





2024 marks the 45th Anniversary of the establishment of the Agency. In addition to planning a series of commemorative activities, we were delighted to co-organise a webinar with the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) on 10 July, with the theme of "Driving Change in Far-East Asia's Child Protection Systems: Impactful Collaborative Efforts". Our Chairperson, Dr. Cheung Chi-hung, BBS also served as one of the speakers to share "Hong Kong SAR, China-Pursuing a Systemic Change in Child Protection System", and displayed the important progress and results in the milestones of child protection with the joint efforts of the government, relevant organisations and stakeholders.

The Statistical Report 2023 of the Child Protection Registry published by Social Welfare Department registered 1,457 new child protection cases between January and December 2023, marking an increase of 1.3% from figures in the previous year. The most common type of newly registered cases was physical harm/abuse, accounting for 41.3%, followed by sexual abuse 34.9% and child neglect 21.3%, and the age of neglected children was mostly 0 to 2 years old.

All these are highly worrying. On the whole, 62.5% of the child abuse cases were associated with abusers problems. Among the risk factors, lack of child rearing and parenting skills was the most common, followed by emotional or psychological problems and marital problems. Most abusers were parents of the abused children, but quite a large number of offenders in sexual abuse cases were schoolmates and friends of the abused, followed by unrelated persons. Among them, the majority of offenders were

16 years old or younger. In the digital age, children have frequent online activities. According to media report, sexual abuse cases involving children's online activities increased by 15.4% in 2023 compared with 2022. Cases of online sexual grooming of children could not be ignored.² The above data showed that the Government needs to: 1) face up to the relationship between corporal punishment and physical abuse and legislate for a total ban of corporal punishment; 2) strengthen publicity and education in the community to equip parents with knowledge and skills in child rearing and positive parenting; 3) formulate measures to early identify families in crisis to provide support, especially parents or caregivers with marital problems, drug abuse, children with

> special educational needs, emotional or mental disturbances; 4) combat online sexual crimes and formulate targeted regulations and supervisory measures; 5) carry out comprehensive school sex education in accordance with children's growth needs; 6) allocate resources to enhance preventive projects that support families with newborns.

> The ACA Child Protection Institute has organised various courses for professionals, parents and children,

and has assisted organisations drawing up their internal child protection policies. We also provide staff training for various organisations. Our course prospectus booklet 2024-25 will be sent to kindergartens, primary schools and social welfare organisations. For course contents, please visit the link (www.aca.org.hk/en/cpi-intro).

Donna Wong Director

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Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

"Daylily" is a flower which survives and blooms even under highly adverse environment. In China, Daylily is the "Flower of Mother" and is used to symbolize the resilience of all mothers. Our Daylily project thus implies blessings to mothers, hoping that they have strong resilience when encountering life challenges. With the support of the Community Chest of Hong Kong and United Christian Hospital, the Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers was launched in April 2010. It aims at supporting young or single mothers to alleviate stress, equip them with parenting skills and strengthen their social networking through regular home visitations, sharing forums and family gatherings.

Home Visitation by Volunteers

Over the years, volunteers have played an important role in the project. Volunteers would receive basic volunteer trainings on home visitation skills, knowledge of child protection, positive parenting, and crisis management. After completing the training, the social worker would arrange volunteers to provide regular home visits to those target families to give emotional support and foster their parenting techniques.

Organisation/Corporate Volunteers

Parenting can be exhausting and frustrating. Our young or single mothers are eager to seek help, improve their relationship and communication with their children. Hence, we encourages parents to have more relaxation to reduce stress and improve their mental health through various activities and outings. In addition to home visitation support, we are grateful for the continual support from different organisations/corporate volunteers, including Markant Trading Organization (Far East) Ltd, Celestica Hong Kong Limited, Midland Realty and "Act of Care Project" of Hong Kong Red Cross.

On 5 April 2024, volunteers from Celestica Hong Kong Limited joined a day camp with our project families at Tai Tong Organic EcoPark. The parents and children played various interactive games together to celebrate the Easter Festival. Parents could also learn more about positive communication skills. Thanks to the sponsorship from Celestica Hong Kong Limited, everyone had a fun day.

In this summer, we are pleased to work with our project volunteers, volunteers from "Act of Care Project" of Hong Kong Red Cross and Midland Realty to organise a series of activities for our target families in the summer holidays, such as Savoring Life: Visit to Tai Kwun, Movie Time, Day Tour to Ocean Park, creative artwork workshops "Happy Drawings" and "Starry Bottle Making". Through these activities, we hope parents can enjoy more me time and improve parent-child quality time.

Family Sharing Forums

Throughout the year, the project has organised different types of parent sharing forums regularly on relaxation, emotion management and positive parenting to let parents learn to deal with emotions, use positive methods to discipline their children and show more concern on their mental health.

We sincerely take the opportunity here to thank all the volunteers and collaborators who have assisted with the Daylily Project. We look forward to their continued support on the road of supporting young or single mothers.

Novel Ng

Development and Training Manager

Summary of Major Activities for April to June 2024

Month	Project/Title	Activity
April	Carnival	Spank Out Day 2024 on 27 April
April to June	Child Protection Institute	 Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 5, 10, 18, 19, 29 April, 28 May, 29 and 30 June
		Parent Talk on Managing Child's Emotions on 13 April and 22 May
		 Parent Talk on Positive Parenting on 20 April and 7 May Parent Talk on Establishment of a Harmonious Relationship with Children through
		Play on 9 May
		 Put the CHILD 1st Webinar on Child Protection System – Recent Responses in Hong Kong on 10 May
		 Hong Kong Children's Hospital Child Protection Simulation Training Course – Legislation and Child Rights Sharing on 25 May
		 Workshop on Children's Rights and Corporal Punishment Survey on 27 May
		Child Protection Training Workshop on 5 and 8 June Develop Talkers Common Children to Release the Research Development of the research Children to Research Development of the research Children to Research Development of the research Children to Research Development of the
		Parent Talk on Common Children's Behavioral Problems and Handling on 12 June Identification, Assessment and Intervention of Supported Child Abuse Core Configure on 21 June
		Suspected Child Abuse Case Certificate Course on 21 June HKSWA Certificate Course on Child Protection – Prevention of Child Maltreatment and Sexual Abuse, Identifying Maltreated Children (Physical Indicators) and Medical Examination Sharing on 26 June
	Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner	 Children Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 19, 26 April, 10, 17, 24 May, 14, 21 and 28 June Parents Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 16, 30 April, 7, 14 May, 11 and 25 June
		• "Emo-Ji" Volunteer In-School Project on 18, 19 April, 20, 21 and 28 May
		Disney Love Language Visit on 22 June
	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (II) on 5, 9, 12, 19, 23, 26, 30 April and 7 May
		 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-child Farm Visit 2024 on 21 April
		Children Therapeutic Group (III) on 3, 10, 17, 24 May, 14 and 21 June
		Parent-child Play Workshop (I) – I Love My Parents on 11 May Parenting
		Positive Parenting Aroma Stone Workshop on 29 May and 5 June
		 Aroma Stone Workshop on 29 May and 5 June Build a Bear on 7 and 14 June
		3. Disneyland Visit on 12 and 22 June
		Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (II) on 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 and 27 June
		Volunteer Training (III) on 8 June
		Advance Volunteer Training (IV) on 21 June

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 on 29 April, 20 May and 24 June
- Committee Meeting on 29 April, 28 May and 24 June
- Mother's Day Parent-child Workshop on 11 May
- Monter's Bay Faretti China Workshop of FF May
- Love Language Game booth on 11 May and 15 June
- Good Parents Leadership Training on 22, 29 May, 5, 12, 19 and 26 June
- Father's Day Parent-child Workshop on 8 June
- Birthday Party (April to June) on 15 June
- Family Trip to Disneyland 2024 on 22 June





Month	Project/Title	Activity
April to June	Good Parents' Networking Project	 Parents Chill Club 1. Alcohol Ink Painting on 16 April 2. DIY Mosquito Repellent Balm on 23 April and 7 June 3. Leisurely Learning Chinese and English on 14 May 4. DIY Snowflake Nougat and Birthday Celebration (January to June) on 21 May Good Parent Training on 17, 22, 24, 29 April, 6, 8, 13, 20, 22 and 27 May Parent-child Outing 1. Good Parent Training Reunion on 19 April 2. Disneyland Summer Trip on 22 June Kwong Fai Circuit Service Promotion Booth on 20 April Parents Committee Gathering on 28 May Good Parents Tea Gathering on 31 May Summer Parent-child Activity: Movie Watching on 15 and 29 June
	Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project	 Family Sharing Forum 1: Nature and Health on 5 April Orientation and Training for New Volunteers on 22 June Visit to Disneyland on 22 June
	Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers	 Family Sharing Forum 1. Family Fun Day Camp to Tai Tong on 5 April 2. Enjoy Me Time: Workshop on Making Mosquito Repellent Balm on 7 June 3. Handling Children's Emotions on 18 June Volunteer Gathering: Creative Workshop for Relaxation on 21 June New Volunteers Training on 22 June Visit to Disneyland on 22 June
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 Disney Love Language Visit on 22 June
	Parent-child Support Line	Minibus Body Advertising from 30 May to 30 June

Forthcoming Events for July to September 2024





Month	Project/Title	Activity
July to September	Child Protection Institute	Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 3 July and 11 September
		Workshop on Child Protection on 4 July
		Parent Workshop on Sex Education in Families on 28 August
		 Identification, Assessment and Intervention of Suspected Child Abuse Case Certificate Course on 25 September
	Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner	Tuen Mun Wild Experience on 16 July
		Expressive Arts Therapy Group on 18, 25 July, 1 and 8 August
		Master Chef Junior Cooking Group on 18, 25 July, 1 and 8 August
		ACA Tuen Mun Go Out! – Outdoor Group on 29 July, 5, 12 and 19 August ACA Tuen Mun Go Out! – Outdoor Group on 29 July, 5, 12 and 19 August
		Honey Family – Parent-child Dessert Group on 29 July, 5, 12 and 19 August Harapy Alasma Plant Group on 30 July (13 and 30 August)
		 Happy Messy Play Infant Group on 30 July, 6, 13 and 20 August Parent Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 10 and 17 September
		Children Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 13, 20 and 27 September
	Healthy Start Home Visiting Project	Volunteer Basic Training Course on 6 July
		 To Compose with Child, to Grow with Child Parent Education Talk and Baby Birthday Party on 20 July
		Post-natal Care Support Volunteer Basic Training on 6 September
	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	Parent-child Play Workshop
		1. Six Bricks on 19 and 23 July
		2. Board Games on 22 and 23 August
Show		Parent-child Activity 1. Pizza Chef on 17 August
15/5		Family Photo Taking Day on 8 September
3	Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner	Parent-child Activity
5	2, 22	1. Writing Workshop on 19, 26 July, 2 and 9 August
51 18		2. Fun and Fantasy Stories on 19, 26 July, 2, 9, 16 and 23 August
Show		3. Board Games on 23, 30 July, 6, 13, 20 and 27 August
7-		4. Trip to Ocean Park 2024 on 24 August
		Summer Tasty Serradura Pudding on 20 July
		 Parents Tea Gathering on 29 July, 26 August and 30 September
		 Committee Meeting on 30 July, 27 August and 30 September
		Mid-Autumn Festival Game Booth on 16 September Pirthday Party (light to September) on 28 September
		Birthday Party (July to September) on 28 September
	Good Parents' Networking Project	Love Yourself Parents Make-up Course on 3 and 10 July
		Parent-child Summer Kick-off Party on 13 July Parent-child Summer Fiesta
		Movie Watching on 15 July
		Clay Photo Frame DIY Workshop on 25 July
		3. Sand Painting Workshop on 31 July
		4. Cooking Course on 7 and 14 August
		5. Soft Clay DIY Workshop on 9 and 16 August
		6. Easy Cake Making Workshop on 21 August
		7. Balloon Twisting Workshop on 19 and 26 August
		 Children Emotion Twist or Shout on 16, 23, 30 July, 6 and 13 August
		Children Paper Quilling Workshop on 29 July
		Explosive Volcano Workshop on 2 August
		Parents Committee Gathering on 9 September

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July to September	Bless My Home Forever	Family Sharing Forum
	Volunteer Home Visitation Project	1. Be Healthy, Be Happy on 13 July
		2. Sports and Health on 13 July
		3. Having Fun with Family on 22 July
		4. We are Athletes on 26 July
		5. Choose Food Wisely on 10 August
		6. Healthy Meals on 10 August
		7. Healing Power of Animals (I) and (II) on 23 August
		8. Healthy Mid-Autumn Festival on 14 Sep
		Orientation and Training for New Volunteers on 7 September
	Daylily Project for	Volunteer Advanced Training
	Young/Single Mothers	1. Mental Health on 11 July
	5 0	2. Support SEN Children on 8 August
		Home Visitation and Program Organising Skills on 17 August
		4. Child Care on 22 August
		Volunteer Training – Activity Planning and Implementation on 14 July and 12 September
		Family Sharing Forum
		1. Savory Life: Visit to Tai Kwun on 15 July
		2. Enjoy Entertainment: Movie Time on 22 July
		3. Enjoy Quality Communication: Day Tour to Ocean Park on 2 August
		4. Happy Drawing on 10 August
		5. Starry Bottle Making Workshop on 24 August
		6. Positive Psychology and Parenting on 6 September
		7. Mid-Autumn Festival Barbeque on 14 September
		8. Traditional Chinese Medicine and Emotional Health on 28 September
		Volunteer Tea Gathering on 27 July
	Joyful Kids Group	Training Session for Elderly Service on 6 July
	30)101 Mas 6100p	Summer Programme
		1. Fun Board Game Group on 17, 24, 31 July, 7, 14 and 21 August
		2. Creative Craft Class on 17, 24, 31 July, 7, 14 and 21 August
		3. Group Leaders Training on 3, 10 and 17 August
		4. Group Members Training on 3, 10 and 17 August
		5. Joyful Kids Day Camp on 6 August
		6. Visit to T•PARK on 19 August
	Parent-child Support Line	Minibus Body Advertising from 1 July to 30 September
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Thank you for your donation

Ms Ma Po King, the President of Hong Kong College of Paediatric Nursing (HKCPN) Ltd., demonstrated her unwavering dedication to child protection by making a donation of HK\$100,000 to Against Child Abuse (ACA). We are incredibly grateful for this generous contribution, which enables ACA to continue providing essential services to vulnerable children.

We extend our gratitude to Shawn for placing a donation box at his birthday party on 15 June. This not only encouraged guests to turn birthday gifts into donations to support our child protection services but also sent the blessings to the children in need.

We sincerely thank the Home HK Store for their generous donation of 50 sets of homemade soothing rice bags to our service users with newborns, providing a safe environment for their growth.

Summer Lin Funding and Communications Manager



Good Parents' Networking Project

Sponsored by Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited

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 held Good Parent Training Course from 14 April to 27 May. The course aimed at enhancing parents' parenting skills through talk, sharing sessions, and practical application, as well as strengthening mutual support networks among parents. Besides, the project organised two parent-child outings, including Good Parent Training Reunion on 19 April and the trip to Disneyland on 22 June. Two sessions of classic movie watching were also arranged for families on 15 and 29 June. Parents and children not only created lasting, delightful memories during the outings, but also enjoyed closer relationships and developed stronger family cohesion.

We have organised Parents Chill Club – Alcohol Ink Painting, DIY Mosquito repellent balm, a talk about Leisurely Learning Chinese and English, DIY Snowflake Nougat along with the Birthday Celebration on 16, 23 April, 14, 21 May and 7 June respectively. Besides, Good Parent Tea Gathering May session was held on 31 May. Throughout these workshops and gatherings, parents not only acquired new skills but also relished moments of self-care and built connections with other parents by exchanging parenting anecdotes.

In terms of public education, we held exhibition booths in Kwai Chung Kwong Fai Circuit on 20 April and Spank Out Day on 27 April in order to get in touch with more parents in the community. Through service outreach, child protection messages and positive parenting skills are promoted.

Mia Cham Project Social Worker







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 27 April, members of Kids' Dream were invited by Plan International Hong Kong to participate in the exchange session of the "Voice of the Children" seminar at Central Street Market. During the seminar, our members shared the result of their previous discussions on the topic of "The Impact of Drill-Based Learning on Young Children". They also had a fruitful interaction with local children's organisations and project participants.

Furthermore, on 19 May, five members of Kids' Dream participated in the Deaf Life Experience Gallery event, organised by the Silence. Through this activity, they gained first-hand insights into the challenges faced by the deaf community in daily life, education, employment, healthcare, and entertainment. These reflected that the rights of deaf children are also required to be protected and advocated for.

Next year will mark the 18th anniversary of Kids' Dream, and members are actively preparing for parades in all 18 districts of Hong Kong to promote children's rights information. They are working on the publication of four picture books, intending to use storytelling as a means of promoting children's rights to parents and children.

Kids' Dream has conducted surveys among children and young people from various institutions to gather their opinions. They are currently drafting the Hong Kong Children's Rights Report which will be submitted to the United Nations by the end of this year.

We would like more young people who are interested and passionate about the protection and promotion of children's rights in Hong Kong to join us. We encourage their active participation and support for this youth-led organisation, which aims at amplifying their voices and advocating for their own rights and well-being. Together, let us continue our dedicated work to champion the rights of every child in Hong Kong.

Kenneth Poon Service Manager (Chuk Yuen Centre)



Joyful Kids Group — Child Development Group



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

On 11 May, the Joyful Kids Group held its annual welcome meeting to introduce the program's content and activities for this year, as well as to facilitate the interactions between new and existing members. On that day, several games were organised to promote mutual acquaintance among the members. They were divided into groups, with team leaders taking the initiative to guide their team members in completing various tasks to enhance their cohesion. This could help foster their seamless collaboration this year thus engaging in more volunteer services for the groups in need.

On 22 June, the team leaders of Joyful Kids Group also provided volunteer service by assisting in the "Disney Love Language Visit" day tour at the Tuen Mun Centre. Their role was to guide families in completing parent-child tasks which helped foster sweet interactions among family members.

Yeung Sze Nga Project Social Worker



Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner



We had organised various programmes to celebrate Mother's Day and the Father's Day this quarter.

On 11 May, we held the "Mother's Day Parent-child Workshop" to encourage children to express their love and gratitude towards their mothers. 10 groups of parents and children participated in the workshop. The workshop created a positive and engaging experience for both the parents and children, creating an atmosphere that was joyful and warm. From the participants' sharing of the game and their crafts making, it could be seen that the "messages" of this Mother's Day workshop were effectively distributed to the parents and children.

On 8 June, the "Father's Day Parent-child Workshop" was held in a similar format to the Mother's Day workshop. There were 14 persons joined the workshop and each family needed to paint a Star Light lamp together. Painting the Star Light lamp required the use of colours and creativity. In the process, the parents and children had to communicate with each other and learn to appreciate their unique ideas. We believe this helped parents and children understand each other more.

Additionally, we also organised the "Love Language" game booth in both May and June, aimed at introducing different ways of expressing love to the community and encouraging the participants to express their love through concrete actions.

Mandy Ma Social Worker



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, promote ante and post-natal mental health, identify community resources and networking, enhance positive parenting skills and develop home safety awareness through home visitation.

Loving You Event

The "Loving You Event" was held at Kwai Chung Centre on 11 May. The event aimed at promoting parental expression of love through activities such as storytelling, games, and crafting. Participants had the opportunity to create heartfelt greeting cards and hamburgers together, as well as capture instant photos to commemorate the event. Families who attended the event expressed their enjoyment and appreciation for the activities and the chance to spend quality time together. They hope to have more parent-child activities in the future.

Parents Stress Management Groups

During the period from January to May, we conducted an 8-session of Stress Management Group at Chuen Yuen First Primary School, Fuk Loy Chuen Kam Chuen Kindergarten and Lei Muk Shue Catholic Primary School respectively. Through the implementation of Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, parents were introduced to the concept of how thoughts, emotions, and behaviors influence one another, with the aim of establishing a positive parenting approach. The workshops encompassed theoretical discussions, sharing sessions, interactive games, crafts, and case studies. Parents actively engaged in these activities, demonstrating their commitment to the program.

Positive Parenting X Build a Bear

The project has received sponsorship from Build-A-Bear Workshop® to have two free sessions for families to create their own unique teddy bears at the Build-A-Bear Workshop® store in Tsim Sha Tsui on 7 and 14 June. To prepare for the workshop, we conducted a talk for parents with the theme of self-directed learning. The talk helped parents understand the benefits and importance of self-directed learning and provided them with practical strategies to implement during the workshop. On the day of Build-A-Bear, children had the opportunity to choose and customize their teddy bears. They enjoyed the process of personalizing their creations, from selecting the appearance of their chosen teddy bears to dressing them in various outfits. Parents were present to offer support and praise. The event created a delightful and engaging afternoon for all participants.

Yetta Chan Project Social Worker







Child Protection Institute

Promotion on Child Protection Policy in the Community

All children have the right to be protected from all forms of abuse and exploitation. In recent years, the number of child abuse reported cases are arising. This attracted the public's awareness on the need to protect our children. Employees of organisations like NGOs, schools, tutorial centres, nursery centres, property companies and religious groups either come into contact with children during their work or conduct activities for children. It is therefore important for them to acquire knowledge in protecting children. We believe that protecting children is everyone's shared responsibility. Every sector should work together to protect children from all forms of harm. Therefore, over the years, our Agency does advocacy, and promotion on child protection. We encourage public and private organisations which work with children to set up child protection policies, code of conduct and procedures. We also provide staff trainings to comply with the implementation of the policy to ensure that the staff take children's safety and interest as the first priority.



In early June 2024, Child Protection Institute delivered professional trainings on Child Protection Policy for church associations and education institutions. Matching with their policies, the training helped the organisations carry out better child protection measures, and promote a caring environment for children. The training also enhanced employees and volunteers' awareness on child protection as well as how to identify and intervene suspected child abuse cases. We also encouraged the organisations to set up Code of Conducts to ensure the good practice and avoid risky practice in their workplace. The participants found the trainings provided for them practical and useful.

We express our heartful gratitude to the Dr. Patricia Ip Foundation Fund to support us to offer free services in assisting Non-Profit Organisations provide child-care services, which meet our criteria of applications, in setting up their own child protection policies with consultations and staff trainings in child protection and prevention on child abuse in the community. For more details, please contact Ms Ng at 3542 5727 or email to cpi@aca.org.hk.

Novel Ng
Development and Training Manager

Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

The Bless My Home Forever project aims to support Sham Shui Po families. 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's safety, community resources and ways to enhance parent-child relationships.

Regular family sharing forums and parent-child activities for relaxation and positive parenting will be held for targeted families. Through these activities, we hope to let parents share their experiences and get more mutual support. They can also get relaxation and joy, thus reducing their anxiety and stress in parenting.



If you are interested in joining the Bless My Home project or being our volunteer to serve families in need, please contact Ms. Yu, the responsible social worker, at 2915 0607 (Kwai Chung Centre). We look forward to collaborating with each other to create a more caring environment for children's growth.

Novel Ng
Development and Training Manager

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, the 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.

"Embracing the Child's Heart" – Parenting Group

The "Embracing the Child's Heart" parent group was held from 11 May to 8 June, with a total of 10 families participating. The group aimed at sharing the concept of the Circle of Security with parents, enabling them to understand their children's psychological needs and how to respond to them. Among the participants, couples were attending together, with some of them parents of newborns. They were with great patience and reflective abilities. During the interactive session, it could be seen



that they have learned many techniques for observing and meeting their children's needs.

Happy Kid Happy Daddy Play Day

To celebrate the Father's Day, the program organised the "Happy Kid Happy Daddy Play Day" on 15 June, with approximately 30 families in attendance. We started the day with a parent-child mission at a mall in the Whampoa district, followed by indoor play facilities at the PeeKaBoo Playhouse. These facilities included a big ball pit, a kids' trampoline, a zip line, etc. Every family enjoyed a delightful time of bonding and fun with their children.

Volunteer Basic Training Course 2024

We launched a new session of volunteer basic training courses consisting of three sessions, starting on 22 June. The training covered important notes for home visits, basic knowledge of infant and child care, and information on child protection. It is delighted to meet with many enthusiastic new members dedicated to joining us in serving children.

Yeung Sze NgaProject Social Worker

Parent-child Support Line

Sponsored by Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited

ACA Parent-child Support Line continues to provide Support Line service to support families in crisis, prevent child abuse, promote child protection, and spread positive parenting messages to parents, children, teenagers, professionals and the general public. 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 raising awareness and encouraging children and parents in need to seek help.

We are conducting a service promotion for our Parent-child Support Line service from May to November by advertising on the side of minibuses. If anyone sees our advertisement on the minibuses commuting between Tsuen Wan and Kowloon City, please take a photo, upload and tag us on Facebook!

Yvonne WaiProject Officer



Parent-child Support Line:

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