

[ **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 233, July 22, 1987** ]

**REDEFINING THE ROLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND ENLARGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN.**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State to promote the well-being and total development of children and youth, and to protect them from exploitation, abuse, improper influence, hazards and other circumstances prejudicial to their physical, mental, emotional, social and moral development;

WHEREAS, the Council for the Welfare of Children has been created under the Office of the President by virtue of Presidential Decree No. 603 otherwise known as THE CHILD AND YOUTH WELFARE CODE with primary functions, among others, to coordinate the implementation and enforcement of all laws relative to the promotion of child and youth welfare so as to formulate and evaluate policies, programs and services relative to the development of the general welfare and protection of the best interests of children and youth;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise the composition of an enlarge the membership and organizational structure of the Council to enable the Council to more effectively carry out its responsibilities under the law and to ensure the assistance and cooperation of government agencies concerned with child and youth welfare and development;

WHEREAS, to provide better focus and perspective, it becomes imperative to redefine the roles and functions of the Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the sovereign will of the Filipino people and the Constitution do hereby order:

SECTION 1. *Title.* - This Executive Order shall otherwise be known as the Reorganization Act of the Council for the Welfare or Children.

SEC. 2. *Attachment to the DSWD.* - The Council shall continue to be an attached agency of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

SEC. 3. *Composition.* - The Council shall be composed of the following members or their duly designated representatives:

- (a) Department of Social Welfare and Development - Chairman
- (b) Department of Education, Culture and Sports; - Member

- (c) Department of Health; - Member
- (d) Department of Labor and Employment; - Member
- (e) Department of Justice; - Member
- (f) Department of Local Government; - Member
- (g) Department of Agriculture; - Member
- (h) National Economic and Development Authority; - Member
- (i) National Nutrition Council; - Member
- (j) Council for the Welfare of Children; and, - Member
- (k) Three private individuals concerned with the welfare of children and youth with no dual role as a government employee and with at least one (1) being an active member of a legitimate youth organization.

The three private individuals shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Chairman and shall serve for two years subject to renewal.

SEC. 4. *Powers and Responsibilities.* - The Council for the Welfare of Children shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- (a) Coordinate the implementation and enforcement of all laws relative to the promotion of child and youth welfare;
- (b) Formulate an integrated national policy and long-range programs, monitor and evaluate the implementation of this policy, and all programs and services relative to the development of the general welfare and protection of the best interests of children and youth;
- (c) Advocate and recommend to the President and other appropriate agencies for implementation on a nationwide scale when appropriate, new, innovative, pilot programs and services for the general welfare of children, and
- (d) Mobilize resource assistance and call upon and utilize any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentalities, public, private, or voluntary, for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its functions;
- (e) Submit annually to the President, through the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development, a comprehensive report on its activities and accomplishments; and,