ESTABLISHING COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE: CWC's Replication Strategy in Making LCPC More Effective in Child Rights Responsive Governance

A road map for LCPC functionality was recommended by a study Towards More Effective Local Councils for the Protection of Children (LCPC) in Child Rights Responsive Governance which was commissioned by CWC in 2012. The road map suggested paths to achieving "wider and stronger compliance" by local government units (LGUs) to the laws and issuances" pertaining to making LCPCs functional, one of which is the establishment Replication Strategy in Making LCPC More Effective in Child Rights Responsive Governance.

Following the recommendation of the study, the Communities of Practice (COP) as a replication strategy for child friendly governance is imperative.

This initiative is aimed at establishing a system wherein LGUs with clear outstanding results on child rights will serve as replication centers. The COP has the following objectives:

1. To utilize a curriculum that integrates theories on governance with actual practice of child friendly governance; and
2. To capacitate LGUs to improve delivery of positive results on children.

Consultative meetings and field validations were successfully conducted with the Local Executives and LCPC of the Cities of Naga, Vigan, Mandaluyong and Davao and Municipality of New Lucena, Iloilo. The LGUs express willingness and readiness as COP areas.