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ORDINANCE NO. 14-056

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEM IN MUNTINLUPA CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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Be it Ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, City of Muntinlupa, that:

ARTICLE I

Title, Policy, Principles and Definition of Terms

**SECTION 1. Title.** This ordinance shall be known as the "**Comprehensive Children and Family Support System in Muntinlupa City otherwise known as "Muntinlupa City Children's Welfare Code."**

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy and Principles of the Local Government of Muntinlupa City.** It is hereby declared to be the policy of the local government of Muntinlupa City that the rights of children to their survival, protection, participation and development must be given high priority; it will work for the respect for the role of the family in providing for children and will support the efforts of parents, other child care and development workers, NGOs and communities to nurture and care for children, from infancy including the earliest stages of childhood to adolescence.

It shall be the policy of the local government of Muntinlupa City to ensure that the programs aimed at the achievement of goals for the survival, protection, participation and development of children must be given priority when resources are located. Every effort shall be made by the local government of Muntinlupa City to ensure that such programs are protected in times of economic austerity and structural adjustments.

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.**

- a) Children refers to persons below eighteen (18) years of age or those over but are unable to fully take care of themselves or protect themselves from abuse, neglect, cruelty, exploitation or discrimination because of a physical or mental disability or condition;

- b) Survival Rights deal with the provision in relation to parental and governmental duties and liabilities, adequate living standard access to basic health and health services and social security.
- c) Development Rights” pertain to the access of a child to educational opportunities, access to relevant information, play, leisure, cultural activities and the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
- d) Protection Rights cover those which guard children against all forms of child abuse, exploitation and discrimination in the major areas where a child is considered in extremely difficult circumstances.
- e) Participation Rights include the child’s freedom to express oneself in matters affecting his/her as part of preparation for responsible parenthood and to freedom of association.
- f) Child Abuse” refers to the maltreatment of the child, whether habitual or not, which includes any of the following:
- 1) Psychological and physical abuse, neglect, cruelty, sexual abuse and emotional maltreatment;
  - 2) Any act by deeds or words which debases, degrades or demeans the intrinsic worth and dignity worth and dignity of a child as a human being;
  - 3) Unreasonable deprivation of his/her basic needs of survival such as food and shelter; or
  - 4) Failure to immediately give medical treatment to an injured child resulting in serious impairment of his/her growth and development or permanent in capacity or death.
- g) Circumstances which gravely threaten or endanger the survival and normal development of children” include, but are not limited to the following:
- 1) Being in a community where there is armed conflict or being affected by armed conflict-related activities;
  - 2) Working under conditions hazardous to life, safety and normal development or working without provision for their education;
  - 3) Living in or fending for themselves in the streets of urban and rural areas without the care of parents or guardian or any adult supervision needed for their welfare;

- 4) Being a member of an indigenous cultural community and/or living under conditions of extreme poverty or in an area which is underdeveloped and/or lack or has inadequate access to basic services needed for a good quality life;
- 5) Being with family members or guardians having psychological problems grave enough for them to commit incest, siblings rape, lascivious acts and other forms of physical and mental abuse;
- 6) Being a victim of man-made or natural disaster or calamity;
- 7) Being a victim of an illegal transnational union; or child trafficking;
- 8) Circumstances analogous to those above stated which endanger the life, safety or normal development of children.
- h) Comprehensive Children's Support Systems Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination" refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities to protect children against;
- 1) **Child prostitution and other sexual abuse;**
  - 2) **Child trafficking;**
  - 3) **Obscene publications and indecent shows;**
  - 4) **Other acts of abuse;**
  - 5) **Circumstances which threaten or endanger the survival and normal**
  - 6) **Development of children or as prescribed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.**
- i) Comprehensive Support System for the Development of Children also refers to the coordinated program of services and facilities outlined in Section 3 of RA 6972 and as prescribed by the UN Convention on the rights of the Child.
- j) Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns refers to the office which shall be created by the local government of Muntinlupa City responsible for the implementation of this Ordinance.
- k) Junk Food is foodstuff which is processed with artificial flavors, coloring and preservatives and which has been found to contain carcinogenic elements harmful for the body or those sold beyond their expiry period.
- l) Anti-Social Related Activities are those acts against property, chastity and person which include but not limited to the following:



- 1) *Petty crimes such as snatching, shoplifting, misrepresentation;*
- 2) *Using and pushing prohibited drugs, selling illegal or lewd reading materials;*
- 3) *Pimping for young and old prostitutes and sexual perversions, doing or participating in obscene shows;*
- 4) *Gambling of any form;*
- 5) *Rape and incest; and*
- 6) *Any other circumstances as defined in the existing laws.*

m)Benefit Dance” refers to a dance in the locality where young girls and boys in the process are being commodified for fund raising purposes.





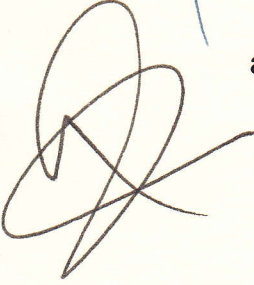


## ARTICLE II PROTECTION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

**SECTION 4. Program on Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination.** There shall be a comprehensive program to be formulated by the Muntinlupa City Social Services and Development Office and the Muntinlupa City Council for the Welfare of Children in coordination with the Special Office for Children’s Concern, other government agencies, and the private sector concerned within one (1) year from the effectivity of this ordinance, to protect children against child prostitution and other sexual abuse; child trafficking; obscene publications and indecent shows and other acts of abuse; and circumstances which endanger child survival and normal development.

**SECTION 5. Child and Other Sexual Abuse.** Children, whether male or female, who for money, profit or any other consideration or due to the coercion or influence of any adult, syndicate or groups, indulge in sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct, are deemed to be children exploited in prostitution and other sexual abuse.

The penalty as prescribed under Section 5 of Republic Act No. 7610 shall be imposed upon the following:

- a) Those who engage in or promote, facilitate or induce child prostitution which include, but are not limited to the following:
  - 1) Acting as a procurer of a child prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means;
  - 2) Inducing a person to be a client of a child prostitute by means of written or oral advertisements or other similar means;

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- 3) Entering into a relationship with, or taking advantage of a child as prostitute;
  - 4) Threatening or using violence towards a child to engage him/her as a prostitute or participant in indecent shows;
  - 5) Giving monetary consideration, goods or other pecuniary benefit to a child with the intent to engage such child in prostitution.

b) Those other persons who commit the acts as stated in Article III of Republic Act No. 7610 and shall be penalized accordingly as prescribed in the same.

**SECTION 6. Obscene Publications and Indecent Shows.** Any person who shall hire, employ, use, persuade or coerce a child to perform in obscene exhibitions and indecent shows, whether live or in video, pose or model in obscene publications or pornographic materials shall suffer the penalty as prescribed in R.A. 7610.

**SECTION 7. Sanctions for Establishment or Enterprises which Promote, Facilitate or Conduct Activities Constituting Child Prostitutions and Indecent Shows.** All establishments or enterprises which promote or facilitate child prostitution and sexual abuse, child trafficking, obscene publications and indecent shows, and other acts of abuse shall be immediately closed and their authority or license to operate cancelled, without prejudice to the owner or manager thereof being prosecuted under this ordinance. A sign with words: "CHILD RIGHTS VIOLATOR" shall be conspicuously displayed outside the establishments or enterprises by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns for such period as the special office shall determine.

**SECTION 8. Child Trafficking.** Any person who shall engage in trading and dealing with children including, but not limited to, the act of buying and selling of a child for money, or for any other consideration, or barter, shall suffer the penalty as prescribed in Article IV of the Republic Act No. 7610.

**SECTION 9. Attempt to Commit Child Trafficking.** There is an attempt to commit child trafficking under section 6 of this ordinance:

- a) When a child below 15 years old travels alone to or from Muntinlupa City without valid reason therefore and without clearance issued by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns or written permit or justification from the child's parents or legal guardians;



- b) When a pregnant mother, father or guardian executes an affidavit of consent for adoption for a consideration; or consent, participates or in any manner causes the registration of the birth of such child in the name of another with or without consideration;
- c) When a person, agency, establishment or child-caring institution recruits women or couples to bear children for the purpose of child trafficking;
- d) When a doctor, hospital or clinic official or employee, nurse, midwife, local civil registrar or any other person stimulates birth for the purpose of child trafficking;
- e) When a person engages in the act of finding children among low-income families, hospitals, clinics, nurseries, day-care centers or other child caring institutions who can be offered for the purpose of child trafficking; or
- f) When a person, authority, agency or institution who are witnesses to and fails to report transactions related to circumstances in child trafficking.

A penalty prescribed in Article IV of Republic Act No.7610 shall be imposed upon the principals of the attempt to commit child trafficking under this Ordinance. In addition, a one-month community service shall be imposed for the commission and omission of acts under Section 7. Such service shall be defined by the Social Development Committee of the City Development Council.

**SECTION 10. Other act and/or Condition Prejudicial to the Child's Development.** It shall be unlawful for any person to sell liquor, cigarette, illegal drugs and other items detrimental to the development of the child. For purposes of this Ordinance, the penalty for the commission of such act as prescribed in Article VI of Republic Act No. 7610 shall be imposed. The victim of the act committed under this section shall be entrusted to the care of the Muntinlupa Special Office for Children's Concerns.

**SECTION 11. Control on Children's Exposure to Commercial Video Games.** Commercial establishment catering rental of electronic video games to children during school days from 7:00 o'clock in the morning to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon shall be subjected to suspension of business permit for fifteen (15) days during the first offense and, one (1) month suspension of the same for the second offense. Confiscation of all video units of said establishment and cancellation of business permit shall constitute the penalty for third offense.

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**SECTION 12.** Children Involved in Anti-Social Related Activities. Children who are involved in anti-social or related activities shall be registered in a rehabilitation program that shall assist the children to rebuild themselves and reintegrate in the mainstream of society.

*Section 12A. Monitoring of Suspended Cases of Children and Appropriate Assistance. Application for suspension of sentences of children involved in anti-social activities shall be done by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns. A special team from such office shall monitor closely the cases involving children in court to adequately enforce the suspension of sentences. Appropriate and responsive rehabilitation program shall be afforded them under the care of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns. The framework of assistance shall be designed by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns in close coordination with the NGOs and professionals with special interests on rehabilitation.*

*Section 12.B. Appointment of Child and Youth Relations Officer and Police Procedures. Each Police Station in Muntinlupa City shall have a Child and Youth Relation Officer tasked to handle cases involving children. Child-friendly police procedures shall be implemented as contained in the Police Handbook on the Management of Cases of Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances. Each PNP element shall be provided a copy of the said handbook.*

*Section 12.C. Special Course for PNP Members. A special course for members of the Philippine National Police shall be designed to handle effectively the children involved in anti-social activities. All police officers shall take up the course especially those who are interested to be assigned with the Child and Youth Relations Section (CYRO) and other CYR Officers in each PNP detachments.*

*The course shall be designed and provided by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns in close coordination with the PNP Child Protection Team per police manual and, NGOs and professional organizations focused on child and youth programs.*

*Section 12.D. Police Brutality. Any brutality committed against children by police authorities shall be subjected to penalty under this Ordinance as determined by the local People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) without prejudice to provisions of the Revised Penal Code.*

**SECTION 13.** Employment of Children. Children as defined in this Ordinance shall not be employed: Provided that:



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- a) The minimum requirements as stated in Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7610 shall be presented; and
- b) The employer shall register the child with the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns to enjoy benefits and other special protection as may be provided for by the said special office tasked to formulate rules and regulations.

The Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this section.

**Section 13.A.** Prohibition on the Employment of Children in Certain Advertisements. No person shall employ child to model in all forms of commercial or advertisements promoting alcoholic beverages, intoxicating drinks, tobacco and its by product, junk, and violence.

**Section 13.B. Penalties.** Any person who shall violate any provision of this Article shall suffer penalty as prescribed in Section 16 of the Republic Act No. 7610.

**SECTION 14.** Children as Social Indicators of Local Condition. Children are hereby declared as Social Indicators of Local Condition. It shall be the responsibility of the Local Government of Muntinlupa City and all other sectors concerned to resolve armed conflicts in order to realize the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**SECTION 15. Respect for the International Covenants Relevant to Armed Conflict.** The Local Government of Muntinlupa City undertakes to respect and to ensure compliance with the rules of international humanitarian law applicable to Philippine political armed-conflict which are relevant to the child. Specifically the following policies shall be observed:

- a) Children shall not be the object of attack and shall be entitled to special respect. They shall be protected from any form of threat, assault, torture or other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment;
- b) Children shall not be recruited to become members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines or its civilian units or other armed groups, nor be allowed to take part in the fighting, nor used as guides, or couriers, or spies;
- c) Delivery of basic social services such as education, primary health and emergency relief services shall be kept unhampered;
- d) The safety and protection of those who provide services including those involved in fact-finding missions from both government and non-government institutions shall be ensured. They shall not be subjected to undue harassment in the performance of their work;





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- e) Public infrastructure such as schools, hospitals and rural health units shall not be utilized for military purpose such as command posts, barracks, detachments, and supply depots; and
- f) All appropriate steps shall be taken to facilitate the reunion of families temporarily separated due to armed conflict.

**Section 15. A. Evacuation of Children during Armed Conflict.** Children shall be given priority during evacuations as a result of armed conflict. Existing people's organizations shall be tapped to look after the safety and well-being of children during evacuation operations. Measures shall be taken to ensure that children evacuated are accompanied by persons responsible for their safety and well-being.

**Section 15. B. Family Life & Temporary Shelter.** Whenever possible, members of the same family shall be housed in the same premises and given separate accommodation from other evacuees and provided with facilities to lead a normal family life. In places of temporary shelter, expectant and nursing mothers and children shall be given additional food in proportion to their physiological needs. Whenever feasible, children shall be given opportunities for physical exercise, sports and outdoor games.

**Section 15. C. Children and Family Psycho-Social Program.** It is important for the children and their families that they shall be a part of a psycho-social program. The Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns shall design a comprehensive psychosocial program for both children and their families affected by the armed-conflict.

**Section 15.D. Rights of Children Arrested for Reasons Related to Armed Conflict.** Any child who has been arrested for reasons related to armed conflict, either as combatant, courier, guide or spy is entitled to the following rights;

- a) Separate detention from adults except where families are accommodated as family rights;
- b) Immediate free legal assistance;
- c) Immediate notice of such arrest to the parents or guardians of the child; and
- d) Release of the child on recognizance within twenty-four (24) hours to the custody of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns or any responsible member of the community as determined by the court.



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If after hearing the evidence in the proper proceedings the court should find that the aforesaid child has committed the acts charged against him/her, the court shall determine the imposable penalty, including any civil liability chargeable against him/her. However, instead of pronouncing judgment of conviction, the court shall suspend all further proceedings and shall commit such child to the custody or care of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns or to any training institution operated by the government, or duly-licensed agencies or any other responsible person, until he/she has reached eighteen (18) years of age or, for a shorter period as the court may deem proper, after considering the reports and recommendations of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns or the agency or responsible individual under whose care he/she has been committed.

The aforesaid child shall be subjected to visitation and supervision by a representative of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns or any duly-licensed agency or such other officer as the court may designate to such conditions as it may prescribe.

**Section 15. E. Monitoring and Reporting of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict.** The Chairperson or any designated official of the Barangay affected by the armed conflict shall submit the names of children residing in said barangay to the District Social Welfare and Development Officer within twenty-four (24) hours from the occurrence of the armed conflict.

**SECTION 16. Selective Ban on Benefit Dance in the Barangays.** Barangay level fund-raising activities shall not include "benefit dance" as defined in this ordinance. Culturally relevant activities shall be promoted instead of promoting young women as commodities during "benefit dance". A penalty shall be imposed to the organizers of the benefit dance by the City Court accordingly for the violation of this provision.

**SECTION 17. Curfew on Minors.** For the protection of children below 15 years of age, they shall be prohibited from loitering around or sleeping in public places after 10 o'clock in the evening until 4 o'clock in the morning of the following day unless they are in company with their parents or guardians.

A penalty equivalent to a whole day seminar on duties and responsibilities of children and parents shall be imposed to the parents or guardians of the violators of this provision.

A 15-day community service as determined by the local court shall be imposed as penalty for second-time offenders.



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ARTICLE III  
SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

**SECTION 18. Under Six Program Framework.** The local government of Muntinlupa City shall ensure to maximum extent possible the survival and development of the child. The program on survival and development of the child. The program on survival and development shall include the following:

- a) Monitoring of registration of births and the completion of the immunization series for prevention of tuberculosis, diptheria, pertusis, tetanus, measles, polio my elitis and such other diseases for which vaccines have been developed for administration to children up to six (6) years of age;
- b) Growth and nutritional monitoring with nutritional feeding and supervision of nutritional intake at home;
- c) Care for children of working parents during the day and, where feasible, care for children up to six (6) years of age when parents are working at night: Provided, That the day care center need not take care of the children in a particular place but shall develop network of homes where adults may take care of the children up to six (6) hours, with adequate supervision from the Supervising Social Welfare Officer of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns: Provided, further, that, where young children are left to the care of a paid domestic, anelderly relative or older children without adequate and competent adult supervision, the Supervising Social Welfare Officer shall provide such training and adult supervision until the children's care meets adequate standard whereby the children under their care will develop normally as healthy, happy and loved children, even in the absence of their parents during working hours;
- d) Materials and network of surrogate parents-teachers who will provide intellectual and mental stimulation to the children, as well as supervised wholesome recreation, with a balanced program of supervised play, mental stimulation activities, and group activities with peers;
- e) A sanctuary for abused, neglected or exploited children which will take in children in urgent need of protection due to a situation which endangers the child or which has exposed the child to cruelty and abuse: Provided, That the center, with the help and support of the barangay officials and their barangay-level support systems, may call upon law enforcement agencies when the child needs to be rescued from an unbearable home situation;



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- f) A Reproductive Health Care Center for pregnant mothers for prenatal and neonatal care and, in the proper case, for delivery of the infant under conditions which will remove or minimize risk to mother and child: Provided, That high-risk mothers shall be referred to the proper tertiary or secondary care service personnel and children who are at risk from any condition or illness will be brought for care: Provided, Further, that hilots and barangay health workers are provided the needed basic training for normal delivery and are trained to recognize high-risk pregnancies which should be referred to competent obstetrical and pediatric medical care for mother and child who are at risk;
- g) A barangay level network of assistance from among the adults of the barangay for the total development and protection of children.

h) Unstructured combined with structured learning exercises for children under the early childhood education shall be instituted in the children centers or daycare centers respecting the participation right of the child.

i) A pool of trained day care or child development workers with an upgraded salary scheme commensurate to the tasks assigned.

**Section 18. A.** Early Childhood Care and Development Program. The Local Government of Muntinlupa City shall initiate for the care of 0-2 years old children through the Early Childhood Care and Development Program and that supervision of 0-2 years old is a daily 8-hour programme, if needed, shall be initiated in every day care.

**Section 18. B.** Population-Based Day Care Center Setting Up. The day care centers shall be set up in every barangay. Number of such centers shall depend on the population level of the children and how depressed the barangay is as determined by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns in coordination with the CSSD Office. Parents Program shall form part of this early childhood education.

**Section 18. C.** Promotion of Primary Health Care Program. The Barangay Health Centers shall implement the primary health program. Each barangay health center shall have a Barangay Child Health Officer tasked to monitor child health in the barangay level with a salary commensurate to the task assigned.

To further ensure the implementation of Section 19. C of this Ordinance, the local government of Muntinlupa City, in particular shall take appropriate measures:



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c.1) To combat disease and malnutrition within the framework of primary health care, through inter alia the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking water, taking into consideration the dangers and risk of environmental pollution.

c.2) To establish a comprehensive Parents Orientation Development Program which include courses on reproductive health, child health and child rearing practices in the context of the Filipino psychology.

c.3) To monitor the full implementation of the Milk Code of the Philippines and advocate for the prosecution of milk firms which violate the code.

c.4) To conduct massive information education on breast feeding. Utilizing existing reference materials for effective breast feeding education program. And that students in all levels are required to take up breast feeding course which shall be an integral part of all curricula.

**SECTION 19. Comprehensive Training Course on Child Health.** All health practitioners dealing with child health in government, NGO or private institutions shall be required to complete a Comprehensive Training Course on Child Health. No one shall practice his or her health profession without the updated Certificate of Completion of this training course which shall be designed by the Task Force on Child Health or as prescribed in the implementing rules and regulations of this ordinance. Violation of this provision constitutes a penalty of cancellation of license to practice profession.

**SECTION 20. Child-Friendly Hospital in Muntinlupa City.** All hospitals in Muntinlupa City shall set up child-friendly units to include rooming-in facilities and pediatric-appropriate mechanisms and gadgets.

**SECTION 21. Creation of Children's Hospital.** The local government of Muntinlupa City shall establish a special hospital for children accessible to, and affordable for the poor families. It shall ensure pediatric assistance and facilities for the treatment of illness and physical rehabilitation. Such protective and developmental placement shall be evaluated regularly by a competent team composed of multi-disciplinary professionals. This multi-disciplinary special hospital shall not however, assume the function of the primary health care available at the barangay level. The Muntinlupa City Pediatric Society shall be involved in the final promulgation of programme of the Children's Hospital under the Task Force on Child Health which shall be formed by the City Health Office and the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns within one year of the effectivity of this Ordinance.



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As part of the support system for child's health, government health practitioners are required to undertake special training on pediatric care through the Muntinlupa City Child Health Institute which shall be established by the local government of Muntinlupa City within two years after the approval of this ordinance.

The Child Health Institute shall monitor the operations of all private and government hospital-pediatric units to ensure child-friendly measures' implementations.

**SECTION 22. Survey and Active Program for Differently-Abled Children.**

The Local Government of Muntinlupa City shall make a periodic comprehensive survey on the differently-abled in the City which should be Child-focused and specific. It is basic to achieve a more systematic coordination of services (health nutrition and education) for children with special needs.

**SECTION 23. Investment in Educators and Health Professional Training Programme for Special Program with Differently-Abled Children.** Training program for educators and health professional handling differently-abled children shall form part of the priority of the local government of Muntinlupa City.

**SECTION 24. Barangay-Level Recreational and Cultural Facilities and Program.** A barangay-level program for the revival of indigenous games reflective of the cultural diversity in Muntinlupa City shall be installed. The Local Government of Muntinlupa City shall allocate space for recreation and provide recreational facilities appropriate for children's gender and age. A regular cultural program appropriate for each children's age-group and gender shall be designed with due respect to cultural diversity.

**SECTION 25. Local Children's Literature.** In support of the socio-cultural development in Muntinlupa City, the local government of Muntinlupa City shall invest in the production of local literature for children or other relevant materials.

**SECTION 26. Parenting Orientation Courses.** Marriage License applicants shall be required to participate in a Parenting Orientation Course I, among other requirements, prior to the issuance of marriage license by the Civil Registrar. This course becomes an integral part of existing Family Planning Seminar or Reproductive Health Course. The Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns in close coordination with the City Health Office and the Civil Registry Office shall update the family planning seminar in cognizance of this Ordinance.

Parent-applicants for birth certificate of their child shall also be required to participate in a Parenting Orientation Course II, as a follow-up to the first course before issuance of Certificate of Live Birth by the Civil Registrar without prejudice to the early registration of birth requirement under existing law.



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Implementing guidelines for this ordinance shall be formulated by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns in close coordination with the Office of the Civil Registrar.

Modules for these courses shall be designed by the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns and City Social Services and Development Office and in close coordination with NGO child focused programs.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**PARTICIPATION RIGHTS OF CHILDREN**

**SECTION 27. Participation of Children in decision-making Processes.** The children in the family, school, community or other organization or institution shall be heard. Each child regardless of sex, age and tribe has the right to express his or her opinion freely and to have that opinion taken into account in any matter or procedure affecting the child. It shall be the responsibility of the adults to provide opportunities for children to express his or her views, obtain information, make ideas or information known, regardless of tribe, religion, age and sex.

**SECTION 28. Installation of Mechanism for Participation in Policy and Program Formulation in the Local Government.** It is important to consult and provide venue for the expression of views relevant to Muntinlupa City Government Policies. It is therefore proper that seven to twelve (7-12) years old and the thirteen to eighteen (13-18) years old are convened through their representatives in a once a year basis, specifically during the children's month, every October. NGOs concerned with these groups of children shall be part of the process in both preparation and evaluation of the convention. Detailed implementing rules and guidelines shall be Muntinlupa City Office for Children's Concerns.

**ARTICLE V**  
**IMPLEMENTING MECHANISM**

**SECTION 29. Creation of the Special office for Children's Concerns.** The Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns shall be created to beef up the capacity of the City Social Services and Development Office in realizing the provisions of this Ordinance. It shall be the special coordinating and implementing arm of the Local Government of Muntinlupa City to focus on children specific programs and projects. It shall file complaints on cases of unlawful acts committed against children in the most expeditious process.

**SECTION 30. Components of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns.** The special office shall have the following components to orchestrate its various program and projects consistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, national issuances and international covenants:



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- a) Reception and Study Center
- b) Psycho-social Rehabilitation Centers for Centers for Children in Extremely Difficult Circumstances
- c) Children's Hospital
- d) Child's Right Advocacy and Campaign
- e) Early Childhood Care and Development Program
- f) Legal Assistance Program

**SECTION 31. Role of the Council for the Welfare of Children.** The Muntinlupa City for the Welfare of Children shall become the consultative-Assembly of the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns for its periodic planning and programming, assessment and evaluation. It shall act as a regulatory body for the operations of all existing programs and projects designed for children. It shall be involved in all the processes related to the refinement of the implementing rules and guidelines of the Ordinance.

**ARTICLE VI  
FINAL PROVISIONS**

**SECTION 32. Rules and Regulations.** Unless otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the City Prosecutor's Office in coordination with the Muntinlupa City Special Office for Children's Concerns, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Ordinance. Such rules and regulations shall take effect upon their publication in two (2) local newspapers of general circulation.

**SECTION 33. Appropriations.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the Annual Implementation Plan, specifically, 5% of the gross income of the Local Government of Muntinlupa City and additional 1.5% from each additional fund from other sources.

**SECTION 34. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 35. Repealing Clause.** All Ordinances, local issuances or rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 36. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon completion of its publication in at least two (2) local newspapers of general circulation.





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**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, as to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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