

July 12, 2013

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 957 s. 2013

BREAK SILENCE NETWORK: CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION PROJECT

**To: Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads**

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 402, s. 2013, dated July 2, 2013, entitled, "**Break Silence Network: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Project.**"
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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July 2, 2013

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: **Schools Division/City Superintendents
Officers-in-Charge of Regular Divisions**

1. Attached is a communication from Mr. John Paul Ecarma Maunes, RN, Executive Director of Gualandi Volunteer Service Programme, Inc., regarding the extension and launching of: *Break the Silence Network: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Project* in the Deaf Community, especially Special Education Centers and community-based organization of the Deaf in our Region.
2. The Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this request and ensure that DepEd policies and guidelines are followed.
3. Participation of our teachers shall be on voluntary basis only and no classes must be disrupted.
4. For your information and proper guidance.


CARMELITA T. DULANGON
Director III
Officer-In-Charge

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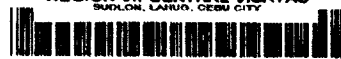
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Dr. Carmelita T. Dulangon
Director III, Officer in Charge
Department of Education Region VII
Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City

Dear Dr. Dulangon,

Greetings of Peace from our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the recent nationwide survey and case monitoring on the of physical and sexual abuse to Deaf children conducted by The Philippine Deaf Resource Center, statistics would show that 65-70% of Deaf boys and girls are being molested. According to the study conducted by Lyer and Fortunato in 2005 out of 60 deaf respondents in Manila and Cebu, one out of three Deaf women has been raped, In a separate study Conducted by De Guzman in 2002, 32 Deaf women respondents in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao: 72% were abused or battered, and 63% of them were abused by their own fathers.

This statistics are alarming and the threat on children's security continues. In Cebu just Last year, we were shocked and saddened by the case of Ellah Joy Pique, a six-year-old girl who was kidnapped outside her school in Minglanilla, and whose lifeless body was later found in Barili town. This Horrifying incident would make you think, if hearing children were not able to escape from this dark act, what more the deaf children?

With this, **The Gualandi Volunteer Service Programme, Inc (GVSP)** in partnership with **The Stairway Foundation, Inc(SFI)** with the support of Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) through the **Philippine-Australian Community Assistance Programme (PACAP)** decided to extend and launched the **Break the Silence Network: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Project** in the Deaf Community targeting, especially Special Education Centers and community based organization of the Deaf in surrounding provinces all Over Region VII.

In the Philippines, Republic Act 7610 also known as "**Special Protection of Children against Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act**" address the need for all children to be sheltered from all forms of abuses. This law protects the children, with or without any disabilities and GVSP believes that if children , particularly those with disabilities, will be equipped with knowledge regarding their rights, they will be shielded from all abuses.

With this, GVSP partnered with the Cebu Association of the Deaf, Inc. Apostolic Movement of the Deaf, Deaf Association of Bohol, Inc, Dumaguete Effata Association of the Deaf, Inc. and our GVSP Davao Chapter to offer person to be trained as Deaf Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (DCSAP) Facilitators. They are now undergoing intensive training on child Sexual Abuse Prevention to Deaf children (CSAP) skills and knowledge in advocating against child sexual abuse

In relation to the aforementioned initiatives, we would like to enter into partnership with the Department of Education Region VII to advocate, facilitate and implement the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Lecture to all the Elementary pupils and Secondary Deaf Students of all the Special Education centers in Region VII.

The said DCSAP activity is a three part lecture type session, which will only last for 2 Hours per session per day. *With regards to the dates and schedules of lecture in the Different SpEd Centers, we regards that we will personally meet and agree with the School Head, Principal or SpEd Coordinator of a particular school to establish a Schedule depending on the slot or possibilities given to us, hand in hand with the Availability of their Deaf elementary and high school students*

For this year, GVSP will be providing additional topics to those Deaf students who have undergone the previous DCSAP training last year. We will be training them about ONLINE SAFETY. This is to teach the Deaf student on how to use the internet safety and making them aware of the dangers of using the internet since the internet is a source of knowledge in school and everyone can now access it through the social media.

One of the objective of the Break the Silence Project is to raise awareness and build capacity among children through sexual abuse prevention training. With these sessions, Deaf children would also be aware of the rights and responsibilities as members of the Society and assist in disclosure and handling current cases of abuses in the school and in the community.

We are hoping for your positive response and through this partnership we will be able To eradicate abuse to children making this this world a better and safer place to live in for Our children.

Attached is the content of the sessions.

Sincerely yours,


John Paul Escarima Maunes, RN
Executive Director

Making a difference in the Deaf Community through Volunteering efforts!

**Deaf Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Project
Content of the Sessions**

First Day

Age Difference between Adult and Child
Determining one's Needs, Wants and Rights
United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Children

Second Day

Review
Body Parts (Public and Private Body Parts)
Film Showing: A Good Boy
Difference Between Touch and Bad Touch
Difference Between Touch and Non-touch
Kinds of Touches
Touching Rules

Third Day

Review
Film Showing: Daughter
What is Sexual Abuse?
Who are the Abusers
What are the ways of the abusers?
Who are the Victims?
Where to Report?

Additional Topic: ONLINE SAFETY

- What is the Internet?
- What is the use of the internet?
- The dangers of the internet
- How to protect your self in the interneta

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