos will tell the story more than words could do.



The P4S Parenting program is aimed to improve parent-child and family relationships, decrease or eliminate abusive discipline practices, increase positive parenting practices and teamwork, and increase trust relationship in God.

The workshop was facilitated effectively by Cebuano speakers, thereby raising the request and current work of the Cebuano P4S material for the roll-out in the barangays in mid-July.

God answered prayers to hold the rain for the training as the grounds were soaked with heavy rain the night before and were muddy. The rain only poured again on the last part of the third day, and may it signify the outpouring of His Spirit on families as they come under the Lordship of Christ and experience transformation in their perspectives and lives.#



Partnership Corner

Perspective from a Partner: P4S Training in Mindanao

by Dr. Evelyn Ramos Pajaron, Staff Emeritus, FamilyLife Philippines

Ms. Leah Y. Genson, MCMN Coordinator, and her spouse, Mr. Reynaldo L. Genson, feverishly worked for the conduct of the three-day training, from May 19 to 21, for the P4S Facilitators' Training held at Child Hope Center.

Their efforts were rewarded with the active participation and attendance of around 24 people representing 10 barangays. Barangay

Partnership Corner

I LOVE YOU 120,000

✦✦ by Mark Jayson G. Espinosa,
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In February 2020, the City Schools Division of Dasmariñas launched a program titled **Discovering Heroes** to strengthen its partnerships and linkages program to support the **Adopt-a-School Program** of the 44 public schools in the city. Just like how heroes in our favorite childhood films arrive at the perfect timing when they are needed to fight against the villains, Philippine Children's Ministries Network (PCMN) renewed and strengthened its partnership with the City Schools Division of Dasmariñas in time for its historical opening of classes for School Year 2020-2021 where **30% of public school learners continue their education on different online platforms.** This drastic change in delivering education is an offshoot of the COVID-19 Pandemic - *an invisible villain that is trying to harm humans in this modern time.*

DepEd Dasmariñas does not undermine the possibility that this change in learning delivery platform especially online increases the risk of learners that belong to an age group vulnerable to another set of villains attacking as predators whose power enables them to penetrate digital blocks.

Unlike the familiar looks of villains that we used to see on comics and on-screen, **these villains do not have a common semblance.**

They could conceal their fangs and horns behind stolen images over the internet, they could also hide behind a friendly face of a neighbor, or worst, they could pretend as an opportunity for an underprivileged family.

PCMN, as a hero for DepEd Dasmariñas, ensured that learners are equipped with basic knowledge on how to protect themselves against online villains. Thousands of copies of End OSEC modules were distributed to learners under modular



distance learning while a series of videos corresponding to these modules and other advocacy campaigns were streamed on all platforms of DepEd Dasmariñas. These videos had also reached and educated the community as they were streamed in the local cable channel of the City courtesy of DASCA Cable Services, Inc.



As heroes inspire and empower others to become heroes too, PCMN provided learning opportunities for select teachers and division personnel towards a collective mission of ending these villains. PCMN also commits to ensuring that the interest of the public school learners is protected by participating in dialogues concerning the welfare of the youth.

In the most iconic scene of Avengers: Endgame, Tony Stark puts his daughter Morgan to bed. Just before he closes the door, he says "I love you tons," and Morgan replies, "I love you 3000." While there are numerous speculations on what it means, in DepEd Dasmariñas we are certain that we love PCMN 120,000.

With over 120,000 learners reached, educated, and protected by PCMN, it is no doubt that you are our heroes! As we continue to journey in this uncertain adventure, DepEd Dasmariñas flies with confidence knowing that it has a hero with PCMN as its strong partner.

Thank you, heroes!#

Our Foster Care Journey!

*Foster care is an alternative family setting for children's care who had been separated from their biological families.



✦✦ I am Joel O. Marcaida, Director of Project Destiny Kids, Inc. Married to Noelle Contessa P. Marcaida with three beautiful children: Daniella Marie, Divine Miracle, and Daniel Matthew.

The Process:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. My wife and I got married in September 2011, we started our foster care journey when we're only in the 8th month of our marriage. We were introduced to Foster Care. We like the idea but still, we prayed and seek God's direction.

At first, our family and friends didn't agree with our decision telling us to take a year for our honeymoon stage as a couple. We even visited an orphanage just to see, feel and observe the situation of orphans living in an institution. Right after our visit, I had a reflection from the Lord that "many married couples are praying for a biological child but for whatever reasons, they are struggling to have one."

On the other hand, there are children living in institutions longing and in need of a Mom and a Dad, and a family".

With that in mind, we decided to pursue our application for foster care.

We are quite unclear on the process of application because we thought it would be hard and tedious. But with the assistance of our Social Worker and some friends who are familiar with the process, it became easier for us.

One of the major hurdles in our journey is my parents' in-laws as they are not convinced of our decision (to become foster parents). We had discussions about it, and my wife and I decided to pray for the Lord to give my parents' in-laws light to understand it.

The baby that my wife saw in the orphanage is the same child that was matched and placed to us.

We know that our journey is not easy. Many challenges are ahead of us but from day one, we fell in love and treat her as our own. Though we know them as foster parents, we are her temporary family. We took it as a privilege to reciprocate God's unconditional love to our child even if it will be on a temporary status. We took it one day at a time, even though we know that she might leave us anytime to be reunited with her biological parents. The important thing for us is that while she's with us, we will love her unconditionally.

The Journey Continues...

In the Foster Care Act of 2012 or RA No. 10165, there's a provision that the foster family can pursue the legal adoption of the child. So with leading from the Holy Spirit, we decided to pursue the adoption. To date, after receiving the court decision, Daniella Marie is officially Daniella Marie Paz Marcaida.#

You can watch their story in the following channels:

- **Magpakailanman: A foster parent's longing for a child:** <https://youtube.com/watch?v=GUjQqkIT8GY&feature=share>
- **Testimony on 700 Club Asia:** <https://youtube.com/watch?v=aMMMwjAXxiU&feature=share>
- **PCEC Evangelicals Today TV"** <https://www.facebook.com/702DZAS/videos/259794018205107/>

Membership Agency Corner

Child-focused Community Development Program

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"The task of defending and promoting the rights and welfare of children is not vested upon external agencies alone, but rather an inherent responsibility of the family and the community as well".



However, a disempowered family and community is powerless to take on that responsibility.

Guided by its vision to see children in nurturing communities enjoy life in God's abundance, the Lingap Pangkabataan Incorporated (LPI) has been implementing the Child-focused Community Development Program (CCDP).

The uniqueness of this program is its being child-focused. It believes in the inherent capacities of children to participate and take active roles in addressing children and

community needs in tandem with their parents and other community members. That is of course if we have a functional family and an empowered community.

While the program focuses on responding to the needs of children, it is not enough though that program interventions are solely directed towards meeting the children's needs and responding to their issues. But more importantly, we need to develop and strengthen the families and empower them so that they could respond to their children and family needs.

So how does a very lean organization like LPI with only eight staff members address this gigantic task of strengthening and empowering the families? Our General Membership as social development, faith-based organization is a mix of churches from various denominations, project partners, and children representatives. Yes, it is a challenging task of ensuring that families are empowered, but through the dedication of LPI's members, this becomes their way of life.

The family strengthening processes are undertaken in the various ministries of LPI's members. For one, churches have their children and youth ministry, and who can forget the Sunday school service, and the Vacation Church School during summer? There is also a regular family session for the couples who are embedded in their church program.



"LPI celebrates its 40th Founding Anniversary on June 30, 2021."

During the pandemic, children found themselves busy. From mere participants in the bible study sessions initiated by the assigned priests or pastors before the lockdown, they are now leading the weekly devotion. This is also their way of checking with the other members of the children's association in their respective communities.

While we believe that the family strengthening program is a "whole of nation approach", we at LPI are continuously building the capacities of our partners so power will be restored in their hands so they could chart their development - that is to start with strengthening the basic unit of society - which is the family.

(Source: Some are excerpts from the LPI Operations Manual)

PCMN conducted a month-long webinar entitled Training of Trainers with various topics that were related and significant to the Let's Eliminate Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children (LE-OSAEC) advocacy. LE-OSAEC Antipolo City Team invited and assigned speakers in each topic aligned in their expertise so that the participants can fully grasp the advocacy.

The webinar's ultimate goal was to capacitate the Youth in increasing their awareness and skills on safety of children online. The webinar was attended by 38 youths from Antipolo City.

The webinar discussed the following sessions: I Am Important; I Have Rights; OSEC Definition, Situation, and Incidence; How Does It Happen; What are its Forms?; Who are Vulnerable to OSEC?; My Role: What Can I Do to prevent OSEC?; People I Trust; and How DO I Report?.

News Stories

Recognizing the Powerful Voice of the Youth!

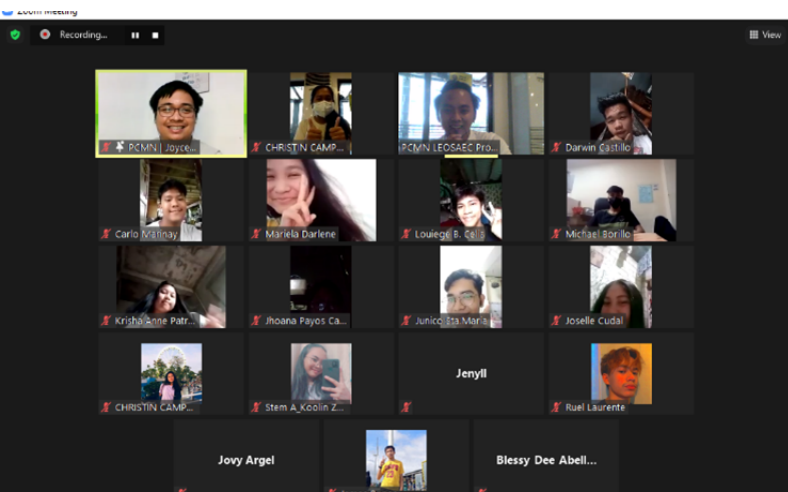
by Michelle Albacaro, LE-OSAEC Project Officer in Antipolo City

PCMN is continuously working during the COVID-19 pandemic in Antipolo City addressing the rising problem of Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children. This opportunity gives us a chance to meet with Youth Advocates during the pandemic to listen and hear their insights as Advocates of eliminating OSAEC.



"As a Youth Advocate, I want to prove to myself that I was able to make an impact on the lives of my fellow youth and to have the capability to make a change as an advocate against Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children. I have a voice to be heard."

James Boleno -Youth Advocate
LE-OSAEC Antipolo, City



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Speakers' Bureau Intensive Training: Leadership Thriving Amidst Pandemic

✦ by Art Nel L. Bencolado, PCMN Youth Mobilizer in Dasmariñas City



The End Online Sexual Exploitation of Children (End OSEC) project in Dasmariñas City conducted an event called "Speakers' Bureau Intensive Training for PCMN Youth For Safety (Y4S) Youth Organization and Core Members" held last May 20 - 21, 2021, at Mini-conference Hall, Jabez Campsite, Km. 36 Governor's Drive, Brgy. Sampaloc IV, Dasmariñas City, Cavite . It aims to capacitate the PCMN Youth For Safety Officers and core members with the skills needed for the rollout of the Safety of Children Online Module, focusing on communication and creative skills that every youth leader should possess. The event conducted in a physical venue abided with the prescribed health and safety protocols by the Department of Health and LGU of Dasmariñas City.

The leadership will never stop under any circumstances, and it will thrive amidst the adversities we're currently experiencing. Likewise, the goal of the Philippine Children's Ministries Network through its PCMN Youth For Safety Youth Organization in creating safe spaces for children and empowering the youth to realize their role in advocating for children's rights and protection will never be disrupted.



The event started with a welcome message delivered by Ms. Hanna San Jose, PCMN Network Development Officer, on behalf of the PCMN National Director, Ms. Fe A. Foronda. She emphasized that "... truly the youth is the hope of our nation". Mr. Art Nel L. Bencolado, the elected National President of PCMN Youth For Safety, added, "... our advocacy is to continue the legacy of service in providing welfare, creating safe communities for children, and advocating for children's rights and protection like PCMN and Y4S does". After memorable messages, the event proceeded to the discussion by the resource speaker.

Mr. Rein Jul D. Consaludo, Teacher III in Francisco E. Barzaga Integrated High School imparted his knowledge regarding the importance of having excellent communication skills. "Good communication skills is as vital as promoting your advocacy. It provides confidence and fuel your passion and purpose," he said. Just like Proverbs 18:15 stated, "An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge."

The second resource speaker, Mr. Alvin D. Calora, Teacher II in Francisco E. Barzaga Integrated High School discussed the importance of creativity in organizing events online. He added that he is thankful for the opportunity to impart his knowledge. He also mentioned that he was enlightened regarding the end OSEC advocacy during the activity.

The Speakers' Bureau Intensive Training is an activity under the End OSEC project for youth empowerment. Mr. Mark Nasil Caguing, a Youth Advocate, said that he was thankful for the enlightenment and wisdom he received from the event.

"I enjoyed immersing myself in this type of advocacy," he added.#

News Stories

End OSEC project hosts TIC training in two project areas

✦ by Richard Espinosa, PCMN Project Coordinator and Maria Concepcion, PCMN Community Organizer in Iligan City

Along with the efforts of the End-Online Sexual Exploitation of Children Project (End-OSEC) to exterminate the prevalence of OSEC cases in our country, series of training are lined up to capacitate our sentinels to be efficient in responding to this emerging crime online. We are aiming to reach 300 Key Justice Operators before the project ends.

The three-day Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Training kicked off last March 2, 3, and 4, 2021, through a blended learning approach in Dasmariñas City and last May 19 to 21 in Iligan City.

A total of 30 participants from the City of Dasmariñas present in the physical venue, and 35 who joined via Zoom from various agencies and shelters such as Shechem Children's Home, Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Offices of Region IV-A and V, AMG Bahay Silungan, De La Salle University- Dasmariñas, First Love International Ministries, Compassionate Hope International and Pastors from various churches.

The training in Iligan City was attended by 28 participants at Faith Tabernacle, Iligan City, and 10 participants via Zoom from VAWCDO, CSWD, CSWD-WCC, CSWD-CICL, WCPD, WCPD-MFU, BLGU-Tubod, ICMN, Malisa Home, Inc., DSWD VII, and IJM-Cebu Field Office.

The OSEC cases have escalated most especially during this pandemic. The aim of the training, which is designed for frontline workers for children, is to integrate better understanding about trauma and the possible triggering factors that may undermine their mental wellness as responders. Mindfulness is imperative as rescuers and counselors handling cases of OSEC. Future plans of training are set to further enhance their skills and knowledge of front liners aligned to the OSEC Response Model. #



Learning Session on COVID-19 Vaccine

✦ by Ma. Luisa Bautista, PCMN Communications Officer

Last April 30, PCMN held its staff development session where it aimed to capacitate its staff not just on basic skills to adapt to the new normal but also obtain new knowledge on the pressing issues to date. PCMN tapped the WHO Philippines to provide an orientation session about COVID-19 vaccines.



The learning session covers the following topics: Vaccines in general, Routine immunization, vaccination program as a whole, Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines, Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine, Risk Communications and COVID-19 Vaccine and role of Community Engagement (religious groups) and vaccines.

The speakers of the learning sessions are Dr. Achyut Shrestha, a Medical Officer for Vaccine-Preventable Disease and Immunization Program at WHO Philippines; Mr. Jun Ryan Orbina, the Communication Officer for Immunization at WHO Philippines Country Office; and Ms. Ava Batay-an, an Emergency Consultant for WHO and is the focal point for Community Engagement for WHO Philippines's COVID-19 Response.#

Updates on the Network Development efforts in Dasmariñas City and Rizal

✨ by Hanna San Jose
PCMN Network and Development Officer

PCMN aims for sustaining the working relationship resulting from project implementation. PCMN has taken steps to re-ignite its partnership with Christian Churches Convergence in Dasmariñas City (C3DC), formerly known as DCNCC which partnership with PCMN dates back to 2018.

The initial online meeting between the two organizations was held last April 29, discussing a long-term plan of establishing a network in the city. The ministerial association, C3DC, is eager to commit to this plan of network formation. A Committee of Family and Child Protection was created from among its members churches to pursue the plan.

An initial face-to-face planning workshop was conducted last May 12, attended by six (6) members of the newly created Committee, together with Chairperson of C3DC, Bishop Daniel "Dindo" Quintinta. The Committee members are Ptrs. David Capungcol, Ernie Cabtalan, Victor Ventolero, Rowel Villanueva, and Analy Padilla.

The event is a good starting point as PCMN's Regional Network Coordinator, Ms. Leah Genson, stressed the role of local churches to working harmoniously to serve the children and youth in the communities.



A visioning event was held last June 10 by RCMN's Coordinator, Ms. Maureen Okundi where she discussed the Understanding God's Heart for Children. The committee came up with their shared vision for the children and youth of their areas. It was agreed that the Committee will conduct their regular monthly meeting together

RCMN commenced formation of the network since the first quarter of the year. The network conducted a Vision Conference last February 26, participated by 180 Pastors, as well as Ministers for families, youth, and children from different local churches in the municipalities of San Mateo and Montalban.

Several activities were successfully facilitated by the network during the 2nd quarter as it continues to implement two (2) projects under the Project Ulysses (Child and Family Phone Mentoring, and Operation SAFE) in partnership with Gintong Aral Community Development Foundation.

Project activities include the ongoing Understanding God's Heart for Children learning sessions on Saturdays and Hope Bearer being conducted to 790 children and Child and Family Phone Mentoring train 40 mentors.

The two networks are off to a good start. The challenge remains to be maintaining the same pace in formation in succeeding years. #

Organizations (national) letters, publications, uniforms, collaterals, and other materials; c.) To access free organizational training programs offered by NYC, and d.) Can request promotions of the organization's initiated programs, projects, and activities through NYC's media outlets.



Extensive Opportunities for PCMN Youth For Safety (Y4S) Youth Organization

✦ by Art Nel L. Bencolado, PCMN Youth Mobilizer in Dasmariñas City.

The pandemic might set limitations for the vision, mission, and goals of an organization. Still, despite everything, the PCMN Youth For Safety (Y4S) Youth Organization thrives and broadcast the advocacy on a broader scope.

The National Youth Commission - Youth Organization Registration Program (NYC - YORP) accredited the PCMN Youth For Safety (Y4S) Youth Organization last June 10, with temporary Registration Number: URN YO0326 2021, which gave the youth organization the following:

a.) To be represented in congresses and activities exclusively for YORP-registered organizations; b.) To use the YORP seal on the PCMN Y4S Youth

Not just for accreditation, but this refers to the sustainability of the youth organization to implement long-term activities to capacitate the youth in End OSEC advocacy and empower them to be transformational leaders who shall help to raise awareness that is vital to increase knowledge on safety measures on online exploitation.

In the local level, the PCMN Youth For Safety (Y4S) Youth Organization - Dasmariñas City Chapter was accredited by the Provincial Youth and Sports Development Office, Cavite that allows the PCMN - Y4S Dasmariñas to influence the cities/municipalities in the Province of Cavite with their advocacy on youth empowerment.

The PCMN Youth For Safety Youth Organization aims to capacitate the youth with skills and knowledge on child protection and safety online. #

Message from the National Director

Family is God's idea.



In Ephesians 3:14-15, it says "For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name."

The basic principle being pursued in these verses is, God as our Abba Father is the author of family, it comes from Him, He authored it, models it and He sustains it.



by Fe A. Foronda, PCMN National Director

A healthy family is the best environment for a child to develop and thrive.

In these times when children are most vulnerable to attacks and violence due to the pandemic, the first line of defense for every child is the family.

As the family members especially, the parents are the nearest to the child, it is strategic to focus our efforts on the family. For every advocate for children either from the civil society and or faith-based groups, we could only do so much for the children as we are not with them all the time. With the assault on families nowadays, it has become apparent that the family needs capacities and strengthening to function well in a world full of hazards.

Families need to be faithful to their calling to care for their own. Husbands and wives must support each other to model the faithfulness of God. With the advent of technology, an increase in knowledge and tools are necessary for families to be able to navigate the protection issues of children. Parents are to learn how technology is affecting children nowadays.

Child Well-being and Family

World Vision, a member agency of PCMN states that,

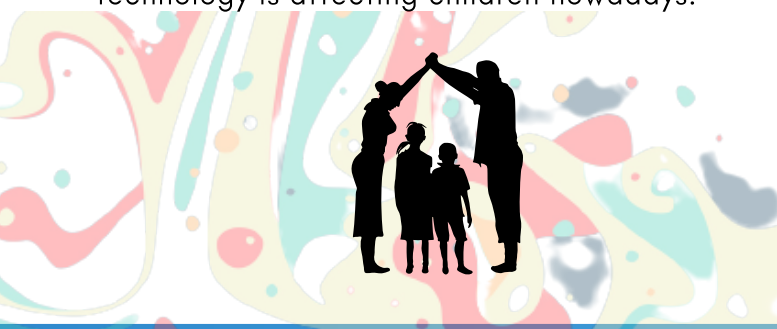
"Child well-being outcomes are strongly influenced by the environment that surrounds children including family relationships. At present, however, families are facing many challenges and often fail to create the safe, loving, and caring environment that is vital for children's holistic development." (Celebrating Families).

Majority of the success of a child later in life is predicated to growing in a healthy and happy family.

Families in Crisis

While recognizing that families face numerous pressures, problems and issues and that the shape and form of a family differ vastly, we believe that children grow and develop best when they are brought up in the care of loving and nurturing caregivers, in the context of their own communities.

Viva, a partner of PCMN states that 'There is a strong Biblical mandate to care for vulnerable children, particularly those without parental care. The Bible shows us that the family is the only institution designed by God for the care of children. (Source: Why Family Matters, Viva)



Role of the Faith Communities

Faith communities do not exist in a vacuum from one another. Churches and faith-based organizations must find ways to work together as 'networks of kindness', so that we can see God's heart for children and families worked out in our communities. It is integral to our faith to care for the smallest and vulnerable among us, the widows and orphans.

Our job as followers of Jesus is to pass on God's Kingdom values to our children within the protective framework of the family and the church.

Conclusion

As duty bearers in Psalm 145: 4, we have the responsibility to let each generation tell its children of God's mighty acts and every family proclaims His power. As God authors family, with the obedience to His mandates, and submission to his model of a family, we can attain what we have longed for, a strengthened family functioning with the design instituted by God. #

PCMN works with the following networks and groups:

- Alliance of Children's Ministry in Negros (ACMN)
- Eastern Samar Child's Rights Advocate Net (ESCRAN)
- Iligan Children's Ministries Network (ICMN)
- Mindanao Children's Ministries Network (MCMN)
- Northern Samar Children's Ministries Network (NSCMN)
- Rizal Children's Ministries Network (RCMN)
- Christian Churches Convergence in Dasmariñas City (C3DC)
- Antipolo Christian Ministries Assembly (ACMA)

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