Philippines: Early Childhood Country Policy

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The Philippines Early Childhood Policy

Republic Act No. 8980
(ECCD Act of 2000)

“An Act Promulgating a Comprehensive Policy & a National System for Early Childhood Care & Development (ECCD), Providing Funds Therefore & for Other Purposes”

Signed into law in December 2000
IRR adopted by the CWC/NECCDC Board April 2002
ECCD Act of 2000
Establishment of the National System for ECCD

The National ECCD System

- Comprehensive
- Integrative
- Sustainable
- Multi-sectoral collaboration at national and local levels
ECCD Goal & Objectives

GOAL
Promote the rights of children (0-6) and ensure development of their full potential

OBJECTIVES

Community
Enhance & sustain efforts of communities in promoting ECCD programs

Parents/Caregivers
Enhance role of parents/caregivers as primary caregivers & educators of their children

Child
• Improve infant & survival rate
• Enhance holistic development
• Facilitate smooth transition from home to community to primary school
• Ensure children are prepared for the formal learning system
• Establish system for early ID, prevention, referral and intervention for children w/ developmental disabilities

Service Providers
Enhance capabilities of services providers & supervisors

Quality Standards
Improve the quality standards of public and private ECCD programs
ECCD Program
Full range of Health, Nutrition, Early Education, Psychosocial Care, and Social Services for Children 0-6

(Center-based and Home-based)

Health
Nutrition
ECCD 0-6
Early Education
PES, other Services
Psychosocial Care
ECCD SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- ECCD Curriculum
- Parent Education & Involvement, Advocacy & Community Mob.
- Human Resource Development Program
- ECCD Systems Components
- Quality Standards and Accreditation
- ECCD Program Management
Council for the Welfare of Children
National ECCD Coordinating Council (RA8980)

DSWD  DepEd
DOH
DILG  CWC
NEDA  Secretariat
DOLE  2 Private
DA  Individuals
DOJ
NNC  1 Child Rep

2 ECCD Experts
Ex-Officio Members
- Phil. Information Agency
- NAPC- CBS Representative
ECCD is a shared responsibility
The ECCD Council (E0 778)

The **lead agency** for ECCD in the country since January 2009

Legal Base: Two (2) policy issuances by the President in 2009

**Executive Order No. 778** Transforming the Council for the Welfare of Children into the Early Childhood Care and Development Council, January 2009

>>> unequivocal focus on 0 to 6

**Executive Order No. 806** Affirming the Roles of Early Childhood Care and Development Council and the Council for the Welfare of Children, June 2009
ECCD Council Governing Board Members

- DOH
- DepEd
- DSWD
- NNC
- ULAP
- ECCDC
  Chairperson
CWC/NECCDC (RA 8980) & ECCD Council(E0778): Comparative Structure

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- Early Childhood
- Care & Development
- Chairperson

- DSWD
- ULAP
The ECCD Council

Vision:
Quality ECCD for Every Filipino Child 0 to 6

Mission:
Lead in strengthening the national ECCD System for the optimum growth and development of all Filipino children aged 0 to 6 through:
The ECCD Council

Two-pronged thrust

• Strengthening center-based ECCD

• Expanding/scaling up home-based ECCD

>>> to increase access to quality ECCD for children (0-6) & their families
ECCD Council Strategic Direction 2011-2016

Helping meet by 2015 the:

- Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Education for All (EFA) goals
ECCD Legislative Agenda

For government to recognize the early years from 0 to 6 as the first cycle of educational development.
Proposed Bill
15th Congress
“Early Years Act”

Senate Bill No. 2567

Introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara
AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE EARLY YEARS FROM 0 TO 6 AS THE FIRST CYCLE OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO.8980 FOR THIS PURPOSE, STRENGTHENING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

House Bill No. 3507

Introduced by Reps. Salvador H. Escudero III, Juan Edgardo M. Angara and Thelma Z. Almario
His Name is Today
Gabriela Mistral

“We are guilty of many errors and many faults,
But our worst crime is abandoning the children,
Neglecting the fountain of life.
Many of the things we need can wait,
The child cannot wait.
Right now is the time his bones are being formed,
His blood is being made,
And his senses are being developed.
To him we cannot answer ‘tomorrow’
His name is Today.”
• Thank you.
• Maraming Salamat!
• Mabuhay