

2022
**November
Newsletter**



Children are vulnerable. They are unable to protect themselves. They do not know how to seek help. All these are reflected from child abuse incidents. We welcome the Government's effort in all the preparatory work prior to the setting up a legislation on mandatory reporting requirement with the target of introducing a bill into the Legislative Council in the first half of 2023. The spirit of the mandatory reporting mechanism is to early identify and effectively intervene suspected child abuse cases, conveying the message that violence against children is not to be tolerated in a child-caring culture and in a society with violence-free environment. We hope the Government would formulate clear reporting standards, reporting channels, time-frame for reporting, reporter liability, implementation details, etc., and provide appropriate, regular and continuous trainings for professionals to enhance professional capacity for early identification and handling of suspected child abuse cases. And in doing so, the reporting mechanism could be made effective after prompt legislative work. Our Agency submitted its views to the Family and Child Welfare Branch of Social Welfare Department on the "Proposal on the Mandatory Reporting Requirement for Suspected Child Abuse Cases". For details of the submission, please visit our website (www.aca.org.hk).



Child abuse has a negative and far-reaching impact on children, families and society, and work to put it to a complete halt should be given a high priority by the Government. Our Chairperson, Dr. Patrick Cheung sent a Wish List on 2022 Policy Address Public Consultation to the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region to express our vision for child protection, covering legislation, policies, mechanisms and service levels, such as total banning of corporal punishment, legislation on "Failure to Protect" Offence, cyber safety and child psychological abuse, institutional child protection policy, child fatality review mechanism, serious case

review mechanism, central data bank for children, home visitation services for at-risk families, etc. For details, please visit our website.

Our Agency is a member of the Child Helpline International. The Child Helpline International recently released a report titled "Voices of Children and Young people Around the World: Global Child Helpline Data 2021", presenting the findings of their annual data collection from 91 child helplines located in 83 countries or regions around the world. Together, the helplines received 13,835,892 contacts from children worldwide in 2021. The three main reasons for children and young people to contact the helplines were: (1) violence, most of which was physical harm; (2) mental health problems, including cases of suicide attempts and suicidal thoughts. This reflects that the Child Helplines could provide immediate emotional support for suicidal children and young people; (3) family relationships, with many children expressing concerns about their relationship with their caregivers. In addition to providing a channel for the public to report suspected child abuse cases, our Parent-child Support Line colleagues listen to the difficulties of parents or caregivers, provide counseling and advice on parenting, and provide emotional support and appropriate assistance to children and young people.

The donors, committee members and staff of the Community Chest paid an online visit to our agency on 29 September to understand our counselling and therapeutic services. Our case worker shared how to support the needs of children and parents through play therapy and casework to help the family get through difficult times, and the service user shared the positive changes she and her children had made after receiving the service. The visit was well appreciated.

Donna Wong
Director

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Summary of Major Activities for July to September 2022

Month	Project/Title	Activity
July	Flag Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACA Flag Day in New Territories on 30 July
July to August	Child Protection Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Workshop on Expressive Art Stress Self-healing on 2 and 9 July • Child Protection Professional Training Workshop on 2, 12 July and 2 August • Identification, Assessment and Intervention of Suspected Child Abuse Case Certificate Course on 8 July
July to September	Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Orientation and Training on 4, 8 and 25 July • Advanced Volunteer Training - Lego Play (Emotions) on 16 July • Family Sharing Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding Emotions on 16 July 2. Understanding Parent-child Relationship through Lego on 16 July 3. Master of Tension on 24 August 4. Calm Your Nerves on 24 August 5. Loved by You on 29 August 6. Store Up Happiness on 3 September 7. Thank You My Dear on 3 September 8. Love Without Words on 24 September 9. Keen Observation on 24 September
	Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Training on 4, 8 and 27 July • Advanced Volunteer Training - Lego Play on 16 July • Family Sharing Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understanding Emotions on 16 July 2. Emotional Reactions on 16 July 3. Negative Impacts of Excessive Use of Electronic Devices on Children on 17 August 4. Correct Use of Electronics on 17 August 5. How to Control Your Emotions on 28 August 6. Release the Negative Emotions on 28 August 7. To Treasure and Care Our Family on 29 August 8. Communication on 3 September 9. Acceptance on 3 September
	Healthy Start Home Visiting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Talk and Baby Birthday on 9 July • Parent-child Self-guided Tour on 4 September • Volunteer Training Workshop - Child Rearing Skills on 23 and 30 September
	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents XII (Session 4-8) on 5, 12, 19 July, 2 and 3 August • Positive Parenting Training Course III on 6 and 13 July • Summer Board Game Party on 16 July • Volunteer Training on 25 July and 17 September • Children Group on 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30 August • Positive Parenting Training Course IV on 13 August • Summer Parent-child Activity (Farm Visit) on 21 August • Positive Parenting Training Course V on 21 and 28 September • Parent Talk - Be Authoritative Parents on 24 September
	Give Children the Best Start Home Visiting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Training on 8 and 15 July • Parent Education Workshop on 29 July • Family-child Flag Day Experience on 30 July • Booth for Project Promotion on 8 September • Mid-Autumn Festival Party on 5 September



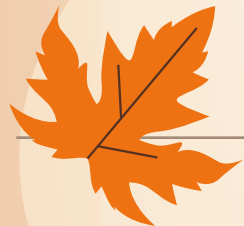
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July to September	Good Parents' Networking Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-child No-bake Fruit Tart Making Workshop on 4 July • Parent Positive Education Class on 7, 14, 21, 28 July and 6, 13, 20 and 27 September • Noah's Ark Family Outing on 6 and 27 August • Parent-child Drama Therapy Workshop on 15 August • Children Social Skills Training Group on 15, 17, 19, 22, 24 and 30 August • SEN Parents Stress Release Group on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 September
	Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Relaxation Yoga Class on 14, 21, 28 July and 4 August • Committee Gathering on 25 July, 30 August and 28 September • "Let me shine" children therapeutic group on 12, 16, 19, 23, 26 and 30 August • Road Show on No More Spanking on 3 and 17 September • Parent-child Holiday Outing on 11 September • Parent-child English Online Classroom on 14, 21 and 28 September
	Parent-child Support Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising at Facebook & Instagram from 1 July to 30 September • Advertising at Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Co. Ltd. from 11 to 15 July • Bus Body and Seatback Advertising on KMB from 16 September to 13 October
August to September	Joyful Kids Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-pop Dancing Class on 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 August • Pastel Nagomi Art Class on 4, 11 and 18 August • Leadership Training on 13 and 20 August • Creative Handicraft Activity on 17, 24 and 31 August • Joyful Kids Day Camp on 22 August • Street Interview about Child Protection on 17 and 24 September
	Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner Summer Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floor Curling Experience Child Group on 1, 8, 15 and 22 August • We are Mirror - Children Dancing Class on 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 August • Toys DIY Parent-child Group on 5, 12, 19 August and 5 September • Park Orienteering Experience Children Group on 12, 19 and 26 August • Little Chef Children Group on 18, 22, 29 and 30 August

Forthcoming Events for October to December 2022

Month	Project/Title	Activity
November	Annual Press Conference and Annual General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 43rd Annual Press Conference and Annual General Meeting on 17 November
October to December	Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Sharing Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "Fear" Attack on 29 October 2. Knock the Fear Down on 29 October 3. Get into a Rage? on 26 November 4. Family Firefighter on 26 November 5. My Wish on 24 December 6. Project Hope on 24 December
	Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Sharing Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness of Negative Emotion - Fear on 29 October 2. How to Face Fear on 29 October 3. Awareness of Negative Emotion - Tension on 26 November



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October to December	Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. How to Relax on 26 November 5. Awareness of Positive Emotion: Gratitude on 17 December 6. How to Express Gratitude on 17 December
	Healthy Start Home Visiting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-child Play Group on 22, 29 October, 5 and 12 November • Volunteer Training on 28 October, 4, 11, 18 and 25 November • Volunteer Retreat Day on 9 December • Parent Talk - How to practice Waldorf Education concepts at home and Baby Birthday Party on 17 December
	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features XIII (Sessions 1-6) on 6, 13, 20, 27 October, 3 and 10 November • Parent Talk - Be Authoritative Parents on 13 October • Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features XIV (session 1-8) on 31 October, 7, 14, 21, 28 November, 5, 16 and 19 December • Children Group on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November and 7 December • Positive Parenting Training Course VI on 5 November • Christmas Party on 18 December
	Give Children the Best Start Home Visiting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booth for Project Promotion on 12 October • Parent Education Workshop on 21 October • Family Outing on 26 November • Christmas Party on 10 December
	Good Parents' Network Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Positive Education Class on 6, 11 October, 4, 11, 18, 25 November, 2 and 9 December • Leisure Corner <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fun English Story Reading on 29 October 2. Starry Kitchen on 2 and 23 November • Halloween Party on 29 October • Happy Picnic on 5 and 19 November • Parent Handcrafts Workshop on 7 and 14 December • Christmas Party on 21 December
	Joyful Kids Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Squatter Area in Hung Shui Kiu on 22 October • Halloween Event Promoting Children's Rights on 29 October • Group Meeting and Training on 12 November • Service Booth of Tuen Mun Centre on 19 November • Tuen Mun Centre Open Day on 20 November • Group Meeting and Training on 3 December • Christmas Party on 17 December
	Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-child English Online Classroom on 5 October • Mental Health Talk on How to Treat Yourself and Release Stress and Negative Emotions on 8 October • Committee Gathering on 25 October, 29 November and 28 December • Pretty Mama Beauty Classroom on 3, 10, 17 and 24 November • Family Photography Competition on 26 November
	Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Corner - Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 11, 18 October, 8, 15 November, 13 and 20 December • Child Protection Carnival and Tuen Mun Centre Open Day on 19 and 20 November • Positive Parenting Training Course on 3, 10, 17, 24 November, 1, 8 and 15 December
	Parent-child Support Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising at Facebook and Instagram from 1 October to 31 December • Advertising at Hong Kong Commercial Broadcasting Co. Ltd. from 10 to 14 October, 21 to 25 November



Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

With the support from the Community Chest of Hong Kong and United Christian Hospital, the Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers was launched in April 2010. Its aim was to provide emotional, parenting and social networking support for the project families. Over the years, volunteers have played an important role in the project.

Home Visitation Support Service

In order to provide better support to the project families, the social worker would pair up project families and volunteers for regular home visits. All volunteers in this project are required to participate in the basic volunteer training, which covers the project introduction, home visitation skills, child protection and crisis management skills. After completing the training, the social worker would arrange volunteers for project families to provide appropriate support. Here is the sharing from our project family, Ah Yi, and our volunteers, Amy and Jennifer.

Project Family Ah Yi: "I joined the Daylily Project when my youngest son was born. At that time, taking care of two children alone was tough, and I had no relatives or friends to support me. Since my son was diagnosed with physical problems, I had to take him to the hospital for surgery and other tests rather frequently. In addition, my son was diagnosed with ADHD and Autism. At that time, I also had to look after my daughter. All these were very hard. Fortunately, I met Jennifer and Amy from the Daylily Project. They accompanied me and my son to the hospital and arranged care for my daughter. I was lucky to meet Amy and Jennifer. With their company, help, care, and encouragement, and accompany, our family now has a happy life. VERY GRATEFUL!"

Volunteer Amy: "Since the birth of the younger boy, Ah Yi had to take him to the hospital for surgery and checkups, and she had to take care of her older daughter. As a single mother, this is not easy. Today, I am fortunate to spend time with her family and am pleased to see they are happy. It is also my honour to see how hard she worked and how strong she was".

Volunteer Jennifer: "She is a strong, optimistic, good mother who doesn't give up easily! She always takes good care of the kids and never complains about being tired. So her son is cheerful, talkative, enthusiastic about studying, and confident! She has the perseverance to teach her son to read and write, and all of her hard work will be rewarded in the end. Both Amy and I are proud of you!"

Organisation/ Corporate Volunteers

In addition to the home visitation support, the project is fortunate to have volunteers from different corporates and organisations, including Markant Trading Organisation (Far East) Ltd., Celestica Hong Kong Limited, NWS Holdings Limited and the "Act of Care Project" volunteer team from the Hong Kong Red Cross, to support the project's activities.

This year, we are pleased to work with the "Act of Care Project" volunteer team from the Hong Kong Red Cross to provide families with regular activities to strengthen knowledge in positive parenting and improve parent-child quality time. On 24 August 2022, HKRC volunteers from the Act of Care Project organised a competitive activity to help project families recognise and express various emotions. Parents and children appreciated the program and the joyful atmosphere.



On 3 September 2022, volunteers from Markant Trading Organisation (Far East) Ltd. joined the activity of the Mid-Autumn Festival with project families at Kwai Chung Centre. By making lanterns and twisting balloons of animals related to the Mid-Autumn Festival with volunteers, parents learned how to communicate with their children. Thank you for the sponsorship from Markant Trading Organisation (Far East) Ltd., to celebrate the festival, all the project families received mooncakes and stationery. They were happy and the event was full of joy.

All mother would be concerned with their children's growth, health, and school performance. Thank you to the volunteers for supporting the Daylily project, alleviating the stress of young/single mothers. Volunteers provide emotional support for mothers in acquiring positive parenting skills, such that they are not alone in the parenting journey. On behalf of ACA, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all home visitation volunteers and corporate volunteers. Many young/single families in our project have benefited from your generous contribution.

Terri Chu
Social Worker

Share love and care: Charity Mooncakes

Thank you very much to The Peninsula Hotel for donating 300 boxes of mini egg custard mooncakes to our service users to give love and blessings to the children and their families for a warm and happy Mid-Autumn Festival!

In addition, the SPCA held a charity mooncake campaign and we were honored to be one of the beneficiary organisations. Thank you to the generous donors who donated 144 cans of mooncakes to the ACA to spread care and blessings during this joyous festival.



The Hong Kong Jockey Club Community Project Grant - Healthy Start Home Visiting Project Sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust



Parent Talk and Baby Birthday Party

The project organised an online parent talk and a Baby birthday party on 9 July. We invited Ms Wong, an experienced social worker from Healthy Seed Centre, to deliver a talk on Parents' Coordination in Child Management. Ms Wong shared different parenting methods and how they affect children's development, addressing the importance of consistent parenting. During the birthday party, we introduced some household-friendly parent-child games. A total of 19 families joined the activities. The parents thought the talk was practical and they also learned how to utilise simple tools to play games with children.

Parent-child Self-guided Tour

On 4 September, we organised a family outing to Megabox, Kowloon Bay. A total of 35 families joined the activity. They had a fun time at E Cube Club, which was a huge indoor children's playground. We also conducted an indoor orienteering in the mall.

Many families shared that they seldom visit the Kowloon and enjoyed the tour very much. The children were impressed by the facilities such as the long slide and big Legos at E Cube Club. The families also gained warm memories from the parent-child interactive tasks in the orienteering activity.



Peter Ng
Project Social Worker

Joyful Kids Group



Joyful Kids Group is formed by a group of young volunteers aged from 7 to 17. It aims at developing their potentials and sense of responsibility, as well as transmitting the volunteer spirit. Through group training and voluntary services, social workers train members to be a leader, who can assist in leading activities, facilitating the interaction between volunteers and supporting the new members. Below are the messages from members:



Wing Hei, 15-year-old

"In these 9 years in Joyful kids Group, I have turned into a group leader from a green member. In a visit to the Children's Council 5 years ago, child councillors spoke up for children in Hong Kong and it greatly encouraged me to join the Children's Council. In the Council, I have learned a lot about children's issues and also communication skills. Now, I am participating in Children Summit to voice out for Children!"

Sum Yuet, 15-year-old

"When I was a group member, the group leader led me in the activities. I found it not easy to be a leader when it's my turn. I have to attend meetings, prepare and host different activities. Besides, being a volunteer is inspiring. Contributing to the society such as visiting elderly centres and helping the needy brings me satisfaction. I also learned to be more grateful."

Cheuk Nam, 15-year-old

"The biggest difference in Joyful Kids Group is the change of identity. From a member to a group leader, I become more confident through preparing games, leading group activities and being a host. I am also more patient than before."

Crystal, joined Joyful Kids Group for 25 years

"I have joined the Joyful kids Group for 25 years. I would like to thank my mother for bringing me into this big family. Voluntary service has filled up a large part of my life. Group leaders pay a lot of effort in organising activities. They also try to host and perform. During the process, group leaders and members formed a certain bond and created strong chemistry. These make me enjoy participating in the Group activities. It is also delightful to see the members being awarded. I truly hope the spirit of Joyful Kids Group will last."

This year, my son has been recruited to the Group. I hope he can learn to be empathetic, to admire himself, to solve problems with positive thinking, as well as to take the responsibility in voluntary service. Not to be afraid of suffering loss, I hope to be a role model for my son. It is satisfying and grateful to participate in voluntary service."

If you are aged from 7 to 17 years old and living in Tuen Mun, Tin Shui Wai or Yuen Long, Joyful Kids Group looks forward to your joining!

Vinky Lam

Service Manager (Tuen Mun Centre)





Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner

"Parent Relaxation Yoga Class" was held in Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner from July to August. It was very popular amongst parents, and the quotas were filled within an hour. Through the activity, parents have the relief of pressure from child care temporarily. Pains and aches are reduced with better postures through stretching exercises. Parents have suggested that regular yoga classes be held for long-term benefit.

In August, we held "Let Me Shine", a children's therapeutic group with 6 sessions. We encouraged children to recognise and appreciate the strengths within themselves and others, as well as to improve their self-esteem. The children participated actively and as a result, knew themselves better. Some children would like to become police officers or doctors in the future to help people in need in the community. Some children said that this was an unforgettable experience, and they look forward to participating in other children's groups at the centre.

In September, we held a "Parent-child English Online Classroom". The group was arranged in the evenings. Parents and children came for classes together after dinner. This enhanced parent-child relationship. Parents could also learn skills in teaching. Through games, participants could learn English vividly. Parents and children liked the activities very much and they have improved their English abilities.

On the day of the Mid-Autumn Festival, the parents from Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner went to Yuen Long Bunny Wonderland for Summer Splash and barbecue. They also tried other facilities in the park, such as visiting the reptile house, climbing rope nets and playing bouncy castles. Parents participated enthusiastically. They were thankful that they could spend a wonderful Mid-autumn festival with their families and enjoyed the atmosphere.

On 3 and 17 September, Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner held "Chuk Yuen Centre Carnival 2022" with exhibition board questionnaire booths and the Agency service promotion, which let the public know more about our service, the importance of protecting children and positive parenting skills. The event went smoothly. We would like to express our gratitude to Chillaku Limited for donating Squly & Friends series products as a gift for those who participated in the questionnaire.

May Chan
Social Worker



Tuen Mun Centre Summer Programme

Park Orienteering Experience Group

This programme was subsidised by Tuen Mun District Youth Programme Committee. It aimed at building up participants' confidence in teamwork abilities, map-reading skills and strategic thinking. They learned to read a map in the first session and tried to practice those skills in subsequent sessions. The practicum started from the platform outside the Tuen Mun Centre, then moved to Tuen Mun Park and Butterfly Beach Park. They evidenced the gradual increase of their interest and confidence in orienteering. Through group competitions, members of each sub-group learned to communicate and cooperate with their groupmates. We are glad to see them making improvement in reading maps, as well as encouraging and supporting each other in completing different group tasks.

Floor Curling Experience Group

This group was also subsidised by Tuen Mun District Youth Programme Committee. It aimed at raising the participants' interests in floor curling sports. Furthermore, they could develop their teamwork skills, strategic thinking in sports, and strengthen their confidence. Apart from four training sessions, we arranged an open competition for the participants, which enabled them to learn from other professional athletes. The participants reflected that floor curling was an interesting and challenging sport.

'Be a Cooking Master' Children Group

This group aimed at equipping the participants with basic cooking skills and knowledge, and strengthening their self-care ability. The main theme was Western dishes such as mashed potato and spaghetti bolognese. With the assistance from the Family Corner parent volunteers, the participants had to finish a western dish. They had to decide on the ingredients, shop from the wet market, prepare and have them cooked. In the last session, they were divided into small groups and prepared their favourite dish under volunteers' assistance. The programme not only raised the children's interest and confidence in cooking, it also let them experience caretakers' hard work.

Peter Ng

Project Social Worker



Joyful Kids Group

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

In August, Joyful Kids Group had a fruitful and exciting summer. The Group made use of the summer holidays to build up the volunteer team to promote members' cooperation and communication skills. On August 13 and 20,

leadership training activities were held, while on August 22, a day camp was held in Hong Kong Playground Association Jockey Club Silvermine Bay Camp, allowing members to enhance their teamwork and problem solving skills through a series of challenging tasks and competitive games. In the activities, trained team leaders would coordinate and lead team members to tackle any difficulties. As a result, peer learning amongst group members was enhanced.

In order to develop the talents of group members, Joyful Kids Group also organised different activities of interest, so that members could pick up new challenges according to their own interests and abilities. For example, the K-pop Dancing class had attracted a group of child volunteers who love to dance. In only five weeks, they were able to learn the dance steps of a whole song and complete a simple dancing performance. In addition, the Group also held creative handicraft activities and Pastel Nagomi Art Class on every Wednesday and Thursday in August, so that members who were interested in artistic activities had the opportunity to learn using different art media to create artworks. The members had learnt to be more patient while they were working on artworks.

On September 17 and 24, Joyful Kids Group conducted two days street interviews related to child protection and collected a total of 100 questionnaires in Tuen Mun District. Although the members met rejections by many, they paid persistent efforts and did not give up inviting people for interviews. Finally, the Group completed the task successfully and collected a lot of opinions from the public. One of the interviewees even encouraged our young volunteers and appreciated their involvement in children-related affairs. This enlivened the volunteers.



Yeung Sze Nga
Project Social Worker

Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

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The theme for this year's Bless My Home project is "Emotions". Through different activities, volunteers, parents and children learned how to understand and manage their emotions. Family sharing forums, "Nervous Master" and "Master Your Nerves" were held on 24 August, aiming for mutual sharing of impacts from being nervous. We also invited parents to participate in relaxation exercises: "4-7-8 breathing technique" and progressive muscle relaxation. Parents expressed that the sharing was useful, and the relaxation exercises were also simple and easy to do.

Yan Yu
Social Worker



Child Abuse Treatment Corner

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The annual summer outing for families of our Home Visitation Project was on 21 August 2022. A total of 32 families, with 102 parents and children, joined the visit to Wadakyama Plantation, Sha Tau Kok. Apart from having a good time with the facilities provided by the Plantation, such as boat rowing and goat feeding, they also enjoyed the bonding time through parent-child games and kite-making led by social workers. The families had so much fun despite the hot weather. Some fathers made all-out efforts to play with their children even though it was more tiring than going to work. We hope that family bondings can be strengthened through quality time with their family members.

Eden Tsang
Project Social Worker



Good Parents' Networking Project

Collaborative partner:
Save the Children Hong Kong

Although the summer holiday was relatively short this year, our families could still enjoy quality family time. On 6 and 27 August, we organised an outing to Noah's Ark. Over 200 people from 65 families joined the event. Everyone took pleasure in it. Children developed their strengths through the amusement. Moreover, a drama therapy workshop was held to help improve parent-child communication. Children's social skills are weakened during the pandemic, therefore, we held social skills training to strengthen children communicating with each other and enhancing their self-confidence. We could not have held such a successful activity without the support of our members. Everyone had a memorable summer.

Yucca Chung
Project Social Worker



Give Children the Best Start Home Visiting Project

Funded by The Community Chest of Hong Kong



July 30th was the flag day of the agency. Although the event was held in the middle of summer, with the weather being hot and rainy, the weather conditions did not hinder the families and children from fundraising for the Agency. On the day of the event, many parents brought their children to the flag stations to pick up the materials. With the encouragement of their parents, the children took the initiative to approach strangers to buy flags. The Flag Day was beneficial to children in learning about how to communicate with others, and at the same time enhancing parent-child relationships. During the activity, even though everyone sweated a lot, the volunteers still worked hard and persevered until the end of the event. The agency would like to express our gratitude to you all for your assistance, we look forward to seeing you on the next flag day!

Chan Wing Yan
Project Social Worker

Parent-child Support Line

Collaborative partner: Save the Children Hong Kong

ACA Parent-child Support Line aims at promoting child protection to parents, children, teenagers, professionals and the general public. We hope to encourage the public to report suspected child abuse cases. We also provide case consultation for professionals. Moreover, when parents encounter child management difficulties, or even when children and youths have emotional needs, they are also encouraged to contact our professional hotline workers, who are more than willing to provide helpful support.

In order to strengthen the public knowledge of children's rights and update them with the latest information on the child abuse situation in Hong Kong, we organised a series of promotional activities for our Support Line from July to September. These included advertising on Facebook and Instagram. We also advertised our service on the bodies of KMB buses and the seat backrests from mid-September to mid-October. We hope that all parents and children in need are able to reach our hotline to seek support and help.

Parent-child Support Line:

2755 1122

Service:

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

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

Yvonne Wai
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