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The Director Women and Child Development Department Poojappura Thiruvananthapuram

Sir

Sub: Requesting the retraining of School Counsellors in the State level NCD prevention program for Higher Secondary school students, reg-

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In view of the rising levels of Non-Communicable disease morbidity and mortality, preventive measures need to be undertaken to limit their catastrophic health, and socio-economic impacts. As these diseases are mostly a result of unhealthy lifestyle practices, preventive measures need to be aimed at limiting unhealthy behaviours, early screening and interventions. A Study conducted by CDC in 2019-2020 among nearly 2000 higher secondary school students came out with some alarming findings like one third of students were observed to have elevated blood pressure, overweight & obesity in one fifth of students and high stress levels in more than one tenth of students.

It is in this context that Directorate of General Education, Higher Secondary wing entrusted Child Development Centre to conduct a program entitled "Prevention of Non Communicable Diseases: Life Style Disease Screening and Intervention Program For Higher Secondary School Students in Kerala" (GO (Rt) No. 3151/2021/G.Edu, Dtd 26.6.2021) in 820 Government Higher Secondary Schools in Kerala. For the successful implementation of the program, we request the support of school counselors also in this program. We have already trained the school counselors six months back. Now we are planning to conduct one online refresher training for them on 26 October, 2022 from 2 - 3.30 pm. Under these circumstances, I request you to kindly depute the School Counsellors to attend the program and provide their valuable support in this program.

Thanking you

Yours Sincerely

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