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## **ABSTRACT**

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This study was conducted to explore the awareness and perception of solo parents on Republic Act No. 8972 also known as Solo Parents' Welfare Act of 2000.

The study aimed to determine the profile of the participants such as age, sex, educational attainment, number of children, and monthly income. Their level of awareness in the implementation of the law in terms of benefits, level of awareness in terms of effectiveness of benefits, information dissemination, and criteria for solo parent, and the perceived implementation of R.A. 8972 among the participants in terms of benefits, steps and procedure in availing benefits, and information dissemination were determined.

This study utilized mixed method. The study used survey questionnaires and focus group discussion for data gathering. The participants of this study were 80 solo parents and the statistical tools used in this study were mean, frequency, percentage, and standard deviation.

The study found out that the profile of the participants qualifies the participants to become the beneficiary of R.A. 8972. It also revealed that the participants are less aware in the implementation of the benefits. They are less aware of the parental leave, educational benefits, and medical benefits, and they are not aware of comprehensive package and housing benefits. However, other participants are aware of the law but

unfortunately, they are not knowledgeable regarding R.A. 8972. In addition, they perceived the benefits, information dissemination, and criteria for solo parents as less effective which is possibly brought about by less awareness in R.A. 8972. The study found out that information dissemination did not take place due to lack of budget. Moreover, participants perceived the benefits as negative. They perceive the steps and procedure of availing for benefits and information dissemination as both negative and positive. Participants perceived R.A. 8972 as either negative or positive.

Republic Act No. 8972 is not highly implemented nationwide. Moreover, the law is still in process of amending the benefits and other services in order to help the solo parents in raising their child alone.

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**INTRODUCTION**

*“Tiniis ko ang lahat ng hirap, sakit ng damdamin, tanging mga luha ko sa pag-iisa ang aking karamay. Tuwing nagluluto ako ng “am”, para sa anak ko dahil wala na akong pambili ng gatas; tuwing nakakakita ang anak ko ng mga laruan at Jollibee na hindi ko maibigay, kinukurot ang puso ko. Kapag nag-uulam kami ng sardinas, toyo o noodles, gatas, o kape pati luha ko ay nalalalahan ko din. Pumapatak nang kusa dahil sa mga sakit na nararamdaman ko sa awa sa anak ko at sa kalagayan naming mag-ina”* (Dhors, 2012).

Being a parent is one of the most difficult tasks a person will ever undertake. Parenting is an active process. Parents use their skills and knowledge to plan, create, give birth, raise, and provide for their children. The parenting process includes nourishing, protecting, and guiding (DeBord, 1997).