

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 630, June 28, 2007]

**TRANSFERRING THE COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN
FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, Presidential Decree No. 603 (1974) created the *Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC)* under the Office of the President with the primary function of coordinating and monitoring the implementation and enforcement of all laws relative to the promotion of child and youth welfare;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 233 (1987) redefined the role, structure and membership of the Council in order to enable it to more effectively carry out its responsibilities in ensuring the cooperation of the government agencies concerned with child and youth welfare and development and it was made as an attached agency of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);

WHEREAS, by virtue of Republic Act No. 8980 (2000), the council shall also function as the *National Early Childhood Care and Development Coordinating Council (NECCDCC)* which was organized to ensure that sustained inter-agency and multi-sectoral collaboration from the national, provincial city/municipal to barangay levels to institutionalize a national system for Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) and the Council/NECCDCC shall be under the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, under RA 8980, the CWC Secretariat, which also serves as the Secretariat of the NECCDCC, shall be headed by an Executive Director, and assisted by (2) Deputy Executive Directors, one of whom shall be exclusively concerned with ECCD Concerns and the other exclusively concerned with the existing functions of the CWC;

WHEREAS, by virtue of Executive Order No. 349, (2004) clear lines of authority over CWC and NECCDCC Secretariat were established and the Secretaries of Department of Social Welfare and Development and Department of Education were directed to exercise primary oversight functions over the Deputy Executive Director for CWC Concerns and the Deputy Executive Director for ECCD Concerns, respectively;

WHEREAS, there is a necessity to designate a focal agency that will oversee the operations of the CWC Secretariat and harmonize the effective and efficient operationalization of its mandates, specifically in monitoring the implementation and enforcement of all laws for children (per PD 603, as amended) and is promulgating policies and guidelines for ECCD programs (per RA 8980);

WHEREAS, by virtue of EO 221 (2003), the DSWD is mandated to provide assistance to local government units, non-government organizations, other national government agencies, people's organizations, and other members of civil society in