CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

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A child is a gift from God so that they need to be nurtured, cared, protected, respected, and most of all they need to be LOVED. But in the field of education, a child is not just a gift from God but a center of every educational institution, both public and private. It is imperative indeed that we should protect school children from any violence, exploitation, bullying, discrimination and other forms of abuse. In line with this, the Department of Education came up with the DepEd Order No. 40, s. 2012 otherwise known as Child Protection Policy wherein it sums up the “rights” of the children. The policy was adopted to provide special protection to children in any forms of abuse which may affect children’s normal development and give them proper assistance.

A lot has been written, documented and published about child abuse, both physical and verbal, not just in their homes but in school as well. These cases magnify the real situation happening that concerns the rights of the children. Because of this policy, children are more aware of their rights which can make today’s children more confident to be heard by the society. This can give them the importance they deserve and people would be more aware of their needs.

Keeping children to live in a safe environment is everyone’s responsibility. It is their right to be protected. But every right is accompanied by responsibilities. Children should also understand that they have to exercise their rights without abusing it and going beyond their limitations. Adults should also give them close supervision so that they can understand how to respect the rights of others.
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