



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

PARTICIPATION TO THE REGIONAL INITIATIVE “YOUTH CHOICE: A DRUG-FREE LIFE” CONTESTS

1. In support of the Drug Abuse Prevention and Control (DAPC) Week Celebration, and in line with the observance of the National Students’ Day and National Children’s Month, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Caraga Region will spearhead a regional initiative titled **“Youth Choice: A Drug-Free Life”** in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) and other key agencies — PDEA, DSWD, DOH, and DOJ-PPA.

2. The program aims to strengthen youth-led advocacy, awareness, and inter-agency cooperation in the campaign against illegal drugs. It is scheduled for **November 22, 2025**, at **Almont Hotel and Inland Resort**, Butuan City.

3. In relation to this, all Schools Division Offices (SDOs) are enjoined to participate in the following **contest categories**, which aim to showcase the creativity, leadership, and commitment of learners in promoting a drug-free lifestyle:

Category	Entry	Participants	Deadline
Designing Digital Information Materials Competition	1 entry per SDO	1 Contestant, 1 Coach, 1 Chaperone	November 22, 2025 (on-site)
Short Film Making Contest	1 entry per SDO	8 members (Director, Editor/Videographer, Scriptwriter, Casts), with 1 Coach	On or before November 14, 2025 Uploading Drive: https://tinyurl.com/YouthChoiceShortFilm

4. Entries must reflect the theme **“Youth Choice: A Drug-Free Life”**, highlighting proactive, positive, and community-based youth actions against substance abuse.

5. For questions or clarifications, you may contact the **DILG Caraga Region** through **09610711822/09611808418** or email at RegionalOffice@caraga.dilg.gov.ph.

6. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.

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Encl.: None

Reference: None

under the following subjects:

CONTESTS PROGRAMS STUDENTS

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