

# Philippines: Early Childhood Country Policy

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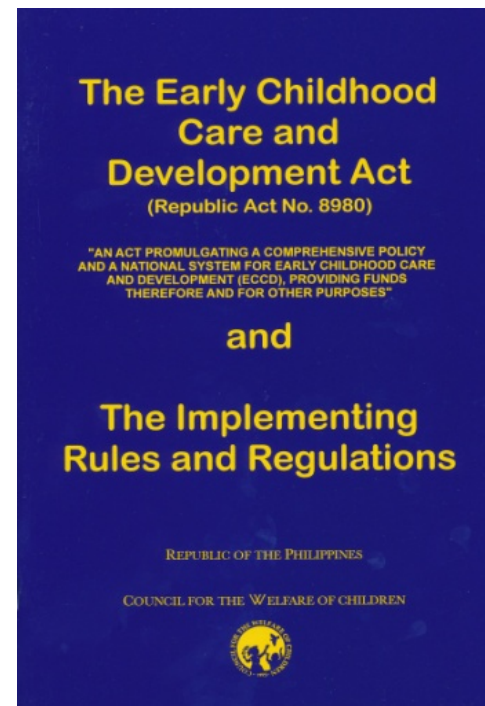


# The Philippines Early Childhood Policy

## Republic Act No. 8980 (ECCD Act of 2000)

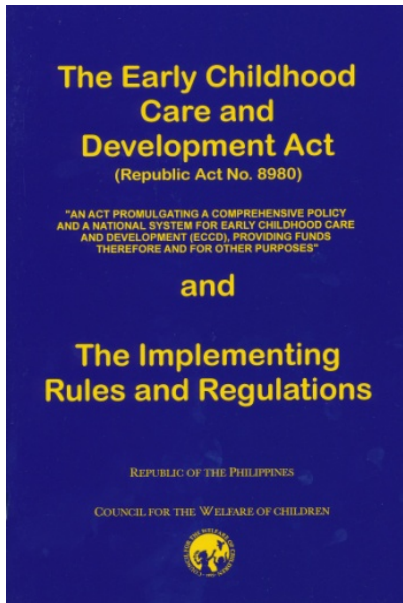
“An Act Promulgating a Comprehensive Policy & a National System for Early Childhood Care & Development (ECCD), Providing Funds Therefore & for Other Purposes”

Signed into law in December 2000  
IRR adopted by the CWC/  
NECCDC Board April 2002



# ECCD Act of 2000

## Establishment of the National System for ECCD



### The National ECCD System

- > Comprehensive
- > Integrative
- > Sustainable
- > Multi-sectoral collaboration at national and local levels



# ECCD Goal & Objectives

## GOAL

Promote the rights of children (0-6) and ensure development of their full potential

## OBJECTIVES

### Community

Enhance & sustain efforts of communities in promoting ECCD programs

### Parents/ Caregivers

Enhance role of parents/ caregivers as primary caregivers & educators of their children

### Child

- Improve infant & survival rate
- Enhance holistic development
- facilitate smooth transition from home to community to primary school
- Ensure children are prepared for the formal learning system
- Establish system for early ID, prevention, referral and intervention for children w/ developmental disabilities

### Service Providers

Enhance capabilities of services providers & supervisors

### Quality Standards

Improve the quality standards of public and private ECCD programs

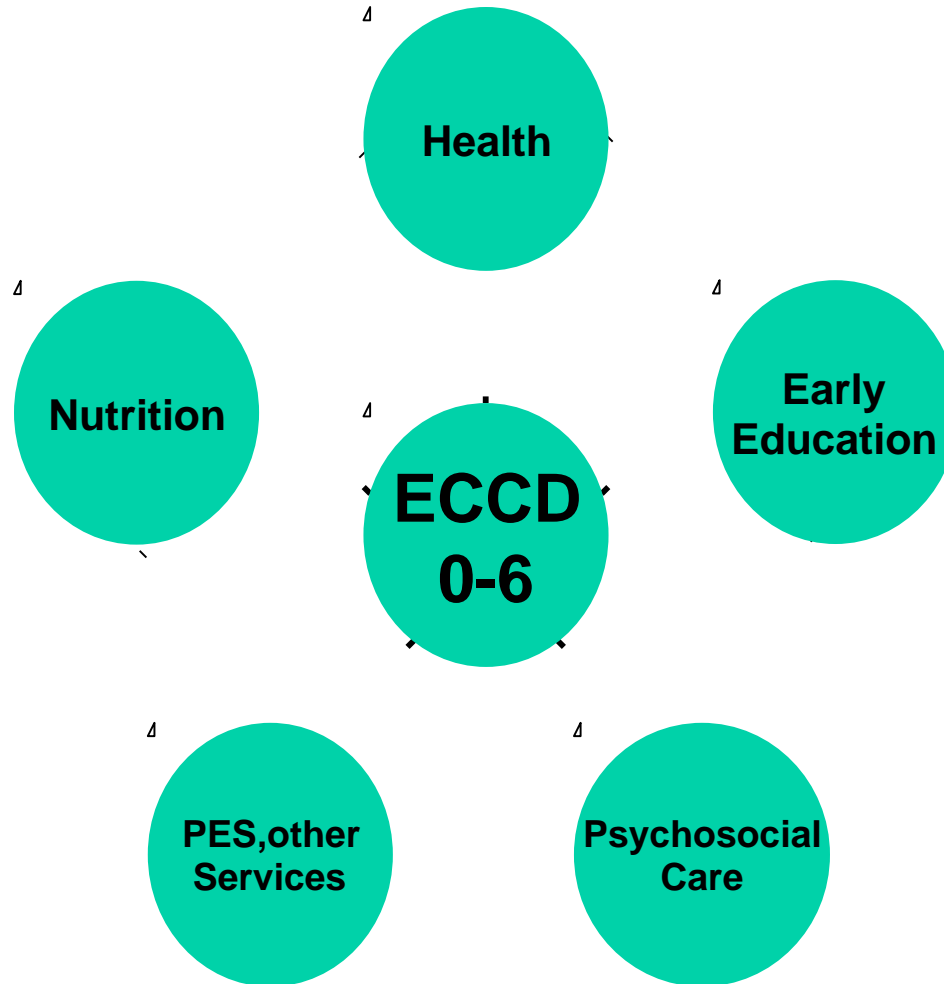


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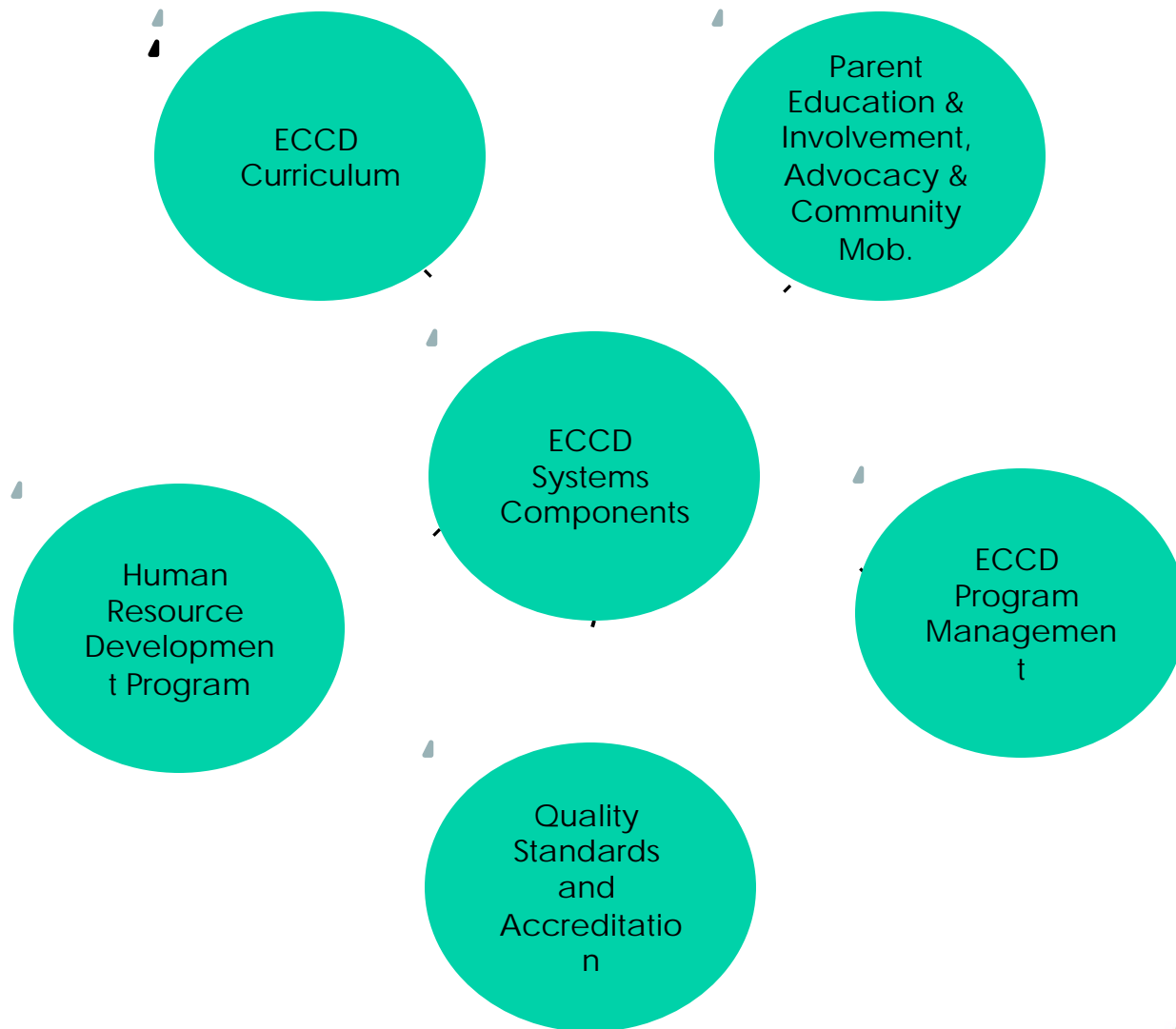
# ECCD Program

Full range of Health, Nutrition, Early Education, Psychosocial Care, and Social Services for Children 0-6

**(Center-based and Home-based)**



# ECCD SYSTEM COMPONENTS



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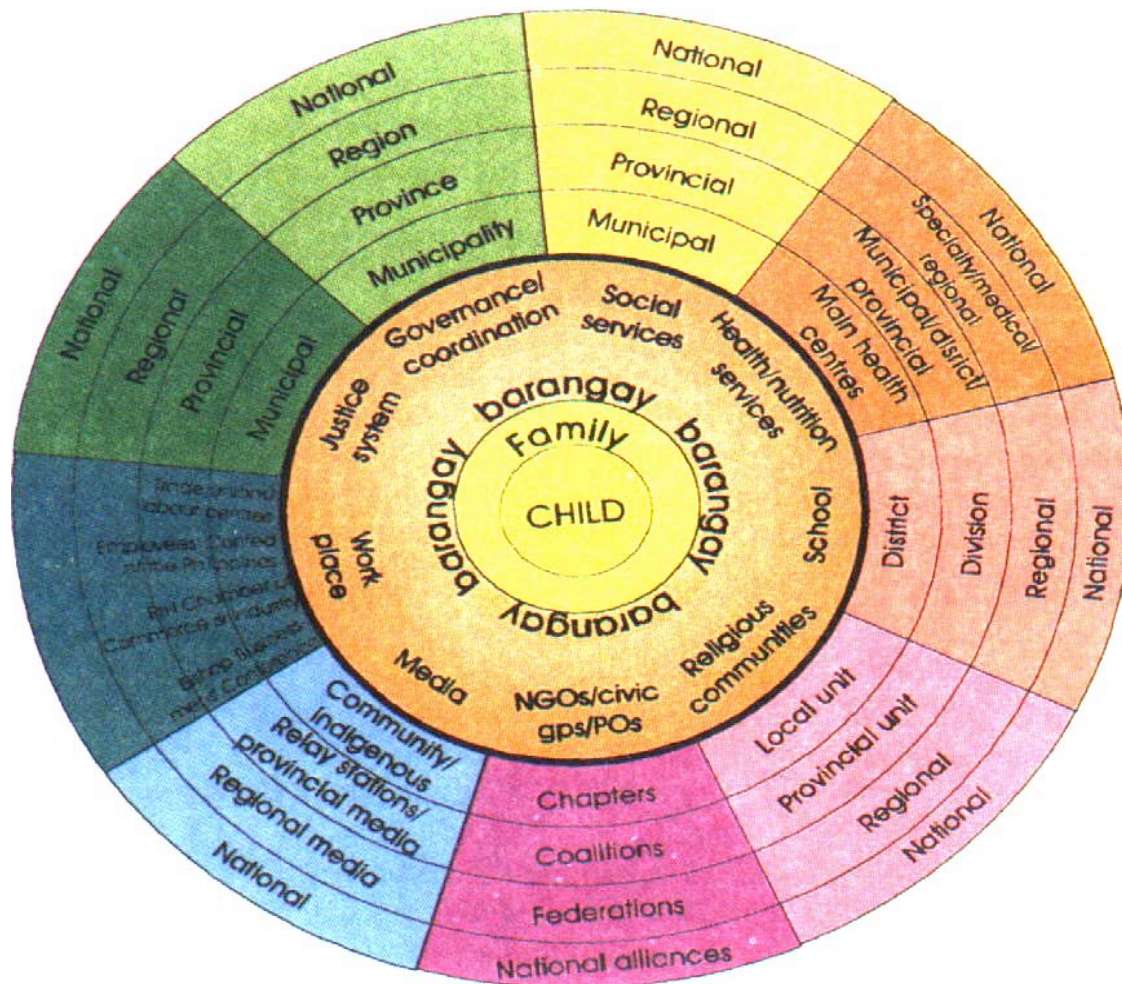
# **Council for the Welfare of Children National ECCD Coordinating Council (RA8980)**



**2 ECCD Experts**

**Ex-Officio Members**

- **Phil. Information Agency**
- **NAPC- CBS Representative**



ECCD is a shared responsibility





# The ECCD Council (E0 778)

The **lead agency** for ECCD in the country since January 2009

Legal Base: Two (2) policy issuances by the President in 2009

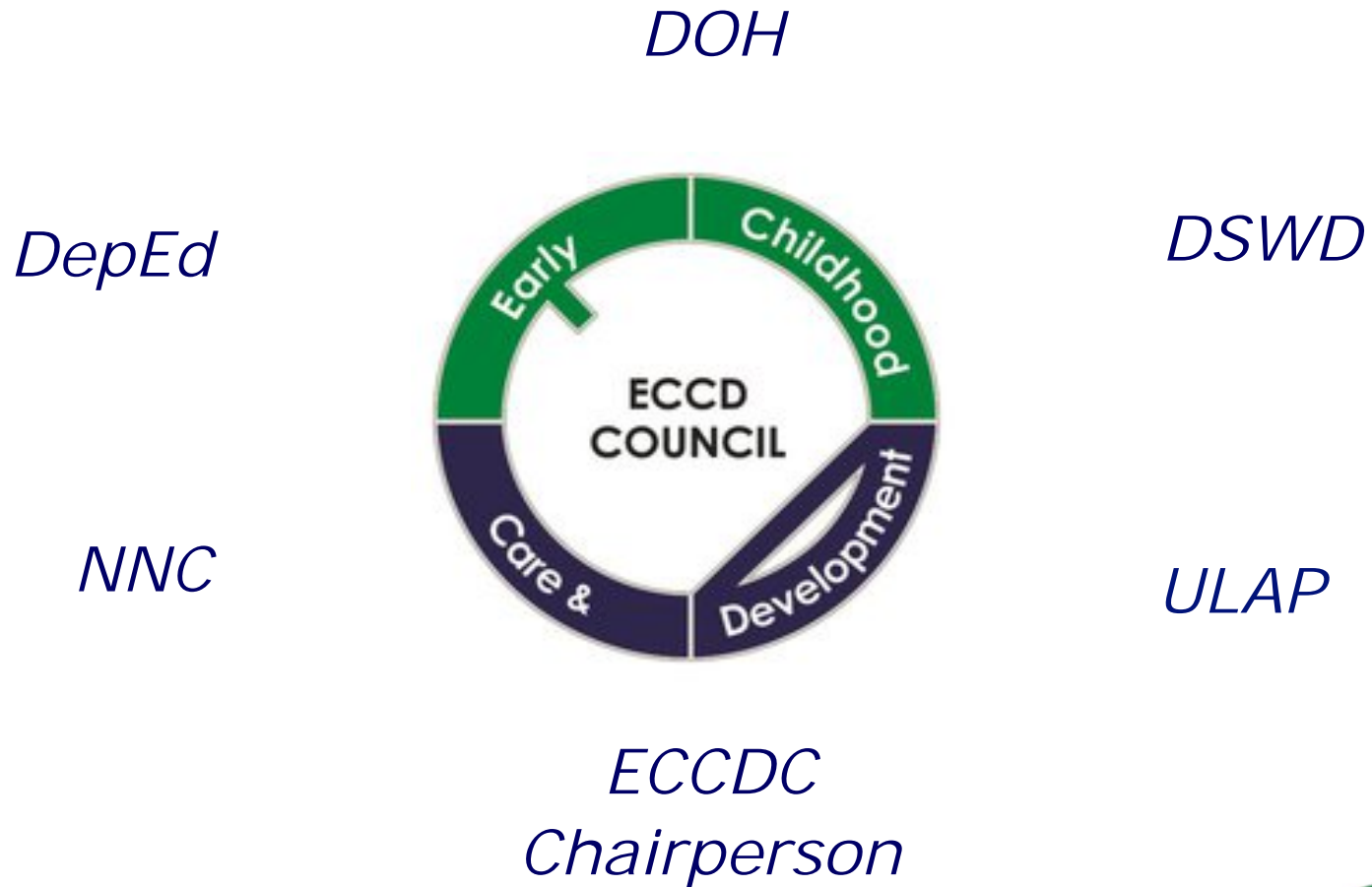
**Executive Order No. 778** Transforming the Council for the Welfare of Children into the Early Childhood Care and Development Council, January 2009

>>> unequivocal focus on 0 to 6

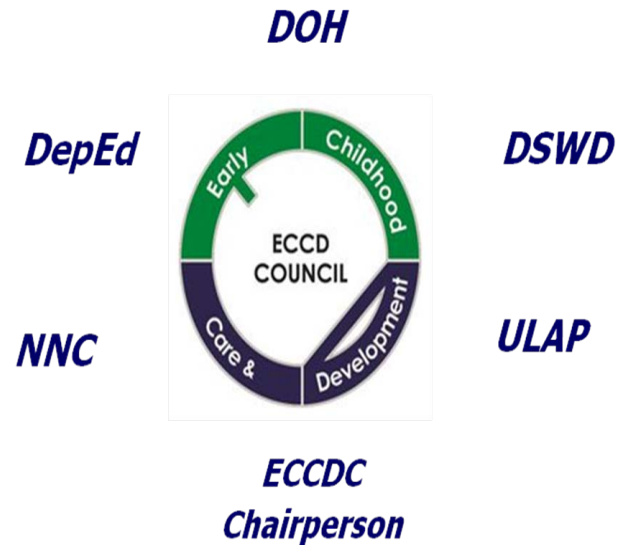
**Executive Order No. 806** Affirming the Roles of Early Childhood Care and Development Council and the Council for the Welfare of Children, June 2009



# ECCD Council Governing Board Members



# CWC/NECCDC (RA 8980) & ECCD Council(E0 778): Comparative Structure



# The ECCD Council

## **Vision:**

Quality ECCD for Every Filipino Child 0 to 6

## **Mission:**

Lead in strengthening the national ECCD System for the optimum growth and development of all Filipino children aged 0 to 6 through:



# The ECCD Council

## Two-pronged thrust

- Strengthening center-based ECCD
- Expanding/scaling up home-based ECCD

>>> to increase access to quality ECCD for children (0-6) & their families



# ECCD Council Strategic Direction 2011-2016

Helping meet by 2015 the:

- Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- Education for All (EFA) goals

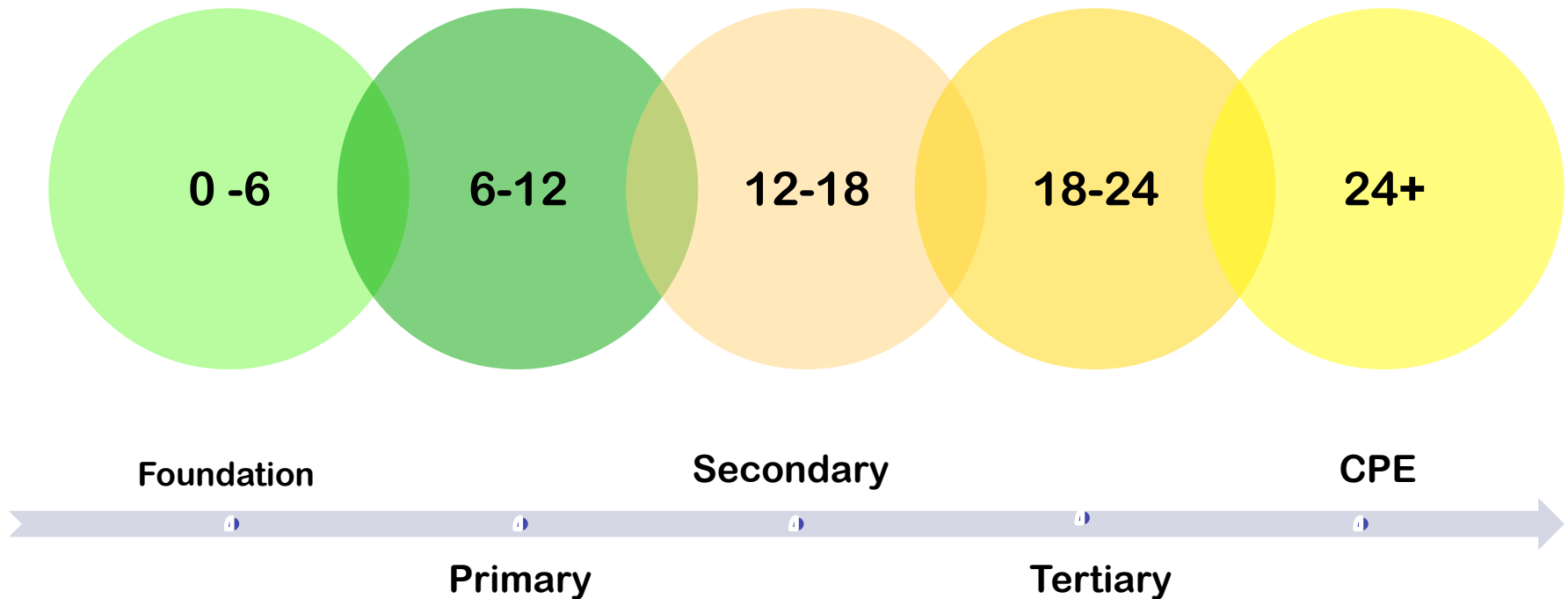


# ECCD Legislative Agenda



For government to recognize the early years from 0 to 6 as the first cycle of educational development

## Educational Development Cycle



Proposed Bill  
15th Congress  
**“Early Years Act ”**

Senate Bill No. 2567

Introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE EARLY YEARS FROM 0 TO 6 AS THE  
FIRST CYCLE OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AMENDING  
REPUBLIC ACT NO.8980 FOR THIS PURPOSE,  
STRENGTHENING THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

House Bill No. 3507

Introduced by Reps. Salvador H. Escudero III, Juan  
Edgardo M. Angara and Thelma Z. Almario





# His Name is Today

Gabriela Mistral

“We are guilty of many errors and many  
faults,  
But our worst crime is abandoning the  
children,  
Neglecting the fountain of life.  
Many of the things we need can wait,  
The child cannot wait.  
Right now is the time his bones are being  
formed,  
His blood is being made,  
And his senses are being developed.  
To him we cannot answer ‘tomorrow’  
His name is Today.”

- Thank you.
- Maraming Salamat!
  - Mabuhay