



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
ESSD-2025- **1198**

BRIEF TOBACCO INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR PEER COUNSELORS

To: Schools Division Superintendents } Leyte
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Education Support Services Division - School Health and Nutrition Section (ESSD-SHNS), announces the conduct of the upcoming **Brief Tobacco Intervention Training for Peer Counselors on October 2-3, 2025, at Hotel Estrella, Tacloban City** hosted by the **Department of Health Eastern Visayas Center for Health Development**.
2. This training invites **five (5) Supreme Student Government Officers and one (1) Adviser** from each of the following **National High Schools in Palo, Tanauan, Dulag and Alangalang**.
3. For further inquiries and coordination, you may contact **Ms. Krystel Charisse B. Daya-Magos, Regional Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Coordinator, at 0917-846-1057, or Ms. Mary Ann P. Jamora, Program Staff at 0929-480-9083**.
4. Food, venue and hotel accommodation shall be charged against the DOHEVCD office, while transportation expenses shall be charged to the participants' sending school, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. For immediate dissemination and compliance.



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Enclosures: None

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Dear Mr. Firmo,

Greetings of good health!

Youth tobacco use and nicotine dependence remain major public health concerns. Although cigarette smoking has declined, the use of other tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, remains high among the youth, increasing their risk of nicotine addiction.

It is for this reason that our office through the **Non-Communicable Disease Unit** will conduct a **Brief Tobacco Intervention Training for Peer Counselors** to equip youth leaders with the skills to deliver brief interventions, raise awareness on the harms of tobacco use, motivate their peers to quit, and provide support throughout the quitting process.

Relative to this, may we respectfully invite **five (5) Supreme Student Government Officers and one (1) Adviser from each of the following National High Schools in Palo, Tanauan, Dulag, and Alangalang** to attend the said activity. The training is scheduled on **October 2-3, 2025, 10 o'clock in the morning at Hotel Estrella, Tacloban City.**

Please be informed that **food, venue, and hotel accommodations will be provided by our office**, while **transportation expenses shall be charged to the participants' respective sending agency**. For confirmation, we kindly request the participants to register on or before **September 26, 2025**, through this link: <https://bit.ly/HIIPee2025>.

For further inquiries and coordination, you may contact **Ms. Krystal Charisse B. Daya-Magos**, Regional Tobacco Prevention and Control Program Coordinator, at 0917-846-1057, or **Ms. Mary Ann P. Jamora**, Program Staff, at 0929-480-9083.

We look forward to your continued support and cooperation in this important undertaking.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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