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ANNUAL CAREGIVER EMPOWERMENT 2026

Attached herewith is the letter invitation from **Sandbox Clinic Clark** on the Annual Caregiver Empowerment (ACE) 2026 with the theme: "Play as a Pathway: Early Skill Building for Higher Play, Social Inclusion, and Leisure in Neurodivergent People" scheduled on August 22, 2026, in Clark, Pampanga. The participants will gain strategies that promote participation, communication, inclusion and lifelong development for neurodivergent learners.

Moreover, participation of the activity is purely VOLUNTARY.

For your information and guidance.

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Dear ***Superintendent Romeo M. Alip***

Request for DepEd School Division Advisory for the Annual Caregiver Empowerment (A.C.E.) 2026

Warm greetings!

On behalf of Sandbox Clinic-Clark, we respectfully request the support of the Department of Education Division of Pampanga through the issuance of a DepEd School Division Advisory for our upcoming Annual Caregiver Empowerment (A.C.E.) 2026.

At Sandbox Clinic-Clark, we firmly believe that meaningful inclusion is achieved when schools, families, healthcare professionals, and communities work together in supporting every learner. We deeply appreciate the Department of Education's unwavering commitment to providing accessible, inclusive, and quality education throughout Region III, and it is with this shared commitment that we respectfully seek your partnership in this meaningful initiative.

Sandbox Clinic-Clark is a multidisciplinary rehabilitation clinic located in Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga, committed to delivering evidence-based, family-centered, and collaborative services for children, adolescents, and adults. Our team of healthcare and education professionals provides Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Therapy, Special Education, Counseling, Psychiatric Services, Aqua Therapy, and Early Intervention Programs. Beyond our clinical services, we actively conduct educational programs and community initiatives that empower caregivers, educators, healthcare professionals, and partner organizations to create more inclusive, learner-centered, and developmentally supportive environments for neurodivergent individuals.

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In line with this mission, we are organizing the Annual Caregiver Empowerment (A.C.E.) 2026, with the theme:
"Play as a Pathway: Early Skill Building for Higher Play, Social Inclusion, and Leisure in Neurodivergent People."

The event will be held on August 22, 2026, in Clark, Pampanga. It aims to bring together caregivers, parents, educators, school leaders, guidance counselors, allied health professionals, students, and community stakeholders for a day of learning, collaboration, and empowerment. Through evidence-based discussions and practical learning sessions, participants will gain strategies that promote participation, communication, inclusion, and lifelong development for neurodivergent learners.

The program will also feature interactive partner booths, an art exhibit, networking opportunities, and question-and-answer sessions designed to strengthen collaboration among families, schools, healthcare professionals, and the wider community.

We are privileged to have a distinguished panel of resource speakers who will share their expertise and practical insights throughout the event:

- Christian Aedrif, PTRP – Motor Planning for Games (Physical Therapy)
- Anne Rivera, OTRP, MFLCD – Co-regulation and Play (Occupational Therapy)
- Developmental Pediatrician (To Be Announced) – Screen Time vs. Sensory-Motor Play
- Melissa Pantig-Gonzales, RSLP – Leisure, Games for Adults, and Social Thinking (Speech-Language Therapy)
- Tin Cannon, LPT – Supporting Tweens (Special Education)
- Interview with the Young Adult with Autism (Hosted by Ela Tadeja, OTRP, MFLCD)

Bringing together professionals from healthcare and education reflects our commitment to equipping teachers, school leaders, parents, and caregivers with practical, evidence-based knowledge that they can immediately apply in creating more inclusive and supportive learning environments.