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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

REGIONAL ORIENTATION ON THE CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS RISK
SCREENER (CARS) TOOL FOR THE SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

1. The Education Support Services Division (ESSD), through the School Mental Health Program will conduct a **Regional Orientation on the Children and Adolescents Risk Screener (CARS) Tool for the School Mental Health Program** on September 16-19, 2025, at Amontay Beach Resort, Nasipit, Agusan del Norte.
2. The orientation aims to equip health personnel, mental health coordinators, guidance counselors, and other designated school-based mental health personnel with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively administer and interpret the Children and Adolescents Risk Screener (CARS) Tool, ensuring early identification and appropriate intervention for students at-risk.
3. Participants include four personnel from each Schools Division Office, specifically the **School Mental Health Program Coordinator, two health personnel, and one registered guidance counselor**. In the event that the identified personnel are unavailable, unable to attend, or not existing in the division, the respective offices shall designate alternates to ensure representation.
4. The participants from each Schools Division Office shall be recognized as the main facilitators and program management team responsible for cascading the CARS Tool orientation and implementation in their respective division offices.
5. The arrival of participants at the training venue is scheduled on Day 0, September 16, 2025, which shall likewise serve as the arrival date and conduct of the orientation. All concerned are hereby reminded to secure a Division Memorandum for their participants and to obtain the duly approved Travel Authorities prior to the commencement of the activity.
6. Travel and incidental expenses will be charged to the Program Support Funds (PSF) for the School Mental Health Program, PSF, MOOE, local funds, or other available sources, subject to government accounting and auditing rules.



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