

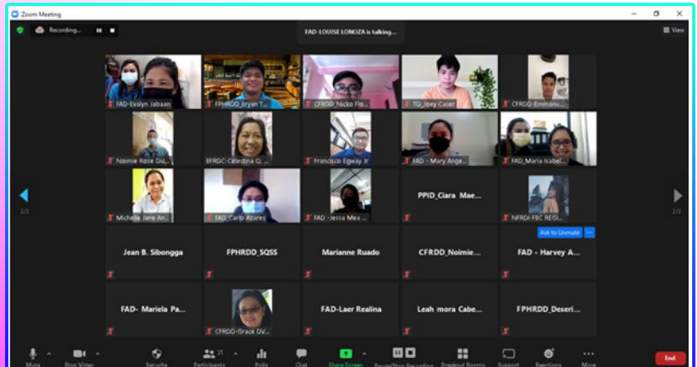
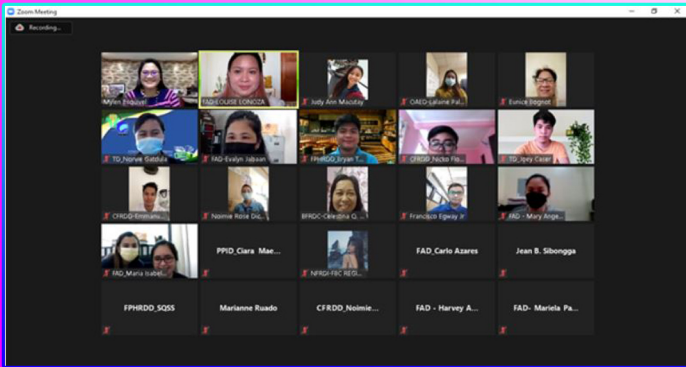
SOLO PARENTS' WELFARE ACT OF 2000:

A Hope For Single Parents

"It takes a strong person to be a single parent and take on two roles."

This is how Atty. Mylen B. Gonzales-Esquivel started her lecture on Orientation on Republic Act No. 8792, otherwise known as "Solo Parents Welfare Act of 2000," last June 30, 2021. As we gradually recognize the existing gender issues, we become continuously aware of our surroundings, how our actions affect others, and how gender misconceptions affect our views and daily lives. As the institute's support in Gender and Development (GAD) advocacies, the NFRDI recognizes the struggles and challenges faced by all solo parents. Child-rearing is hard even with both parents, but raising a child, or even children, alone is exceedingly difficult. Knowing this, the HRMS coordinated with Atty. Gonzales-Esquivel to be the resource speaker for the above-mentioned webinar.

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Atty. Mylen Esquivel-Gonzales (upper left corner) and participants during the webinar on Solo Parent Act of 2000

The 4-hour webinar talked about the topics that were divided into three sessions: (1) The need for the Solo Parent Act; (2) Orientation on the Salient Provisions of Republic Act 8972; and (3) A Glimpse on the CSC Memorandum Circular Implementing RA 8972. This achieves the activity's objectives to provide information on comprehensive programs and services for solo parents and to understand their needs.

Before the program ended, the chief of Finance and Admin Division, Ma. Salvacion R. Ferrer delivered the closing remarks. The Certificate of Appreciation for the resource speaker was presented by Mr. Ian Carlos Azares, OIC of HRMS.

'Yung privileges ng solo parent is part of social justice. It is part of protection for the people na nakaka-experience ng difficulties as a result of the situation they are in. Kung marami po kayong solo parents within the organization, and they find it difficult to haggle both work ng pagiging isang solo parent at kanyang productive work saloob ng opisina, let's help them by creating opportunities.

- Atty. Gonzales-Esquivel

Life as a single parent can be pretty stressful both for the parent and child or children. It can be overwhelming, juggling work and raising children while keeping up with the bills and household chores. With this, support from other family, friends, and especially from the government, is critical. Hopefully, these kinds of webinars reach those who need it to be informed on what benefits and privileges they may claim and be a source of hope for all solo parents! **(RLLonoza)**

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