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Department of Education

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DepEd MEMORANDUM
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**CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE
AND DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Republic Act No. 10410, otherwise known as the Early Years Act (EYA) of 2013, the Department of Education (DepEd) provides significant support to the Early Childhood and Care Development (ECCD) Council through policy and standards development, technical and financial assistance for the implementation of ECCD programs, capacity building for ECCD service providers, and advocacy efforts to promote early childhood education and care.
2. Corollary to this, DepEd creates the **DepEd ECCD Task Force** to strengthen the collaboration with ECCD Council, integrate ECCD and DepEd systems, support the transition from early childhood development to Kindergarten, and engage in ECCD policy discussions. It shall offer a structured and coordinated approach to advancing early childhood care and education in the Philippines. By ensuring higher quality, increased access, and more comprehensive support services, the Task Force aims to foster the development and well-being of Filipino children during their critical early years.
3. The responsibilities of the DepEd ECCD Task Force include
 - a. **Work closely with the ECCD Council to ensure a continuum.** Collaborate with the ECCD Council to maintain a seamless and continuous approach to early childhood care and development. This involves aligning strategies, sharing best practices, and ensuring that programs are consistently implemented across different regions.
 - b. **Formulate and execute an action plan to integrate or link the ECCD information systems with the DepEd system.** In coordination with Policy and Planning Service, develop and implement a plan for integrating or linking ECCD information systems with the DepEd system. This includes assigning ECCD learners a unique reference number that can be recognized and accepted in the Learner Information System (LIS), ensuring accurate

tracking and management of student data from early childhood through their educational journey.

- c. **Actively engage in policy and program-level discussions on ECCD.** Participate in discussions and decision-making processes related to ECCD policies and programs. This includes contributing insights, feedback, and recommendations to shape effective policies and programs that enhance early childhood education and care.
- d. **Coordinate with partners and stakeholders to support ECCD programs.** Coordinate with development partners and stakeholders to support targeted early childhood programs by providing necessary resources and expertise, and ensure robust data collection and evaluations to measure program effectiveness and inform continuous improvement efforts. This collaborative approach aims to maximize the positive impact on children's development and well-being.
- e. **Perform other functions.** Undertake additional responsibilities as needed to support the overall goals of the DepEd ECCD Task Force. This may include organizing training sessions, conducting research, monitoring program implementation, and collaborating with other stakeholders to promote the well-being and development of young children

4. The DepEd ECCD Task Force shall be operationalized under the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Strategic Management and established at the Central Office. The Task Force will be headed by a Director to be designated by the Office of the Secretary.

5. The DepEd ECCD Task Force shall be composed of 5 members, all DepEd Central Office plantilla personnel, holding at least Assistant Chief Level positions from the following offices:

- a. Bureau of Learning Delivery
- b. Bureau of Learning Resources
- c. Bureau of Education Assessment
- d. Bureau of Learner Support Services
- e. Private Education Office

6. A separate Memorandum shall be issued for the organizational and functional structure of the DepEd ECCD Task Force and Terms of Reference of its members.

7. All expenses relative to the conduct of relevant activities of the DepEd ECCD Task Force shall be charged to the DepEd Central Office General Management and Supervision Funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

8. For more information, please contact the **Office of the Assistant Secretary for Strategic Management**, 5th Floor Mabini Building, Department of Education Central Office, DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City through email at oassm@deped.gov.ph, or landline at 8687-2744.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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