

3,502 nagtapos sa drug rehab program sa QC

Susubok muling maging normal ang buhay ng may 3,502 mga dating adik na sumailalim sa drug rehabilitation program ni Quezon City **Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte**.

Ito ay makaraang matapos ang mga nabanggit sa community-based drug rehabilitation program ng lokal na pamahalaan sa ilalim ng “Katatagan Kontra Droga sa Komunidad” (KKDK)

“Since the program was launched in 2016, we have seen how successfully these 3,502 graduates are able to turn their lives around especially since the program offers livelihood programs and employment assistance after graduation,” pahayag ni Belmonte sa ginanap na International Peace and Order Summit ng Department of Interior and Local Government’s (DILG).

“The rehab program involves the surrenderer, the barangay, the family, and even the church to make sure that there is a whole community working together to help the graduate avoid a relapse,” dagdag pa ni Belmonte.

Bilang pinuno ng QC **Anti-Drug Abuse Advisory Council (QCADAAC)**, ipinaliwanag ni Belmonte na ang KKDK ay

isang bahagi lamang ng “ecosystem” ng usaping droga sa lungsod.

“Before going into community rehab, drug surrenderers are profiled using the Integrated Drug Abuse Profiling System so we can understand who they are, where they come from. Then, they are evaluated by physicians accredited by the Department of Health,” sabi pa ni Belmonte.

Ang ilan sa mga sumuko ay binibigyan ng agarang gamot at rehabilitasyon sa pasilidad ng TAHANAN, samantala ang iba nama’y inirerekomenda para sa libreng community-based program.

Sa ilalim ng programa, gumagamit ang KKDK ng 15 modules na dinisenyo ng Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) para dagdagan ang kaalaman ng mga surrenderees hinggil sa epekto ng droga sa kanilang kalusugan at pamilya.

Ang mga nagsipagtapos sa programa ay isinasali sa iba’t ibang alternative education programs, livelihood programs, vocational skills building, at employment assistance para tuluyang makapagbagong buhay. *(Angie dela Cruz)*