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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR No. 2016-134

TO

ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY/MUNICIPAL MAYORS,

PUNONG BARANGAYS, DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND OTHERS

CONCERNED

**SUBJECT** 

2016 CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL ATTENTION

DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (AD/HD) WEEK

In accordance to Proclamation No. 472 (2003), every third week of October of each year shall be commemorated as the National Attention Deficit / Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) Awareness Week.

ADHD is one of the most common neurodevelopmental disorders of childhood. It is usually diagnosed in childhood and often lasts into adulthood. Children or persons with AD/HD may have trouble paying attention, controlling impulsive behaviors or otherwise act without thinking about what the result will be and they tend to be overly active.

Lack of understanding of the mentioned disorder may result to misconceptions and social stigma which hinder access to effective treatment, increases the risk of co-morbid conditions and complications such as conduct disorder, oppositional defiant disorder and anti-social disorder. Further, unmitigated condition of AD/HD may lead to the increased incidence of out-of-school youths, child abuse and neglect.

In view thereof, the National AD/HD Week celebration shall be held on October 16-22, 2016 nationwide with this year's theme "Turning Disability into This Ability" which aims to raise awareness on the neurobiological disorder which remains highly misunderstood by the general public.

All Local Government Units are therefore enjoined to support the observance by conducting fitting activities such as but not limited to the following:

- Motorcade
- Hanging of advocacy streamers/tarpaulins in strategic places
- Announcement of the AD/HD Week celebration during Flag Raising Ceremony
- Arts Workshop and Exhibit
- Sensitivity Training
- Seminar on Drug Abuse Prevention
- Medical Mission

The layout/design of the AD/HD week streamer can be downloaded from the NCDA website <a href="http://www.ncda.gov.ph">http://www.ncda.gov.ph</a>. For more information you may contact Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez and/or Mr. Jayme J. Mariño of NCDA thru telephone nos. 951-5013, 932-6422 local 111 or thru email address: council@ncda.gov.ph.

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Circular and extend necessary assistance.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.

SMAEL D. SUENO Secretary

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# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

FOR

: HEADS OF CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES, DEPARTMENTS, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (NGAs), LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs), GOVERNMENT-OWNED OR CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS WITH ORIGINAL CHARTERS (GOCCs), AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES (SUCs)

SUBJECT

: <u>National Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) Awareness Week</u>

Presidential Proclamation No. 472, s. 2003 declares the third Week of October of every year as "National Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) Awareness Week". The observance of this event aims primarily to raise awareness on the neurobiological disorder which remains highly misunderstood.

ADHD is a hereditary neurological disorder which results in difficulty regulating attention. It impacts almost every aspect of daily living including learning, organizational skills, and time management. Multi-modal intervention approaches are available to manage the symptoms of ADHD.

This year's theme is "Turning Disability into This Ability," which was approved by the members of the National Working Committee (NWC) chaired by the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA). Several activities were organized by the NWC that will highlight the weeklong celebration/event. Attached is a copy of the Calendar of Activities for your reference and guidance.

All government agencies are encouraged to extend full support by conducting related activities and to display/hang in conspicuous place the event streamer (layout design can be downloaded at http://www.ncda.gov.ph).

For further details and information, you may coordinate with Mr. Rizalio R. Sanchez or Mr. Jayme J. Mariño at telephone numbers (02) 951-5013 and (02) 932-6422 local 111 or through their mobile numbers 0920-9062306 and 0920-9022296, respectively. You may also contact the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA) through email at iecdncda@gmail.com.

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# NATIONAL ATTENTION DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (AD/HD) AWARENESS WEEK O c t o b e r 1 6 - 2 2 , 2 0 1 6 Theme: Turning Disability into This Ability

## **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

	October 17 Mond	lay October 19 Wednesday
Sunday Mass Time: 9:00 AM Venue: Tondo Sports Complex, Manila Lead Agencies: AD/HD Society of the Philippines, City Government of Manila and NCDA  October 21 Friday	Kick-off Activities  Launching of AD/HD Information Awareness Campaign Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Venue: Department of Public Works and Highways, Port Area, Manila Lead Agencies: AD/HD Society of the Philippines, NCDA, DepEd, & 17 L	Seminar on Drug Abuse and Crime Prevention  Venue: Department of Public Works and Highways, Port Area, Manila Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  Lead Agencies: Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA), NCDA and AD/HD  Society of the Philippines
	October 20	Thursday
	Employment Talkshop on Persons with AD/HD  Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall, San Juan City Hall Lead Agencies: AD/HD Society of the Philippines, San Juan City and Leonard Cheshire Disability Philippines Foundation, Inc.  October 22  Saturday  Other AD/HD Week Activities	
8th AD/HD Society of the Philippines National Conference — Day 1 Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Venue: School of Design & Arts Theatre, School of Designs & Arts Campus	8 <sup>th</sup> AD/HD Society of the Philippines National Conference — Day 2 Time: 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM Venue: School of Design & Arts Theatre, School of Designs & Arts Camp De La Salle-College of St. Benilde, Malate, Manila Lead Agency: AD/HD Society of the Philippines	(a) Hanging of AD/HD Week streamers  (b) Tayt blasts on AD/HD related messages