



Many scientific researches have shown that corporal punishment of children does not help discipline, and it will bring multiple risks and harm to children and their families; any form of corporal punishment easily escalates to child abuse over time, and many physical abuse cases stem from parents inflicting corporal punishment on children. According to the Child Protection Registry of the Social Welfare Department, there was a record high of 1,457 newly reported child abuse cases in 2023, of which 602 were physical abuse cases, the highest proportion of form of abuse. Against Child Abuse has taken this issue to heart in its advocacy efforts. Following up with the survey on children's and parents' experience of corporal punishment in 2019, we conducted a questionnaire survey from November 2023 to February 2024 among random samples of children and parents in Hong Kong on their views on corporal punishment. Also, we compared the survey results in 2024 with those in 2019 to examine the changing trends. Based on the survey results, we recommend the government to legislate for a complete ban on corporal punishment of children, injecting more resources into promoting positive parenting, and strengthening support for families with special educational needs children. For details of the press release, please visit our website (www.aca.org.hk).



Child abuse cases have been on the rise in recent years, and each case may have a profound impact on the physical and psychological development of the abused child. On 22 March, we held a Professional Forum on Child Protection: Updating the Understanding of Corporal Punishment – local survey, impacts, challenges and strategies, with around 130 professionals from the social welfare, education and medical and health sectors. Five guest speakers shared the latest survey results on corporal punishment of children, the impact of physical abuse on children, alternatives to corporal punishment (prevention and protection), the importance of parent education and practice of school-based child protection policies, and legal challenges

of mandatory reporting of child abuse. The sharing contents were rich and enlightening. It is hoped that all sectors of the society will pay more attention to the relations between corporal punishment and physical abuse, and jointly explore work strategies and future directions for child protection.

In response to the "International Spank Out Day" on 30 April, we held the "Positive Parenting • No Spank" Carnival on 27 April at Chuk Yuen (North) Estate, promoting the message of stopping corporal punishment of children as well as positive parenting to cultivate a harmonious and violence-free social environment through a variety of activities such as children's talent shows, exhibitions, parent-child interaction games and game booths.

For details of the press release, please visit our website.

Team spirit promotes collaboration among members and drives service development. We held the annual staff retreat on 9 March. Members of the Executive Committee and colleagues learned Archery Tag and competed in groups. The process was both intense and lively. The purpose of the activity was to enhance mutual understanding among colleagues, promote communication between colleagues and committee members, and enhance

team cohesion. Child protection work is challenging. I am very grateful for the support from the Executive Committee as well as efforts of our colleagues when the Agency is moving ahead.

The Service Users Gathering was held on 16 March. It not only allowed us to introduce Service Quality Standards to service users and collect their opinions on the agency services and development, but also a family fun day for them. The participating families and volunteers enjoyed outdoor facilities in a relaxed and leisurely environment to promote parent-child interaction and communication.

Donna Wong
Director

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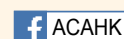
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Joyful Kids Group – Child Development Group

Joyful Kids is a group formed by children aged 7 to 17 and some young volunteers. In order to facilitate personal growth and all-round development of children and youth, the Group provides training and voluntary services to help members unleash their full potential.

During the years of the pandemic, the social interactions of children and adolescents were restricted, resulting in negative impacts on their social skills, friendships, and emotional development. They need opportunities to establish and maintain interpersonal relationships to promote healthy social and emotional development. Additionally, pressure from the changing of learning method may lead to mental health issues such as anxiety and emotional distress. They require appropriate support and resources to address these challenges. Therefore, in the post-pandemic era, the main focus of the Joyful Kids Group is on providing essential support to its members, helping children and adolescents regain normal social interactions, learn and grow in a team, and providing opportunities for them to engage in external groups, gradually helping them overcome challenges.

During the period from April to August 2023, members of the Joyful Kids Group underwent a series of group training activities, including leadership trainings, adventure day camp, board game group, and volunteer training. Members made new attempts, experienced failures and successes, learned to handle conflicts, and developed communication skills, problem-solving abilities, autonomy, and a spirit of challenge.

Subsequently, the members of the Joyful Kids Group engaged with various organizations and service targets through different volunteer services. These included making Christmas tree decorations for elderly living alone, assisting with the open day of Pentecostal Church of Hong Kong Chi Yat Hin, preparing booths for the Tuen Mun Centre Carnival, and participating in the "Happy Family" Parent-Child Carnival organized by the Social Welfare Department, where they conducted workshops of making mobile phone straps. During these activities, the team members needed to understand the needs of the elderly, disabled individuals, and community members, interact with them, and learn respect and inclusiveness. Additionally, in the various booth activities and workshops, they learned how to interact with individuals of different abilities, solve problems that arose during the events, address participants' needs, and ensure the smooth running of the activities, thereby cultivating empathy and patience.

Through a year of active participation, members of the Joyful Kids Group were able to achieve personal growth and breakthroughs on various levels. Many teenagers took on the role of team leaders for the first time, and in the process of assisting and leading their team members, they gradually became more confident and courageous. It is hoped that these experiences will have a positive impact on their future personal development, learning, and social lives.



Yeung Sze Nga
Project Social Worker





Summary of Major Activities for January to March 2024

| Month | Project/Title | Activity |
|------------------|--|--|
| February | Flag Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for Children • Build a Brighter Future N.T. Region Flag Day on 24 February |
| | Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6As of Positive Parenting Step 6: Parenting Style on 3 February Volunteer Orientation and Training on 19 February Volunteer Training: 6As of Positive Parenting on 26 February |
| March | Sharing Forum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 Professional Forum on Child Protection: Updating the Understanding of Corporal Punishment – Local Survey, Impacts, Challenges and Strategies on 22 March |
| | Agency Survey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press Release on Corporal Punishment Survey Results on 27 March |
| January to March | Child Protection Institute | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification, Assessment and Intervention of Suspected Child Abuse Case Certificate Course on 4 January Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 5 January, 2 and 5 February Parent Talk on Managing Child's Emotions on 9 January Professional Training Workshop: Mental Health for Children and Parents on 15 and 29 January Student Talk on Self Protection on 31 January Positive Parenting Group on 22, 26, 29 February, 4, 7, 11, 14 and 18 March Parent Talk on Positive Parenting: Stop Using Corporal Punishment on 8 March |
| | Child Abuse Treatment Corner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (I) on 3, 10, 17, 24 January, 21 February, 6, 13 and 20 March Children Therapeutic Group (I) on 9, 16, 23, 30 January, 6 and 20 February Parent Talk on 17, 30 January, 16 and 21 March Volunteer Training (I) (Advanced) on 2 February Volunteer Training (II) on 19 and 26 February Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (I) (Session 1-5) on 20, 27 February, 5, 12 and 26 March Children Therapeutic Group (II) (Session 1-3) on 8, 15 and 22 March Positive Parenting Training Course (I) on 14 and 21 March |
| | Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Committee Meeting (Programmes Planning) on 13 January Bus Tour and Carnival 2023-24 (I) on 27 January Family Sharing Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Love Language on 3 February Communication in Play on 3 February Carnival 2023-24 (II) on 3 February Bus Tour 2023-24 (II) on 23 March |
| | Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Parents Positive Parenting Course on 11, 18, 25 January, 1, 22, 29 February, 7 and 14 March Parents Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 16, 30 January, 27 February, 12 and 26 March Children Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 19 January and 15 March Visit to Hong Kong Ocean Park on 23 March |
| | Good Parents' Networking Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibition Booth (CNEC Ta Tung School) on 13 January NAAC Jockey Club "STEP by STEP" Blended Families Support Project Service Briefing on 18 January Parent-child Outing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Life on the Other Side of the Earth on 27 January Chinese Story Drama on 25 February Dance Performance of Folk Dance Medley "Lands in the South" on 2 March Parents Chill Club <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CNY Sticky Rice Cake Cooking on 29 January CNY Good Fortune Handicraft on 30 January Taro Ball Cooking on 26 March |





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| January to March | Good Parents' Networking Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Love Together • Children's Delight Child Protection Carnival on 3 February • Good Parents Tea Gathering 2024 (February and March) on 28 February and 15 March • Acupressure Massage Parents Workshop on 12 March • Good Parents Trainers' Gathering on 19 March |
| | Healthy Start Home Visiting Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Talk and BB Birthday Party on 6 January • Family Sharing and Volunteer Awards Ceremony on 17 March • Visit to Hong Kong Ocean Park on 23 March |
| | Joyful Kids Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Service – Happy Family Parent-child Fun Day – Bracelet Workshop on 27 January • Basic Grooming and Make-up Workshop on 1 and 15 March • Volunteer Sharing and Awards Ceremony on 16 March |
| | Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYFC Youth Volunteer Group Meeting on 6 January • Enhancing Self-Expression Children Group on 12, 19 and 26 January • Writing Workshop for Parents on 18 January • Nurturing Seeds and Growing Trees Parental Guidance Programme on 20 January • Parents Tea Gathering (January to March) on 22 January, 26 February and 25 March • To Truly Love Your Child, Love Yourself Well Parents Support Programme: Essential Oil Massage Workshop on 25 January • UNICEF - Discover for Every Child 2024 on 27 January • Committee Meeting on 30 January, 27 February and 26 March • The Power of Appreciation Game Booth on 3 February • Parent-child Lunar New Year Craft Workshop on 3 February • Service Users' Gathering 2023-2024 on 16 March • The ISF Academy Volunteer Training on 19 March • Birthday Party 2024 (1st Season) on 23 March |
| | Dr Patricia Ip Foundation Fund | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Let's Play" Children Drama Therapy Group on 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April • "Changing Parents" Parents Drama Therapy Group on 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April |
| | Parent-child Support Line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minibus Seatback Advertising on 10 January to 31 March • Advertising at New Media Magazine on 16 to 22 February • Escalator Posters Advertising at MTR Stations on 15 to 28 March |

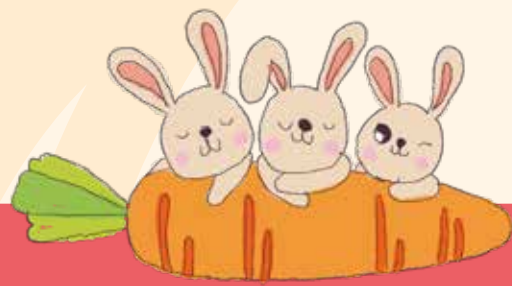


Forthcoming Events for April to June 2024



| Month | Project/Title | Activity |
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| April | Carnival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spank Out Day 2024 on 27 April |
| April to May | Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Sharing Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature and Health on 5 April 2. Presents for Mother's Day on 11 May • Orientation and Training for New Volunteers on 27 April and 18 May |
| April to June | Child Protection Institute | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 10, 18, 19, 29 April, 28, 31 May and 3 June • Parent Talk on Managing Child's Emotions on 13 April and 22 May • Parent Talk on Positive Parenting: Stop Using Corporal Punishment on 20 April |





Month

Project/Title

Activity

April to June

Child Protection Institute

- Parent Talk on Positive Parenting on 7 May
- Parent Talk on Establishment of a Harmonious Relationship with Children through Play on 9 May
- Lecture on Child Protection Legislation and Child Rights on 25 May
- Training Workshop on Child Protection Policy on 5 June
- Parent Talk on Sex Education in Families on 13 June
- Identification, Assessment and Intervention of Suspected Child Abuse Case Certificate Course on 21 June
- Training on Prevention of Child Maltreatment and Sexual Abuse on 26 June

Child Abuse Treatment Corner

- Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (II) on 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 30 April
- Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (I) (Session 6-8) on 9, 16 and 23 April
- Children Therapeutic Group (II) (Session 4-6) on 12, 19 and 26 April
- Parent Talk on 16 April
- Parent-child Activity
 1. Farm Visit 2024 on 21 April
 2. Build a Bear on 7 and 14 June
- Children Therapeutic Group (III) on 3, 10, 17, 24 May, 14 and 21 June
- Parent-child Play Workshop (I) – I Love My Parents on 4 and 11 May

Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers

- Family Sharing Forum
 1. Family Fun Day Camp on 5 April
 2. Understanding of Mental Health (I) & (II) on 7 June
 3. Positive Psychology and Parenting on 21 June
- Orientation Training (I) for New Volunteers on 23 May
- Advanced Volunteers Training (I): Mental Health on 27 June

Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner

- Children Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 16, 30 April, 14, 28 May, 4 and 18 June
- Parents Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 26 April, 18 May and 22 June

Good Parents' Networking Project

- Good Parent Tea Gathering 2024 (April to June) on 2 April, 17 May and 11 June
- Six Bricks Parent-child Activity on 13 April
- Parents Chill Club – Alcohol Ink Painting on 16 April
- GPN Parents Group on 17, 22, 24, 29 April, 6, 8, 13, 20 and 22 May

Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner

- The ISF Academy Volunteer Training on 9, 23 and 30 April
- CYFC Youth Volunteer Group Training Workshop on 13 April
- Parents Tea Gathering (April to June) on 29 April, 20 May and 24 June
- Committee Meeting on 29 April, 28 May and 25 June
- Mother's Day Parent-child Workshop on 11 May
- Love Language Game booth on 11 May and 15 June
- Good Parents Leadership Training 2024 (I) on 22, 29 May, 5, 12, 19 and 26 June
- Father's Day Parent-child Workshop on 15 June

Parent-child Support Line

- Minibus Body Advertising on 1 April to 30 June
- Poster Advertising at Housing Authority in May

May to June

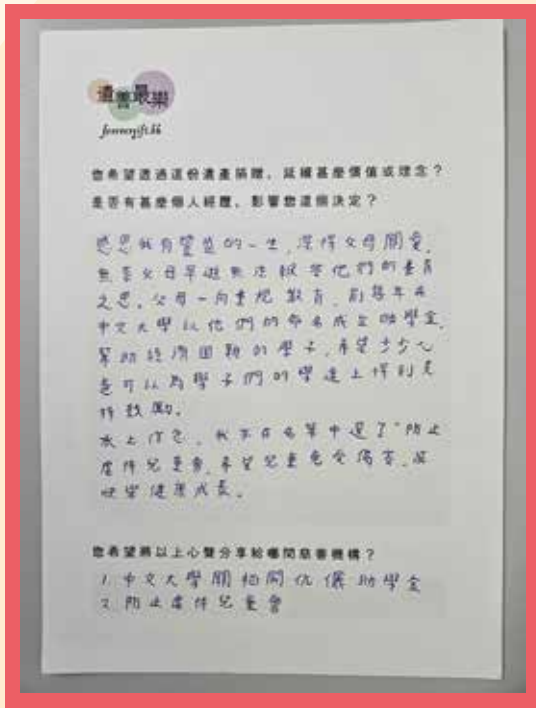
Healthy Start Home Visiting Project

- Embracing Your Children Parenting Group on 11, 18, 25 May and 1 June
- Happy Kid Happy Daddy Play Day on 15 June
- Volunteer Basic Training Course on 22 and 29 June

Joyful Kids Group

- Orientation Meeting for Joyful Kids Members on 11 May
- Group Meeting and Training on 22 June

Many thanks for your donation



We would like to express our gratitude to donors Ms Una and Ms Kathleen Kwan for bequeathing their legacy to the Agency in their will to help eliminate child abuse cases and promote a caring and non-violent environment for children through platform "ForeverGift".

Last Christmas, Carter's Cares has donated 25 cartons of children's clothing to our service families. The donation is composed of a diverse and vibrant collection. We distributed the clothes during the activities these few months, which brought warmth to our target group of children and allowed them to mix and match their outfits throughout the year.

Tuen Mun Center organized a child protection carnival on 21 January. We are very grateful to have the sponsorship from the Crossroads Foundation Hong Kong. They had delivered toys to Tuen Mun Center as booth gifts for the carnival. They also donated four boxes of toys, five boxes of books and baby and toddler clothes which benefited our families and service users.

Fatchitat Food Company Limited donated 30 boxes of Australia cherries again to our service users in early February. The fresh fruit was like a fire in winter. Everyone had a blessed Lunar New Year.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all donors for making more service families benefit. We hope that children can grow up healthily and happily

Kids' Dream

Against Child Abuse in collaboration with Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights (supported by the Save the Children Hong Kong)

Kids' Dream is the first child-led organisation in Hong Kong. It was developed and supported by ACA and the Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights.

On 28 and 29 December 2023, Kids' Dream organized a two-day-one-night volunteer training and orientation camp at the Hong Kong YMCA Wu Kwai Sha Youth Village. This camp not only enhanced members' understanding of children's rights but also strengthened communication and cohesion among members. Additionally, members discussed and planned the service and development plans for the upcoming year.

To improve communication skills, Kids' Dream invited "Silence" to conduct two sign language workshops for members on 8 and 13 January 2024. This allowed them to learn sign language and experience difficulties of individuals with hearing difficulties.

In January, three representatives from Kids' Dream participated in a seminar on the proposed Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill organized by the social welfare sector to understand its impact on children. Furthermore, four representatives co-organized a Forum on Student Suicide with the Concern for Grassroots Livelihood Alliance. The theme of the forum was "Our Distance from Suicide," aiming to raise public awareness of the mental health of adolescents. Approximately 70 people participated in this event.

Next year will mark Kids' Dream's 18th anniversary, and members are actively preparing for parades in all 18 districts of Hong Kong to promote children's rights information. At the same time, Kids' Dream is in the process of drafting a report on children's rights in Hong Kong, intending to submit it to the United Nations. Kids' Dream is currently conducting a survey among various organizations to collect the opinions of children and adolescents. There were also interviews with members from Joyful Kids.

We hope to have more young people who are interested in and committed to promoting children's rights and protecting children's welfare to participate and support this youth-led organization, advocating for children rights and well-being.



Kenneth Poon

Service Manager (Chuk Yuen Centre)

“Care for Children • Build a Brighter Future” 2.24 N.T. Regional Flag Day

Flag Day is a unique opportunity for our organization to spread the child protection message to the public. Coinciding with the Lantern Festival on 24 February, with the significant temperature changes and cool weather before the event, we were grateful that over 1,900 parent-child volunteers and station volunteers attended with kindness to help with flag-selling, and spreading the positive messages of child abuse prevention throughout the community. HK\$581,181.58 had been raised on the day. The funds raised could support Agency services and benefit children and families.

There were 12 flag stations on the day, in addition to our Kwai Chung Centre and Tuen Mun Centre. We would like to express our gratitude (listed in no particular order) to DBS Bank Limited, the Home Affairs Department, Yuen Yuen Institute MFBM Nei Ming Chan Lui Chung Tak Memorial College, Truth Baptist Church Ho Yuen Wai King Kindergarten, Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centres, Mary of Providence Primary School, St. Andrew's Church, and Shatin Women's Association for providing locations as our flag stations.

Furthermore, we were also thankful to have Ms. Cheng Wing Sze, MTR Corporation Limited, EDigest, Sunday KISS, Seedland International Limited, Yellow Bus, Squly & Friends, and CMedSoap for designing Flag Day materials, assisting in volunteer recruitment, promotion, and sponsoring gifts for our Gold Flag Ambassadors. With your continuous participation and support, ACA can continue serving children and families in need. Once again, we thank you all for your kindness and support!

We look forward to seeing you again on the next Flag Day in the New Territories on 21 December 2024!

Summer Lin

Funding and Communications Manager



Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner

“Households Connected, Joyful Yan Tin” Child Protection Carnival

Tuen Mun Center organized the "Households Connected, Joyful Yan Tin" Child Protection Carnival at Yan Tin Estate on 21 January (Sunday). Through performances, exhibition boards with Q&A sessions, game booths and other exciting activities, the message of caring for children was conveyed to the community. The participants understood the important elements of child protection such as protecting children starting with the family, and parents need to learn the knowledge and skills of positive parenting and cultivate the next generation with love and care.

This event was co-organized by the Housing Department (Yan Tin Estate Community Activities) and ACA. We were grateful to have Property Service Manager/Service (Tuen Mun and Yuen Long) 3 of the Housing Department, Mr. Lam Wing-yu; Tuen Mun District Councilor, Mr. Chui King-hang; Tuen Mun District Council Social Welfare and Housing Authority Chairperson, Ms. Lai Ka-man, and Tuen Mun District Council Traffic and Transport Committee Chairperson, Ms. So Ka-man, attended the event as officiating guests.



The performance lineup was star-studded, including a singing performance by lively and lovely children from Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Katherine Ma Kindergarten, a taekwondo performance by Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Tuen Mun Integrated Services, a dance performance by parent volunteers from Tuen Mun Centre, and Korean pop dance by young volunteers from Tuen Mun Centre. In addition to the wonderful performances, this carnival also received support from Crossroads Foundation, Friends of KMB and Yan Oi Tong Community Centre in terms of booth preparation and booth gift sponsorship, which made the entire carnival even more colorful.

Dominic Wong

Service Manager (Tuen Mun Centre)

Staff Retreat 2023

Team building, mutual trust and agency culture support our services. The annual Staff Retreat was successfully held on 9 March 2024. Executive Committee members and staff members participated in an exciting and thrilling Archery Tag challenge. On the day of the event, we were divided into six groups and prepared for the competition through warm-up games. We learned how to use the bows and arrows and practiced before the group competition.

Throughout the activity, everyone actively participated, including those who were spectating and enthusiastically cheering on their colleagues. Each group demonstrated remarkable teamwork by discussing strategies and collaborating with each other to ensure precise arrows strikes at the targets. Mutual trust and collaborative skills among colleagues were exhibited through actions.

Furthermore, the event brought about a lot of laughter and happiness. Colleagues demonstrated their skills and talents during the competition, and there were cheers and applause whenever an arrow hit the target. This joyful atmosphere strengthened the friendships within the team and brought us closer together.



Olivia Lai
Service Manager (Kwai Chung Centre)

Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

The Daylily Project aims to support young or single mothers in their self-development, emotional needs, child care practices, and in building up a rich social network. 12 volunteers from the Daylily Project collaborated with 18 volunteers from the Hong Kong Red Cross and 6 volunteers from Yo! Face Painting Studio to conduct a Bus Tour and Carnival at Yau Tong Estate and Ngau Tau Kok Estate (Upper) on 27 January. A series of different activities such as balloon twisting, face painting, game booths and leaflet delivery drew many people to join in. The event has not only helped promote the Daylily Project to the public, but also deliver the message of positive parent-child communication and child protection to all participants.

Karen Lee
Social Worker



Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

Through regular volunteer home visitations, sharing sessions, community education and parent-child outings, the project helps participating families foster a desirable environment for children to grow up in. They learn knowledge and skills in strengthening positive parenting, children safety, community resources and ways to enhance parent-child relationship.

The event titled "6As of Positive Parenting – Step 6: Parenting Style" was held on 3 February. It aimed at sharing four types of parenting styles, including "Indulgent", "Neglecting", "Authoritarian" and "Authoritative", and let the parents reflect on their parenting styles. Some parents discovered that their family of origin influenced them on their parenting styles while some parents found that their principles of parenting would be changed and adjusted over time, by their emotions and other factors. The parents also shared their difficulties in parenting and coping skills with each other.



As this was the last activity of the project in the year 2023-2024, the worker reviewed the six main points of 6A's of Positive Parenting: "acceptance", "appreciation", "affection", "availability", "accountability" and "authority" with the parents. We hope parents can apply the positive parenting styles to their children, so they can grow up healthily and happily.

Yan Yu
Social Worker

Child Protection Institute

Professional Forum on Child Protection: Updating the Understanding of Corporal Punishment – Local Survey, Impacts, Challenges and Strategies

Child abuse cases continue to occur nowadays. ACA have been committed to advocating on policies affecting well-being of children. On 22 March, we organized the annual professional forum on "Updating the Understanding of Corporal Punishment – local survey, impacts, challenges and strategies". It facilitated discussions on issues of child corporal punishment and physical punishment among 130 professionals from social welfare, education and health sectors. Our guest speakers included Dr. Anna Cheng, Associate Consultant of the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, United Christian Hospital, Mr. Ryan Cheung, Chairperson of the Division of Educational Psychology, the Hong Kong Psychological Society, Mr. Wan Chi-lun, School Principal of Women's Welfare Club Western District Hong Kong Kindergarten, Professor Anne Cheung, law professor of the University of Hong Kong, and Ms. Donna Wong, our Director. Dr. Patrick Cheung, our Chairperson, and Dr. Anna Cheng, our Executive Committee Member moderated the forum to facilitate sharing and discussion. The forum updated participants on the findings of a recent survey on corporal punishment, the negative impacts of child physical maltreatment, importance of promoting parents' education and implementation of school-based child protection policy at school, and legal aspects of mandatory reporting of child abuse.



Novel Ng
Development and Training Manager

Child Abuse Treatment Corner Sponsored by Fu Tak Lam Foundation Limited



Serving pregnant ladies and families with children age 0-5, the project aims to support users with emotion, anxiety and stress needs, ante and post-natal mental health, community resources and networking, positive parenting and home safety through home visitation.

Sharing Quality Time with Parents and Children

The program received sponsorship from the DTFU Charity Foundation to organise a Christmas party for parents and children on 9 December, 2023. On that day, parents and children enjoyed quality time together through games and lucky draws. Families expressed that it was a great chance for them to put aside the pressures from work and life and enjoy a wonderful time together!

Building a Volunteer Network

The program is dedicated to supporting families in the Kwai Tsing District. We arrange regular home visits by volunteers with child-care experience and relevant knowledge. On 2 February, we held an advanced volunteer training session for volunteers who have been providing services continuously.

They gained a deeper understanding of mental health issues and improved their skills in responding to emotions. At the same time, in order to recruit and train volunteers, volunteer training sessions were held on 19 and 26 February. In these two training sessions, volunteers learnt about the program's content, community resources, knowledge about child protection, and acquired interview skills. After completing the two training sessions, suitable volunteers will be assigned to provide home visit services.

Growing Up Happily Together

From January to February 2024, we conducted six-session children group at the Chuen Yuen First Primary School. Through games, sharing of picture books, and art activities, students learned the methods of expressing emotions and self-awareness. This aimed at enhancing their ability to express emotions, discover their own strengths, and strengthen their self-confidence and resilience.

Florence Leung
Project Social Worker

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Community Project Grant – Healthy Start Home Visiting Project

Sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust

The project aims to support pregnant ladies and infants. Through regular home visitations, anxiety and stresses of the families are addressed. Pre- and post-natal general health care and child care knowledge, and community resources are introduced. Positive parenting techniques are fostered.

Parent Talk and BB Birthday Party

On 6 January, a Parent talk and Baby Birthday Party was held at the Tuen Mun Centre, attracting a total of 38 parents and infants. We invited Ms. Gladys Man, an experienced registered early childhood worker, to host a hybrid-mode talk "Tips about Developing Children's 7 Senses". She shared some insights on infants' brain development timeline, introduced characteristics of infant behavior and sensory integration, and also shared methods for engaging and playing with children with different characteristics. After the talk, we held a birthday party for the babies during which social workers planned interacting games for the families and celebrated the birthday by sending blessings to the participating families.



Family Sharing and Volunteer Awards Ceremony

To express gratitude for the efforts and contributions of volunteers, the Family Sharing and Volunteer Awards Ceremony was held on 17 March at Sai Kung Lady Maclehorse Holiday Village, with around 80 attendees. On that day, we invited families and volunteers to share their experiences. The heartfelt stories shared by the families, highlighting their challenges and appreciating the unwavering support from our volunteers deeply moved everyone at the moment. At the end of the ceremony, we presented the Outstanding Volunteer Award and souvenirs to those volunteers who actively participated in programme activities as an appreciation for their help throughout the year. We hope all the volunteers will keep up with their active involvement in our services.

Ocean Park Family Outing

On 23 March, we organized an Ocean Park Family Outing with around 80 attendees taking part. The participating families showed they had a great time together.

Yoyo Poon

Project Social Worker

Parent-child Support Line

Sponsored by Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited

Parent-child Support Line:

2755 1122

Service:

9:00a.m. - 9:00p.m. (Monday to Friday)

9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. (Saturday)

Starting this year, the ACA Parent-child Support Line is sponsored by Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited. Through providing Support Line services to parents, children, teenagers, professionals and the general public, we hope to support families in crisis, prevent child abuse, promote child protection, and spread positive parenting messages.

With the continuous changes in the social environment, parents are facing increasing mental stress and challenges in taking care of their children. Our hotline aims at providing appropriate support and intervention services to parents and children. Therefore, we conducted a series of service promotion and advertising campaigns from January to March. We had organized advertising on minibus seatbacks and magazines. Also, we utilized the New Media Magazine website for service promotion and outreach during this period. Furthermore, from 15 to 28 March, we launched a poster campaign inside MTR stations to raise awareness and encourage children and parents in need to proactively seek help.

Yvonne Wai
Project Officer



Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner



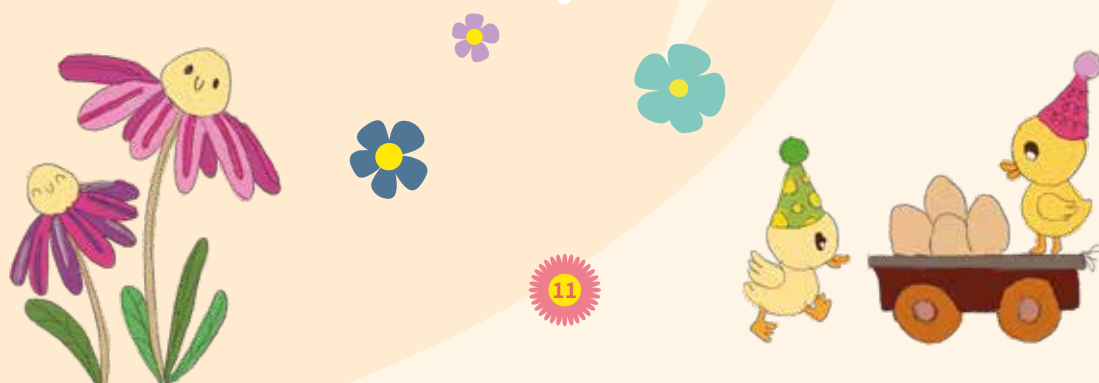
Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner has organized multiple activities for children and parents in the community this quarter. Some of the activities organized by the Corner are summarized below:

"The Power of Appreciation" Game Booth was held on 3 February. Through display boards and games, the importance of appreciation for children and the skills of praising children were introduced to parents. A total of 56 parents participated in the activity. Social workers provided detailed explanations about the content on the display boards to the participants and guided them to think about the skills of praising children through games. Most participants actively participated in the booth activity and found the content helpful. Some participants even took photos of the display boards to share with their families.

The Writing Workshop for Parents was held in response to the needs of parents in supporting their children's learning. In the workshop, the tutor introduced to parents the techniques of guiding children in writing. Parents also had the opportunity to practice writing by using a pencil with the five-point grip method. Some parents shared that it was not easy to write with a correct gesture. The social worker thus encouraged parents to show more empathy and understanding of their children.

The "Service Users' Gathering 2023-2024" was successfully held on 16 March, with a total of 106 service users from different service programs. The event was divided into two parts. In the first part, group games were conducted to facilitate service user understanding of our services, including the "Service Performance Monitoring System." In the second part, service users had a barbecue and enjoyed other recreational facilities. This allowed service users to interact with each other and foster cohesion. Social workers also took the chance to communicate with service users in order to have a deeper understanding of users' opinions about our services. The service user feedbacks were positive. Additionally, from 5 February to 16 March, a total of 136 questionnaire responses were collected from service users on how they felt about our services. Among them, over 95% expressed satisfaction or high satisfaction with our services. The service users appreciated the working attitude of the staff and the effectiveness of our services. Service users also made suggestions, requesting us to organize more parent-child and stress relief activities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all service users for their appreciations and suggestions. We will continue arrange better activities for all of you!

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Good Parents' Networking Project



The Good Parents' Networking Project provides parenting education activities for families in the Kwai Tsing District. Through the efforts of positive parenting training courses and parent-child activities, the project aspires to strengthen parent-child communication, foster family harmony, and create a spirit of mutual aid in the community.

The project organized several parent-child outings, including the trip to Ma Wan Noah's Ark on 27 January, watching Chinese story drama at Mei Foo Jao Tsung-I Academy on 25 February, and watching dance performance "Lands in the South" at Sha Tin Town Hall on 2 March with around 100 parents and children participating in total. While visiting attractions or watching performances, parents and children had unforgettably wonderful memories, and close parent-child relation and family harmony had been fostered. Meanwhile, children's horizon has been broadened and curiosity raised from these experiences.

We have organized Parents Chill Club - CNY Sticky Rice Cake Cooking and CNY Good Fortune Handcraft on 29 and 30 January. Besides, Year 2024 Good Parent Tea Gathering February session was held on 28 February. During these workshops and gathering, parents not only learnt new skills, but also enjoyed self-care time and connected with other parents through sharing parenting experiences.

In terms of project promotion, we held an exhibition booth in CNEC Ta Tung School on 13 January so as to reach more parents in the neighborhood. Besides, Love Together•Children's Delight Child Protection Carnival was held at Kwai Chung Estate on 3 February. The carnival focused on enhancing the awareness of positive parenting skills and child protection among the community. Through various game booths, parent-child interactive games on stage, and Q&A boards, participants were educated on positive discipline and child protection. Two thousands child protection information kits with parenting tips, positive discipline advices, and impact of corporal punishment, were distributed. Over 2,000 pairs of parent-child and residents joined the carnival. The success of this event was made possible by the assistance from various units: funding provided by the Housing Department, venue by Kwai Chung Estate Management Office, attractive prizes by the Celebrity Charity Fund Association Limited, as well as support from CNEC Ta Tung School, Jockey Club "STEP by STEP" Blended Families Support Project Service, Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers, Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project and Child Abuse Treatment Corner Volunteer Home Visitation Service.

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