

With the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance set to take effect on 20 January 2026, ACA is further strengthening its efforts to protect children. The Ordinance aims to ensure timely and effective identification and intervention of serious child abuse cases, achieving the policy goal in child protection. Under the Ordinance, designated professionals from education, social welfare and medical sectors having regular contacts with children are mandated to report suspected serious child abuse cases. This weaves a more comprehensive and effective safety net for children while sending a strong deterrent message to potential abusers.

Social Welfare Department has announced details of the recent Child Protection Registry. There was a record high of 1,504 established child abuse cases in 2024. The percentage

breakdowns are, physical abuse 40%, sexual abuse 35%, child neglect 22%, multiple abuse 3% and psychological abuse 1%.\(^1\) A particular concern is the trend of increase in child sexual abuse, with 522 cases in 2024 and 305 cases in 2019 (pre-COVID-19), an increase of 71%. We have elaborated the likely underlying reasons, one being the online behaviours of children. Back in 2023, ACA had held a professional forum Child Protection titled "Child Sexual Abuse in Cyber World", to raise awareness of such a problem and discussed the way forward. More effort in this issue is needed.

We have intensified our advocacy work in the reporting period to share our views in various activities, aiming at enhancing social awareness in child protection and promoting multi-disciplinary collaboration.

At the Hong Kong Hospital Authority Annual Medical Social Collaboration Symposium NTWC 2025 "Working Together for Child Protection: Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance" held on 8 and 10 May, Dr Patrick Cheung, our chairperson, delivered a speech titled "Working Together in Child Protection" and participated in a round-table discussion. Dr Cheung emphasized that the collaboration amongst all professional sectors play a crucial role in child protection. Ms Cynthia Cheng, our Service Manager of Chuk Yuen Centre, gave a speech titled

"Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration in Child Abuse Reporting and Handling" on 10 May, highlighting the coordinated collaboration between various sectors in handling child abuse. Besides, we set up a booth at the venue to promote our service and provided child protection information with the help of volunteers from Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner.

Dr Patrick Cheung was invited by The Hong Kong Paediatric Society to its YouTube Channel Child先Talks Series on "Legal Framework of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance: "Why Do We Need This Ordinance" & "What to Expect after This Ordinance Comes into Effect". Dr Cheung emphasized that the Ordinance imposes not only a legal requirement, but the shared responsibility of all to protect our children. Everyone should be alert and report suspected serious child abuse cases timely.



On 26 June, we were interviewed by 自由風自 由Phone, RTHK to comment on the 2024 child abuse statistics announced by the Social Welfare Department. Our Acting Director, Ms Olivia Lai, pointed out that the increase of newly registered cases reflected the growing awareness in child protection. It also provided insights such as the enhancement of children's self-protection awareness, the effect of peer pressure and the impact of increase use of social media in children.

We will be holding our Flag Day on 3 January 2026 to raise funds to support our work. We pledge here for your support, and we appreciate the recognition by the community seeing to the importance of our mission in child protection.

To support the successful implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance, ACA is committed to intensifying its efforts to raise awareness of child welfare and rights among various sectors and professionals. We will continue to strengthen the roles and collaborative efforts amongst different stakeholders, promoting child protection policies and initiatives. By doing so, we aim to ensure a safer and healthier environment for children to grow and thrive, and we are encouraged by the positive feedbacks from the community.

**Against Child Abuse** 

<sup>1</sup> Refer to "Child Protection Registry Statistical Report 2024" from Social Welfare Department, HKSAR, https://www.swd.gov.hk/storage/asset/section/654/Annual%20CPR%20Report%202024\_Biligual\_Final.pdf

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# **Summary of Major Activities for April to June 2025**

Month	Project/Title	Activity
April	Carnival	No Spank, Water with Love Carnival 2025 on 12 April
April to June	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (II) (Session 4 - 8) on 7, 14, 28     April and 12 May
		<ul> <li>Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (III) on 8, 15, 29 April, 13, 20 May, 3, 10 and 17 June</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Children's Emotional and Social Therapeutic Group on 8, 15, 29 April, 6, 13 and 20 May</li> </ul>
		Parent-child Activity – Spring Family Farm Adventure on 26 April
		Parent-child Play Workshop
		1. Mother's Day Little Hands with Big Creativity on 3 and 10 May
		2. Joyful Play Workshop on 17 and 21 June
		Positive Parenting Training Course
		1. Disney Visit on 9 and 10 May
	<b>&gt;</b>	2. Nutritious Eating on 12 and 19 May
		3. Build a Bear Workshop on 19 and 27 June
		<ul> <li>Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (II) on 14, 21 and 28 June</li> </ul>
		Volunteer Training on 20 and 27 June
	Play Connect Happy Growth	• Parent-child Playgroup (for 12-18 months old toddlers) on 1, 3, 8, 10, 22, 24, 28
	Positive Parenting Project	and 29 April
		Colorful Easter Fun Day on 12 April  Colorful Easter Fun Day on 12 April  Colorful Easter Fun Day on 12 April
		<ul> <li>Parent-child Playgroup (for 18-24 months old toddlers) on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May, 6, 13 and 20 June</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (for 20-30 months old toddlers) (AM Session) on 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 May</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Parents Talk on Building Harmonious Relationships with Children Through Play (III) Disneyland Experience on 7 and 10 May</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Parents Stress Management Workshop (IV - VI) on 7 May, 10 and 24 June</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (for 20-30 months old toddlers) (PM Session) on 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 29 May, 2 and 4 June</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Parents Talk on Building Harmonious Relationships with Children Through Play (IV &amp; V) on 15 and 28 May</li> </ul>
		Parents Positive Parenting Workshop on 27, 29 May, 2 and 4 June
		Summer Forest Party on 11 June
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		Workshop of Experiencing Aromatherapy on 13 June
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Good Parents'
Networking Project

- Good Parent Training on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April, 7, 14, 21, 28 May and 4 June
- Parent-child Activity
- 1. New Sports Filipino Kali on 5 April
- 2. Egg-cellent Hunter on 19 April
- 3. Jockey Club "Fun with Classical Chinese" Drama Education Programme Environmental Theatre at Tai Kwun on 26 April
- 4. Aromatherapy Bye Bye Allergic Rhinitis on 10 May
- 5. Hong Kong Education Bureau Family Resilience Series Cultivating Care through Seed Sowing on 29 June
- Good Parent Reunion on 6 April



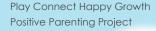
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April to June	Good Parents'	Parents Chill Club	
	Networking Project	1. Crochet DIY Workshop on 7 and 14 April	
	ű ,	2. Matcha Garibaldi Biscuits Making on 25 April	
		3. Aromatherapy and Emotions on 15 May	
		4. Aroma Stretching on 23 May	
		5. Cheesy Potato QQ Cakes Making on 26 May	
		6. Mango Mochi Making on 13 June	
		7. Crochet Fuji Yama Workshop on 16, 19, 23 and 26 June	
		8. Salted Wormwood Mochi Making on 17 June	
		9. Aromatherapy and Myofascial Release Treatment on 18 June	
		Trainers' Gathering on 11 June	
	Healthy Start	Easter Bunny Egg Hunt Mission on 5 April	
	Home Visiting Project	Embracing Your Own Children Parenting Group on 10, 17, 24 May and 7 June	
		Baby Playgroup (I-III) on 9, 16 and 23 June	
	Tuen Mun Centre	Parent Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 8, 15 April, 6, 13	
	Family Corner	May, 3 and 10 June	
		<ul> <li>Children Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 11 April, 9, 16, 23 May and 13 June</li> </ul>	
		Easter Egg Hunting on 19 April	
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	Chuk Yuen Centre	Easter Fun Egg Machine on 17 April	
	Family Corner	Parents' Tea Gathering on 28 April, 26 May and 30 June	
		Committee Meeting on 29 April, 6 May and 24 June	
		My Special Time with Mum – Disney Trip on 10 May	
		An Orienteering Challenge Volunteer Preparation Meeting on 7 June	
		My Special Time with Dad and Mum – An Orienteering Challenge on 14 June	
		Birthday Party (April to June) on 21 June	
		Be a Magician – Magic Show Time! on 21 June	
May to June	Bless My Home Forever	Family Sharing Forum	
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	Project	Guiding Children from Discovering Interests to Setting Goals on 26 June	
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	Parent-child Support Line	E-poster Advertising at 20 Public Estates under Hong Kong Housing Authority from	
		1 to 15 May	
		Posters Advertising at Hong Kong Housing Society from 1 to 14 June	
		Advertising at Facebook from 1 to 30 June	
		Posters Advertising at 46 Public Estates in Wong Tai Sin and Kwai Chung Districts	
		under Hong Kong Housing Authority from 16 to 30 June	
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	Child Protection Institute	<ul> <li>Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 2 May, 6, 10, 11, 12 and 23 June</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Annual Medical Social Collaboration Symposium of Hong Kong Hospital Authority NTWC 2025: Working Together in Child Protection &amp; Multi-disciplinary Collaboration</li> </ul>	
		in Reporting and Handling Child Abuse on 8 and 10 May	
		Parent Talk on Raising Good Children without Corporal Punishment on 14 and	
		22 May	
		Parent Talk on How to Help Children Managing Emotions on 15 May	

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 Parent Talk on Raising Well-educated and Well-mannered Children with Positive Discipline on 14 June

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June	Joyful Kids Group	Orientation Meeting for Joyful Kids Members on 14 June
	Advocacy	<ul> <li>Legal Framework of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance in Child先Talks Series of Hong Kong Paediatric Society: Why Do We Need This Ordinance &amp; What to Expect After This Ordinance Comes Into Effect on 5 June</li> <li>The Analysis of 2024 Child Abuse Statistics Announced by the Social Welfare Department: Media Comments on 26 June</li> </ul>
Forthcon	ning Events for	July to September 2025
Month	Project/Title	Activity

#### July Parent-child Support Line • E-poster Advertising at 20 Public Estates under Hong Kong Housing Authority from 1 to 15 July July to August Child Protection Institute • Workshop on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance on 3 July • Certificate Course on Identification, Assessment and Intervention of Suspected Child Abuse Case on 5, 16, 23 July, 2, 15 and 20 August • Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 8 July, 14 and 29 August July to September Child Abuse Treatment Corner • Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features on 2, 9 and 16 July • Positive Parenting Training Course 1. Build a Bear Workshop on 4 July 2. Family Photo Shooting on 16 and 21 September • Children's Emotional and Social Therapeutic Group on 17, 22, 24, 29, 31 July and 5 August • Parent-child Pizza Making on 19 July



 Parent-child Playgroup (for 12-18 months old toddlers) on 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 21 and 23 July

• Parent-child Play Workshop – Playing with Six Bricks on 19 and 26 August

- Joyful Bonding Parent-child Playgroup (for 12-18 months old toddlers) on 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31 July
- Parent-child Playgroup (for 18-24 months old toddlers) on 28 July, 4, 11, 18 August, 1, 8, 15 and 22 September
- Joyful Bonding Parent-child Sensory Playgroup (for 18-24 months old) on 30 July, 6, 13, 27 August, 3, 10, 17 and 24 September
- Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (for 20-30 months old toddlers) on 7, 12, 14, 19, 21 August, 2, 4 and 9 September
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   19, 21 August, 2, 4 and 9 September
- Parents Positive Parenting Workshop (I & II) on 4 and 9 September
- Mid-Autumn Celebration Day on 27 September
- Parents Stress Management Workshop on 30 September



Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers

- Volunteer Tea Gathering on 7 May
- Family Sharing Forum
  - 1. Joyful Cooking Adventure on 16 July



Month	Project/Title	Activity	
July to September	Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers	<ol> <li>Cyber Guardians: Savvy Parents and Smart Players on 25 July</li> <li>Amazing Journey in LEGOLAND Discovery Centre on 22 August</li> <li>Forest Playtime on 13 September</li> <li>Home Organising Tips on 27 September</li> <li>Daylily Bus Tour on 27 August</li> </ol>	
	Good Parents' Networking Project	<ul> <li>Parent-child Activity</li> <li>1. Cooking x Aromatherapy Fun Fun Fun on 12 July</li> <li>2. Global Culinary Culture Tour on 28, 30 July, 21 and 28 August</li> <li>3. Ocean Park Family Day on 2 August</li> <li>4. Summer Family Cooking on 6, 13, 20 and 27 August</li> <li>5. Summer Escape Room on 25 August</li> <li>• Trainers' Gathering on 10 September</li> <li>• Good Parent Training on 18 and 25 September</li> <li>• Good Parent Reunion on 19 September</li> </ul>	
	Healthy Start Home Visiting Project	<ul> <li>Messy Play Group (I &amp; II) on 9, 16, 23 and 30 July</li> <li>Story-telling is a Gift for Child Development Parent Talk and Baby Birthday Party on 12 July</li> <li>Parent-child Story-telling Group on 19 and 26 July</li> <li>Volunteer Basic Training Course on 7, 14 and 21 August</li> <li>Zentangle Retreat and Home Visit Sharing Session on 25 September</li> </ul>	
	Joyful Kids Group	<ul> <li>Board Games Group on 10, 17, 24 July, 7, 14 and 21 August</li> <li>DIY Art &amp; Craft on 10, 17, 24 July, 7 and 14 August</li> <li>Cool Summer! Mango Dessert Making on 21 August</li> <li>Leadership Training Course (For Members) on 26 July, 2 and 6 August</li> <li>Leadership Training Course (For Team Leaders) on 26 July, 2 and 6 August</li> <li>Day Camp on 18 August</li> </ul>	
	Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner	<ul> <li>Hong Kong Education Bureau Family Resilience Series – Cultivating Care through Sowing on 5 July</li> <li>Little Chef Training Course on 15, 22, 29 July and 5 August</li> <li>Children Storytelling Class on 28 July, 4, 11 and 18 August</li> <li>DIY Art &amp; Craft on 6, 13 and 20 August</li> <li>Parent Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 16 and 30 September</li> </ul>	
	Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project	Family Sharing Forum Give Children Room for Mistakes on 12 July Super Memory on 18 July Healthy Internet on 25 July How to Improve Children's Creativity? on 1 August When Your Child Says, "You Don't Understand Me!" on 14 August Into the Children's World on 18 August Unlocking Children's Emotional Codes on 27 September	
	Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner	<ul> <li>Parent-child Play "1+3" on 11,18, 25 July, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August, 5, 12, 19 and 26 September</li> <li>Summer Splash Family Party on 26 July</li> <li>Parents' Tea Gathering on 28 July, 25 August and 29 September</li> <li>Committee Monting on 28 July, 24 August and 30 September</li> </ul>	

• Committee Meeting on 29 July, 26 August and 30 September

• Birthday Party (July to September) on 27 September

## **Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner**

This quarter, Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner organised two parent-child activities to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day. The two activities aimed at strengthening bonding among family members and creating more unforgettable experiences and beautiful memories.

On 10 May, we held the event My Special Time with Mum: Disney Trip, with 16 families and a total of 45 participants. This event was not just a trip to the amusement park; it was a precious opportunity for parent-child bonding. We designed six parent-child interactive tasks for children and parents to complete throughout the event. For example, children were asked to find three star-shaped items in the park and take a photo with them, symbolising giving a "lucky star" to their mothers. Through these small tasks, we hoped to help children better understand their mothers' love and express their affection and gratitude through meaningful actions.

On 14 June, we organised My Special Time with Dad: An Orienteering Challenge. This event was originally intended to encourage fathers to take an active role in tackling challenges with their children. However, as some fathers were unable to attend because of work commitments, we flexibly adjusted the format and warmly welcomed mothers to participate, thus renaming the activity as My Special Time with Dad and Mum. A total of 17 volunteers joined us, dedicating their time over two Saturday mornings to assist in designing and leading the parent-child games. On the day of the event, the weather was hot, rainy and unstable because of a typhoon. We were grateful for the timely arrival of all the 17 volunteers, who made this meaningful event possible for seven families! Overall, both parents and volunteers expressed that this activity provided a special time for families to enjoy together and fostered interaction between parents and children.

> Mandy Ma Social Worker









## **Child Abuse Treatment Corner**

#### Sponsored by Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited





The project serves pregnant women and families with children aged 0-5 in Tsuen Wan District and Kwai Tsing District. Trained volunteers with parenting knowledge conduct home visits regularly to provide emotional support and parenting suggestions. The project will collaborate with primary schools, kindergartens, and community organisations in the district to hold parent therapeutic groups, children's therapeutic groups and parent talks to support the development of both parents and children.

#### **Parent Therapeutic Groups**

From April to June, the project collaborated with the CCC Chuen Yuen First Primary School, Hong Kong Ling Liang Church Tsuen Wan Kindergarten, and The Salvation Army Ng Kwok Wai Memorial Kindergarten to hold parent therapeutic groups, including the Stress Management Group and Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group. The group sessions included short talks, games, relaxation exercises and board game experiences. Cognitive-behavioral therapy was mainly used to help parents examine their parenting styles and make corresponding changes, understand their own and their children's emotions, alleviate the feelings of helplessness during parenting, thereby reducing the use of negative discipline and enhancing parent-child relationships.

#### **Children Therapeutic Groups**

The project collaborated with Emmanuel Primary School to implement a total of six sessions of Children Emotional Therapeutic Group. Through various activities such as games, picture book sharing and making crafts, the group helped children recognise different emotions, learn proper emotional expression methods and discover their strengths. Children could enhance their social skills and strengthen their ability to face challenges. Pre- and post-assessment reports indicated significant positive changes in the children, who became more willing to share their thoughts and feelings.

The project has consistently aimed to collaborate with school social workers in the district to support children and parents in need and encourage them to face challenges with a positive attitude. Schools or community organisations interested in co-organising parent or child therapeutic groups can contact our project social worker at 2915 0607.





# **Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers**

#### Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

The Daylily Project aims at supporting young or single mothers in their self-development, emotional needs, childcare practices, and in building up a rich social network. The project has entered its 15<sup>th</sup> year. In order to ensure the continuation of the programme, we are actively recruiting new volunteers, with orientation and training sessions held on 20 and 27 June to ensure we have sufficient support to help more families.

From April to June, the programme organised various workshops for parents in order to enhance their discipline techniques and practice self-care. We held a parenting talk titled "Taming Tantrums: Parenting Strategies" to teach parents how to communicate with their children, and enhance their discipline techniques. Besides, we held an essential oil massage workshop specially designed for mothers. Through practicing self-care under a relaxing atmosphere, mothers could improve their physical and mental well-being. It also reduced their pressure from nurturing children.

Promoting parent-child relationships and providing quality time for parents and their children are equally important. Thanks to the support and sponsorship from various sectors, we conducted a "Spring Family Farm Excursion" on 26 April, taking families to the Butterfly Valley for farm activities and facilities. It allowed children to commune with nature, while the bonding in the families has been strengthened. Additionally, on 10 May, we organised a "Disney Discovery Quest". Families tried amusement rides and enjoyed live shows together. They spent a delightful day, created a happy memory.



We sincerely thank all the volunteers and partners for their dedication and care. We hope that everyone will continue to support our families in need.

**Chloe Chan** Social Worker

# **Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner**







Family Corner hosted a series of activities from April to June. These events, organised by volunteers, included culinary and handicraft sessions aimed at strengthening the connections among parents in the Tuen Mun Family Corner. During these activities, social workers and parents had the opportunity to share their parenting challenges and recent experiences, provide mutual support and exchange helpful parenting tips.

Additionally, we held regular volunteer networking events, such as making rice dumplings for the Dragon Boat Festival and making artemisia argyi massage hammer for stress relief, to improve the relationships and cooperation among our volunteers.



Yetta Chan Service Manager (Tuen Mun Centre)

# **Good Parents' Networking Project**

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The Good Parents' Networking Project provides parenting education activities for families in the Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing Districts. Through positive parenting training courses, parent-child activities, and parent workshops, the project helps parents practice positive parenting skills, improve parent-child communication, promote family harmony, and foster a spirit of community support.

The project organised two parent-child outdoor activities in April. Including Good Parents' Networking's volunteers, over 100 people joined these activities. We firstly visited Noah's Ark Hong Kong Theme Park in Ma Wan for 2025 Egg-cellent Hunter on 19 April. We extend our gratitude to the sponsorship of Rainbow Foundation for organising "Egg-cellent Hunter" charity event. Participating families were delighted to explore various landmarks in Noah's Ark and enjoyed designated mission games centred on parent-child relationships during the Easter holidays. Parents and children enjoyed a variety of games and festive performances, making it a wonderful and fruitful Easter. Additionally, we joined the Jockey Club "Fun with Classical Chinese" Drama Education Programme Environmental Theatre at Tai Kwun on 26 April. We admired the Class 7A Drama Group for great performance with turning well-known classical Chinese stories into an environmental theatre performance. Through the combination of drama, classical stories, interactive games, and art technology, we were led back in time to meet with distinctive Chinese historical figures. Parents and children could learn and explore great wisdom and cultural treasures from the classical Chinese stories. These parent-child activities created a playful and relaxing opportunity for parents and children, and enhanced their relationships and mental health development.

Furthermore, the project organised several parent-child activities, including New Sports - Filipino Kali on 5 April and Aromatherapy - Bye Bye Allergic Rhinitis on 10 May.

Participating families experienced the new sport- Filipino Kali and enjoyed relaxing massage time together. We also thanked Hong Kong Education Bureau for organising Family Resilience Series: Cultivating Care through Seed Sowing Activity on 29 June. Families joined parent-child interactive games, seed sowing, interacting and taking photos with the ambassadors of the Positive Parent Campaign - "Mommy Light" and "Daddy Light", and learned positive mind set and positive value on parenting. They could also take the potted plants back home which encouraged parents and children to appreciate the beauty of nature and implement gratitude practice, thereby experiencing the fun of planting together. Through these activities, parents and children had a joyful weekend. It strengthened their interaction and emotional connection through creating more moments filled with warm and happiness.

In terms of parent activities, we have been striving to unite parent volunteers in the district through holding several gatherings for parents. On 6 April, we held Good Parent Reunion at The Pioneer Farm (formerly known as Tsoi Yuen Tsuen) in Yuen Long for picking organic calendula. Parents not only experienced an outdoor Aromatherapy workshop, but also enjoyed self-care time heartily. In addition, parents who have been trained as volunteers were also enthusiastic to serve as tutors and assistants with execution the series of Parents Chill Club on 7, 14, 25 April, 15, 23 and 26 May. These workshops included Crochet DIY workshop, Aromatherapy and Emotions, Matcha Garibaldi Biscuits Making, Aroma Stretching and Cheesy Potato QQ Cakes Making. We also organised Mango Mochi Making, Salted Wormwood Mochi Making and Aromatherapy and Myofascial Release Treatment Workshop on 13, 17 and 18 June respectively. Meanwhile, we held Crochet Fuji Yama on 13, 17 and 18 June. During the workshops and gatherings, parents not only developed their talents, but also explored their potential. While joining these activities, parents also broadened their social network and established a mutually supportive relationship so as to enhance community cohesion.

Bernice Ng Project Clerk



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

### Sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust



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

#### **Easter Bunny Egg Hunt Mission**

On 5 April, we held an Easter Bunny Egg Hunt Mission with 14 families participating. The event began with fun parent-child games and a colorful Easter egg stickers craft session. Due to rainy weather, the egg hunt was moved indoors. Families used flashlights to search for Easter eggs in the dark, which made the search even more challenging and exciting. We also held a Best Easter Costume contest for the children who were dressed up spectacularly. The event not only offered families quality parent-child time but also supported children's sensory development and sense of exploration.

#### **Embracing Your Own Children Parenting Group**

From 10 May to 7 June, we hosted the Embrace Your Own Children parenting group again this year, with 9 families participating, including some returning for a refresher. The group introduced the concept of Circle of Security Parenting approach to the parents, helping them understand their children's needs and the importance of staying emotionally connected. Participants actively engaged in discussions and reflection. We also added practical session which parents could immediately apply the concepts through interactive exercises — with promising results.

Yoyo Poon Project Social Worker

# **Parent-child Support Line**

## Sponsored by Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited

With the continuous support from the Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited, ACA strives to support families in crisis, preventing child abuse, promoting child protection, and spreading positive parenting messages by providing Support Line services 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. We regularly promote our hotline service at ACA website, Facebook and Instagram. We aim at raising awareness and encouraging children and parents in need to seek help. E-poster advertising was carried out at 20 public estates under Hong Kong Housing Authority to promote our service from 1 to 15 May. Furthermore, we placed posters at Hong Kong Housing Society and 46 public estates in Wong Tai Sin and Kwai Chung Districts from 1 to 14 June, and 16 to 30 June respectively, to raise awareness and encourage children and parents in need to proactively seek help.

**Yvonne Wai**Project Officer

Parent-child Support Line:

2755 1122

#### Service:

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

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



# Play Connect Happy Growth Positive Parenting Project

### Sponsored by Save the Children Hong Kong







"Play Connect Happy Growth" Positive Parenting Project is designed for children aged 12 to 30 months. It offers a variety of parent-child playgroups tailored to their developmental needs.

From April to June, we held eight parent-child playgroups for children aged 12 to 18 months. These activities utilised sensory games to help children learn about different parts of their bodies and stimulate their sensory development. Parents also learned how to interact with their children in the groups, gaining a deeper understanding of children sensory development. After participating, parents reported they had tried to repeat group activities at home in order to enhance parent-child interaction. Additionally, with a better understanding of sensory development, parents placed greater emphasis on vestibular development and learned to play balance games with their children daily. Before each session ended, parents were encouraged to praise their children's performance, which helped them appreciate their children from a positive perspective and better observe and understand their personalities.

In addition to the group activities, we organised a Colourful Easter Fun Day for families to experience the Easter vibe together. Parents and children made Easter bunnies, participated in bunny pull and egg hunt, and enjoyed Easter-themed snacks and messy play activities. Parents noted that their children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and appreciated how each activity encouraged their children to participate independently, strengthening parent-child relationships and creating a joyful moment for the family.





# **Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project**

#### Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong



The project aims at providing support to families living in the Sham Shui Po District. 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, information of community resources and ways to enhance parent-child relationship.

We held an online parent talk Parent-child Communication and Conflict Resolution on 6 May. Effective communication could enhance mutual understanding and build trust between parents and children. Children could also learn expressing their

feelings, understanding others, and establishing a secure attachment. Effective conflict resolution could help children learn emotional management and problem-solving skills, and strengthen parent-child relationships.

The talk used examples from daily life, allowing parents to draw direct comparisons between what were actually happening around them and what they learnt. Parents also raised their own difficulties in parent-child communication for discussions. Parents shared that the parent-child communication and conflict management skills in the talk were simple and easy to understand, and they would try to apply them in their everyday parenting experience.

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## **Child Protection Institute**

Since the establishment of the Child Protection Institute, our organisation has been dedicated to preventing child abuse, advocating for the protection of children, educating the public to raise awareness of child protection, and promoting child protection policies to ensure the safeguarding of children's rights. Through various seminars, workshops, and group activities, the Institute not only enhances children's self-protection awareness but also promotes positive parenting techniques among parents. Additionally, the Institute provides on-the-job training for frontline professionals in the social welfare, healthcare, education, and other child-serving sectors. These include workshops



such as "Identifying and Handling Suspected Child Abuse Cases", "Assessing Child Risk and Mastering Intervention Techniques", and the "Certificate Course on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse", all aimed at strengthening professional training and advocacy efforts.

Furthermore, our organisation participated in the Annual Medical Social Collaboration Symposium of NTWC 2025: Working Together for Child Protection: Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance held on 8 and 10 May, holding keynote sessions titled "Collaborating to Protect Children" and "Reporting and Handling Child Abuse Through Multi-Disciplinary Collaboration". These events further enhanced cross-sector collaboration, raising awareness and professional competence on child protection issues

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