

2026 February Newsletter



At the beginning of the new year, our Agency extends its sincere wishes for your well-being and family harmony.

In reviewing the past year's services, Against Child Abuse (ACA) held its Annual Press Conference on 20 November 2025 to present the 2024/25 service highlights, statistics, and recommendations for strengthening child protection. Over the past year, our Parent-child Support Line and drop-in services handled a total of 1,144 cases, of which 207 (18%) were suspected child abuse cases. More than 60% of callers were family members, showing that many parents are willing to seek help when facing parenting challenges. Among the suspected child abuse cases, the most vulnerable group was the age ranging from 6 to 8, followed by children from 3 to 5 years old. This reflects that during the preschool and primary school stages, children encounter many challenges in their growth, while parents also face considerable difficulties in parenting.

Among the 207 suspected cases, nearly 70% of suspected abusers were family members, with parents accounting for the majority. Physical abuse ranked the highest rate (56%), followed by neglect (16%), psychological abuse (13%), multiple abuse (11%), and sexual abuse (4%). These figures highlight the need to strengthen family support, as the home should be a safe haven for children but often becomes a place of risk.

ACA believes that child protection requires collective effort. We recommend that the government to prepare comprehensive support measures for the implementation of the "Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance" in 2026, including enhanced professional training, emergency accommodation arrangements, and public education and promotion. We also advocate for a total ban on corporal punishment, the promotion of non-violent discipline, the establishment of a mandatory Sex Conviction Record Check System, and comprehensive school sex education. In addition, we call for raising public awareness of child psychological abuse and enacting clear legislation to address this issue.

Beyond policy advocacy, ACA also actively provides support services. The Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers, is one such example, offering diverse assistance to young and single mothers.

Through volunteer home visits, phone contact, parenting activities, and guidance on positive discipline, the program seeks to understand families' needs and offer timely support. Beneficiaries shared that the companionship of volunteers made them feel less alone and more positive in their parenting journey. Volunteers themselves also expressed that, with training from social workers, they grew alongside the families, developing greater empathy and stronger communication skills.

Protecting children is not only about preventing harm but also about promoting holistic development. When children grow up in safe and nurturing environments, their self-esteem, learning abilities, and social relationships flourish. Only through collective action can we build a future where every child is safe, valued, and given the opportunity to thrive.



ACA is fortunate to have many volunteers walking alongside us in the mission of protecting children. On 15 November 2025, we held the "Volunteer Award Ceremony 2025," where nearly ninety volunteers, corporate and organisational representatives gathered to witness the many glimmers of light along the journey of safeguarding children. The ceremony was officiated by ACA Vice Chairperson, Mr Nicholas Jim, Hon Treasurer Mr James Ng, and Executive Committee Member Dr

Joanne Leung, who presented awards and expressed gratitude to longstanding volunteers and corporate and organisational volunteer teams. They also highlighted the service stories from various ACA programs and the impactful contributions volunteers have made in the community. Photos from the event and the list of awards are available on ACA's Facebook page. (<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1Bd2b4ZDQV/>).

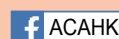
Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks to every volunteer who has walked alongside us. Because of you, more children are able to grow up in environments that are safe, respectful, and free from violence.

Dr Maple Lau
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Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance

Against Child Abuse (ACA) stands at the forefront of child protection in Hong Kong, playing a vital role in advancing child safeguarding measures. We pioneered the study and promotion of Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse as far back as 1997. Building on this foundation, and in response to significant ongoing child protection challenges in society, ACA has intensified its advocacy efforts since 2018. We have worked to raise public awareness and engage policymakers and stakeholders, building the momentum needed for systemic improvements in child protection. This collaborative advocacy was instrumental in paving the way for the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance, which is now scheduled for implementation on 20 January 2026.

Our Key Advocacy Milestones (as of January 2026):



Media Outreach:

Over **114** media interviews and features in major TV, radio, and newspapers to raise awareness and shape public opinion.



Professional Engagement:

Delivered **42+** training sessions, lectures and forums to promote child protection concepts and practices for health, education and social sector professionals, including overseas participants.



Public Statements:

7 press conferences and **11** position papers to address legal gaps and policy needs.



Expert Participation:

Served in **5** key advisory bodies and Committees such as the Commission on Children, Social Welfare Department Committee on Child Abuse and the Mandatory Reporting Consultative Panels. We also provided UNCRC Civil Society Report 2024/25, focusing on child abuse, recovery, and reintegration under Articles 19 & 39.



Policy Engagement:

Participated in **5** HKSAR government engagement sessions by the Legislative Council Subcommittee on Children's Rights, Commission on Children, HKSAR Labour and Welfare Bureau & Social Welfare Department.



Research, International Partner Consultations **10+** episodes

ACA continues to work towards:

- Successful implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance
- Enhancing multi-disciplinary collaboration in child protection
- Establishing other child protection measures



Against Child Abuse will continue to work closely with the Government, professional sectors, and the wider community to provide professional assistance in implementing the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance. With our extensive advocacy experience and a wide range of existing child protection services — including preventive services, Parent-child Support Line, case assessment, counselling and treatment services, and public education — we are well-equipped to support professionals and society at large. We firmly believe that through cross-sector collaboration and the exercise of professional expertise, we can jointly safeguard the safety and wellbeing of children.

Summary of Major Activities for October to December 2025

Month	Project/Title	Activity
November	Annual Press Conference and Annual General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 46th Annual Press Conference and Annual General Meeting on 20 November
October to December	Play Connect Happy Growth Positive Parenting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Workshop on Building Harmonious Relationships with Children Through Play on 4, 21, 23 October and 21 November Parent-child Playgroup (for 12-18 months old toddlers) on 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 28 and 31 October Handcraft X Parent-child Yoga Workshop on 20 October Halloween Sensory Party on 20 October Parent-child Messy Playgroup (for 18-24 months old toddlers) on 30 October, 6, 13, 20, 27 November, 4, 11 and 18 December Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (for 20-30 months old toddlers) on 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 and 26 November Parent Stress Management Workshop (VIII-X) on 4 November, 2 and 19 December Parent Positive Parenting Workshop on 24 and 26 November Parent-child Restaurant Christmas Party on 12 December
	Healthy Start Home Visiting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer Basic Training Course on 3 October Montessori Fun Together Parenting Group on 13 and 20 October Post-natal Care Support Volunteer Training on 22 October Family Autumn Picnic on 25 October Halloween Storybook Adventure on 30 October Art with Five Senses on 5, 12, 19 and 26 November Essential Parenting Course for New Parents on 22 and 29 November Listening to the Little Voices – Understanding Speech Therapy for Kids Parent Talk and Baby Birthday Party on 6 December Parent-child Christmas Story Craft Class on 8 and 15 December Ocean Park Family Adventure on 13 December Parents & Babies Christmas Party on 19 December
	Child Protection Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance on 6, 30 October and 5 November Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Case on 6, 14, 23, 24, 27 October, 2 and 19 December Certificate Course on Identification, Assessment and Intervention of Suspected Child Abuse Case on 9, 15, 22, 28 October, 3, 4, 24 November, 3, 11 and 22 December Parent Talk on How to Help Children Managing Emotions on 17 October Parent Talk on Speaking with Love through Non-Violent Communication on 18 October, 6 and 12 December Certificate Course on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention on 30 October, 28 November, 8 and 29 December Child Protection Training Workshop on 31 October Parent Talk on Raising Good Children without Corporal Punishment on 3 November and 5 December Parent Talk on Nurturing Children's Self-Discipline on 21 November Cross-professional Collaboration: How Doctors and Social Workers Coordinate and Communicate in Child Abuse Cases on 15 December
	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (IV) on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October, 6, 13 and 20 November Positive Parenting Training Course – Learning Rational Emotive Behaviour Therapy X Chinese Lantern Making on 3 October Parent-child Play Workshop – Messy Play Workshop on 11 and 18 October Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (III) on 20, 27 October, 4, 10, 17, 25 November, 1 and 8 December Advanced Volunteer Training on 25 October





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October to December	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-child Activity <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hong Kong Ocean Park Visit on 22 November 2. Christmas Party 2025 on 6 December • Parent Talk – Be Authoritative Parents on 5 December • Advanced Volunteer Training on 13 December
	Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Sharing Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cultural Trip in Tai O on 4 October 2. Floating Vase Family Workshop on 22 November 3. Eat Well, Feel Well Chinese Medicine Food Therapy Talk on 5 December 4. Christmas Fun – Little Angels Party (for Toddlers Aged 0-5) on 20 December 5. Christmas Fun – Junior Adventurers Party (for Children Aged 5-12) on 24 December • Daylily Carnival on 11 October • Daylily Bus Tour and Carnival on 25 October • Lingnan University Student Volunteer Training on 3, 11, 18 November and 9 December
	Parent-child Support Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising at Facebook on 8 to 31 October and 1 to 9 November • E-poster Advertising at 20 Public Estates from 11 to 16 November • The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) Promotion Leaflet in 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. Families' Mid-Autumn Festival on 4 October 2. Having Fun with Children X Family Day in Ocean Park on 11 October 3. The Art of Language X Christmas Party on 24 December • Family Sharing Forum & Volunteer Training – The AI New Generation – Repositioning Family Education on 5 December • Volunteer Gathering & Training – Christmas Magic Academy on 18 December
	Joyful Kids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Let's Celebrate! Art in Mid-Autumn Festival on 4 October • Volunteer Training Series – How to Tell Story on 25 October and 22 November • Family Visit to Ocean Park on 13 December • Let's Celebrate! Art in Christmas on 20 December
	Project Illuminating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caregivers Mutual Help Groups / The Illuminating Academy – Pastel Nagomi Art Soulful Landscapes Mutual Help Group on 17, 24, 31 October, 7, 14, 21 and 28 November • ACA Illuminating Caregivers Workshop Roadshow <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finding Your Own Space Through Art Workshop on 21 October 2. Creative Ceramics Workshop on 8 and 22 November • The Illuminating Sunshine – Drama Therapy Services for Adults – Storytime Fun Caregiver Drama Therapy Group on 27 October, 3, 10, 17 and 24 November • The Illuminating Sunshine – Creative Arts Therapy Services <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Speaks Through Art Expressive Arts Group (P1-P6) on 7, 14, 21, 28 November, 5 and 12 December 2. Child Speaks Through Art Expressive Arts Group (K1-K3) on 13, 27 November, 4, 11 and 18 December • Shine on You Parent-child Activities – Visiting Toy library on 24 December
	Good Parents' Networking Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Parent Training on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 October, 6, 27 November and 4 December • Parent-child Activity <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ocean Park Family Day on 11 October 2. Ecological Conservation Guided Tour on 29 November 3. X'mas Body Painting on 6 December 4. X'mas Family Day on 13 December

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October to December	Good Parents' Networking Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Parent Training (Heep Hong Society Shanghai Fraternity Association Healthy Kids Kindergarten) on 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 October, 3, 5, 24 November, 1 and 3 December • Parents Chill Club <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents Take a Break: Aromatherapy Hand Treatment in Autumn on 17 and 24 October 2. Margaret Cookies Making on 18 November 3. Winter Nail Art Class (for Beginners) on 26 November 4. Winter Aromatherapy Blending on 18 December • Good Parent Training (TWGHs Chow Yin Sum Primary School) on 21, 28 October, 4, 18, 25 November, 2, 9 and 16 December • Trainers' Gathering: Mid-Autumn Mooncake Transformation Plan on 22 October
	Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-Autumn Festival Game Booth on 4 October • Parent's Guide – Elementary Child First Aid Course (CEFA) on 25 October • Parents' Tea Gathering on 27 October, 24 November and 15 December • Committee Meeting on 28 October, 25 November and 16 December • Family Trip To Ocean Park on 22 November • Family DIY Calendar on 29 November • Birthday Party (October to December) on 6 December • It's Christmas Time for Family Fun on 20 December • Christmas Family Joy Show on 27 December
	Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Ting Estate Child Protection Carnival on 11 October • Parent Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 14, 21, 28 October, 18, 25 November, 9 and 16 December • Day Trip to Ocean Park on 13 December

Forthcoming Events for January to March 2026



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January	Flag Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care for Children•Build a Brighter Future N.T. Region Flag Day on 3 January
February	Parent-child Support Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising at Facebook from 1 to 28 February
January to March	Play Connect Happy Growth Positive Parenting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-child Playgroup (for 12-18 months old toddlers) on 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28 January • Parent-child Messy Playgroup (for 18-24 months old toddlers) on 8, 15, 22, 29 January, 5, 12, 26 February and 5 March • Parent Workshop on Building Harmonious Relationships with Children Through Play (X-XI) on 20 January and 3 February • Parent Stress Management Workshop (XI-XIII) on 30 January, 12 and 20 March

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January to March

Play Connect Happy Growth Positive Parenting Project

- Pre-school Experiential Group on 2, 3, 4 and 6 February
- Childlike New Year Carnival on 10 February
- Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (20-30 months old toddlers) on 23, 25 February, 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18 March
- Parent Positive Parenting Workshop on 16 and 18 March

Healthy Start Home Visiting Project



- Time Capsule Memories – Warm Family Portraits on 10 January
- Volunteer Training Course – Postpartum Diet Therapy, Breastfeeding and Home Safety on 10 and 17 January
- Traditional Chinese Medicine Wellness Seminar on 23 January
- The Power of Aromatherapy – Tips for Caregivers Volunteer Workshop on 26 January
- Winter Fun Trip on 31 January
- New Year Celebration Party on 28 February
- Creativity Unleashed – Messy Play for Toddlers on 3, 5, 10 and 12 March
- Gathering Love, Walking Together Family Sharing and Volunteer Awards Ceremony on 7 March
- Active Buddies Challenge on 21 March

Child Protection Institute

- Workshop on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance on 8 and 16 January
- Parent Talk on Raising Good Children without Corporal Punishment on 10 January
- Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 12 January and 13 March

Child Abuse Treatment Corner

- Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (I) on 5, 12, 19, 26 January, 2, 9 February, 2 and 9 March
- Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (II) on 7, 14, 21, 28 January, 4 and 11 February
- Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (I) on 7, 14, 23, 28 January, 4, 11 February, 4 and 11 March
- Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (II) on 8, 15, 22, 29 January, 5, 12, 26 February and 5 March
- Volunteer Training on 9 and 16 January
- Children Therapeutic Group on 30 January, 6 February, 6, 13 and 27 March
- Parent Talk – Be Authoritative Parents on 5, 25 February, 5 and 10 March
- Advanced Volunteer Training on 9 February

Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers

- Spring New Volunteer Orientation Training on 9 and 16 January
- Family Sharing Forum:
 1. Calm Parenting – Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques on 13 January
 2. "Sea" & Learning Adventure on 17 January
 3. Into the Bus World – Discovery Tour on 7 February
 4. Chinese New Year Gathering on 20 February
 5. Carefree Gathering on 14 March
- Daylily Carnival on 24 January

Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

- Family Sharing Forum and Volunteer Training – The Thoughts and Feelings of Teenagers on 26 January
- Orientation for New Volunteers on 6 February
- Volunteer Training – Building Rapport with Children on 14 February
- Family Sharing Forum
 1. Loving My Family on 14 February
 2. Loving Myself on 6 March

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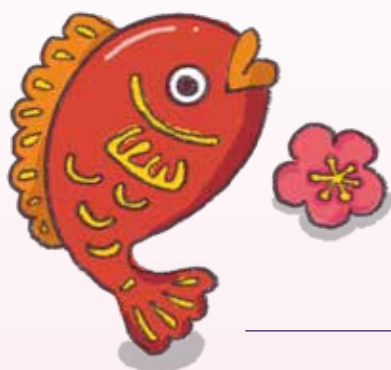
January to March

Joyful Kids

- Member Gathering on 3 January
- Child Protection Carnival in Yan Tin Estate Booth Volunteer Service on 24 January
- Warm Visit for Elderly on 31 January and 28 February
- Street Station Volunteers Service on 7 February and 7 March
- Cake Baking Workshop on 14 February

Project Illuminating

- The Illuminating Sunshine
 1. Creative Arts Therapy Services – Child Speaks Through Art Expressive Arts Group (K1-K3) on 8 January
 2. Creative Arts Therapy Services – Child Speaks Through Art Expressive Arts Group (P1-P6) on 5, 12, 26 February, 5, 12 and 19 March
- ACA Illuminating Caregivers Workshop Roadshow
 1. Aromatherapy Meridian Cleansing Workshop on 20 January
 2. "Unbowlieve" the Stress on 9 February
- Shine on You Parent-child Activity
 1. Be With You on 1 February
 2. Woodland Wellness Journey on 22 February
 3. Find a New Mood from Recycling Paper on 7 March
- The Illuminating Sunshine – Drama Therapy Service for Adults – Storytime Fun Caregiver Drama Therapy Group on 5, 12, 26 February, 5, 12 and 19 March
- Caregivers Mutual Help Groups/The Illuminating Academy – Speak Like a Child Communication Workshop on 10, 24 February, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March
- Mental Health-related Activities for Children and Youth
 1. Find Your Own Colour in Discovery Bay on 21 February
 2. Visit Chill Lab on 23 February
 3. Emerging Sports Mind Gym on 21 March



Good Parents' Networking Project

- Parents Chill Club•Finger-knit Warm Scarf on 7 and 14 January
- Parent-child Happy Animals Cookies Making on 10 January
- Good Parent Training on 15, 22, 29 January, 5, 12 February, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March
- Good Parents' Networking Good Parent Training (S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School) on 9, 16, 23, 30 January, 27 February, 13, 20 and 27 March
- Good Parents' Networking Good Parent Training (S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School – Lei Muk Shue) on 16, 23, 30 January, 6 and 13 March
- Good Parents' Networking Good Parent Training (Po Leung Kuk Chan Yat Primary School) on 5, 12 and 19 March
- Kids 'n' Community Child Protection Carnival on 7 February

Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner

- Positive Parenting – Say It Better on 10 January
- Parents' Tea Gathering on 19 January, 9 February and 30 March
- Committee Meeting on 20 January, 10 February and 31 March
- Birthday Party (January to March) on 21 March
- Service Users' Gathering 2025-2026 on 28 March

Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner

- Good Parents Positive Parenting Course on 7, 14, 21, 28 January, 4, 11, 25 February and 4 March
- Parent Leisure Corner – Handicraft and Cooking Activities on 13, 19, 20, 27 January, 3, 10 February, 24 and 31 March
- Yan Tin Estate Child Protection Carnival on 24 January

The 46th Annual Press Conference, Annual General Meeting, and Annual Dinner

On 20 November 2025, ACA held its 46th Annual Press Conference at the Kwai Chung Centre. During the event, Professor Patrick Cheung, BBS, Chairperson of the Agency, emphasised that the "Mandatory Reporting Regime of Child Abuse", which ACA has been advocating tirelessly for many years, is set to officially launch in January 2026. This represents a pivotal milestone in the field of child protection. To effectively safeguard children's rights, ACA will remain committed to its mission of protecting children and will urge all sectors of society to collaborate in ensuring the successful implementation of the reporting mechanism, ultimately achieving the essential goal of child protection.

Dr Maple Lau, the Director, presented the key service focuses and relevant statistics for the 2024/25, along with several recommendations aimed at enhancing child protection and fostering greater societal awareness of this critical issue. Additionally, our volunteers shared cases from the Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers at the Press Conference, highlighting the vital role of social support.

Subsequently, the Agency held its Annual General Meeting and Dinner at the Pacific Club in Tsim Sha Tsui, welcoming 100 distinguished guests. We expressed our special gratitude to Mr Ho Kai Ming, JP, Under Secretary for Labour and Welfare, for being our guest of honour. We also extended our appreciation to our Patron, Professor Ian Grenville Cross, GBS, SC, and representatives from the Hong Kong Police Force, funding bodies, and partner organisations, who took the time to attend this significant event. Their participation not only enhanced the evening's spirit but also demonstrated the support and recognition from various sectors of society for the Agency's important work.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers from Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner and Healthy Start Home Visiting Project, who enthusiastically engaged in daily volunteer services and prepared over a hundred delicious snowflake pastries for all the guests at annual dinner. This heartfelt creation not only added a warm atmosphere to the event but also allowed every attendee to feel the love and care involved. We sincerely appreciate their hard work and dedication, making this occasion truly memorable.

Professor Patrick Cheung, BBS, the Chairperson, Mr James Ng, the Honorary Treasurer, and Dr Maple Lau, the Director, jointly presided over the Annual General Meeting, reviewing the Agency's development, financial status, and service data for the 2024/25. Given the current socio-economic environment and the financial pressures it brings, our Agency will actively seek cost-reduction strategies and explore new opportunities to navigate this challenging period effectively.

During the meeting, we presented the Long Service Awards to honour the dedication and commitment of our staff members — Ms Pearl Lee, Ms Katherine Wan, and Ms Yu Yan Yan.

We sincerely thank all Executive Committee members, professional advisors, sponsoring organisations, partners, compassionate businesses, and volunteers. Your selfless dedication and unwavering support enable our various initiatives and services to thrive. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with all of you in our mission to protect children, spread love to every family in need, and work together to create a brighter future.



Pearl Lee
Senior Administration Manager



Against Child Abuse New Territories Flag Day

Grateful to Have You! Spreading Love to Every Corner of the Street



Donation Online

Did you spot our flag-selling volunteers on the streets during our Flag Day on 3 January?

This year's Flag Day was truly inspiring. We witnessed a lot of parents volunteering alongside their children, adults and children walking hand in hand, demonstrating that philanthropy is the best form of education. Although the event lasted only a morning, the hard work of volunteers, coupled with the community's support, created a tremendous impact.

With your support, the funds we raised will be directly applied to our child protection initiatives and support services for families in need, helping create a safe and loving environment for the next generation. We extend our deepest gratitude to every donor who paused to purchase a flag, and to every volunteer who stood by us until the very end.

Despite these efforts, we have not yet reached our fundraising goal. We are issuing an appeal: If you were unable to meet our volunteers on the street, or if you would like to contribute further, please support us through our online donation platform to bridge this gap.

Summer Lin

Funding and Communications Manager

Good Parents' Networking Project

Sponsored by Fu Tak Iam Foundation Limited

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.

From October to December, we held rich and diverse parent-child activities, which allowed parents and children to spend enjoyable weekends together, increasing interaction between them and promoting family relationships. We organised two parent-child outing activities. We held an Ocean Park Family Day on 11 October. Together with parent volunteers, the total participation exceeded 100 people. Both parents and children fully enjoyed a day filled with joy! Additionally, we thank the Drainage Services Department and GREEN POWER for co-organising "Encounter with Rivers – Yuen Long Bypass Floodway Public Guided Tour", leading our families to participate in the Ecological Conservation Guided Tour on 29 November. Parents and children could gain an in-depth understanding of river ecology and biodiversity in Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, we held X'mas Body Painting and X'mas Family Day respectively on 6 and 13 December at Kwai Chung Centre, allowing families to celebrate Christmas together so as to create warm and wonderful memories.



Regarding parent activities, our program regularly organises wonderful parent activities to strengthen the cohesion of parent volunteers in the community and expand the support network. On 22 October, we held a Trainers' Gathering where parent trainers worked collaboratively to innovate the chocolate mooncake into delicious and delightful mochi balls. Moreover, parent trainers actively served as mentors and assistants, helping to plan and organise various activities. They could learn new skills and have the opportunity to showcase their talents and potential. We extend our gratitude to the funding and support from the Social Welfare Department. Parent trainers organised aromatherapy hands treatments in autumn on 17 and 24 October. Therefore, parents could experience a hand treatment with aromatherapy bath salt, learning how to take care of themselves in their busy lives. Furthermore, we thank all the parent volunteers for their thoughtful arrangements and assistance. We held Making Margaret Cookies and Winter Nail Art Class (Beginner) on 18 and 26 November. We also organised a Winter Aromatherapy Blending Session on 18 December. Through the opportunity for parents to gather, they enjoyed their own exclusive time while sharing parenting insights. In a relaxed atmosphere filled with laughter, they alleviated life's pressures and healed both body and mind.

Bernice Ng
Project Clerk

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- A donation of at least HK\$5,000 from your estate after you pass away (Gift in Will).

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Summer Lin

Funding and Communications Manager

“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, offering a variety of parent-child playgroups, activities and parent talks tailored to children's developmental needs.

From October to December, the project conducted four talks in primary schools and kindergartens, under the theme "Building Harmonious Relationships with Children through Play." Through these talks, parents learned methods and techniques for playing with their children. Participants also had the opportunity to experience different types of games, encouraging them to consider how to adjust game difficulty to align with their children's abilities and needs. Parents expressed that they enjoyed the interactive format of the talk and appreciated the chance to

experience games they had not tried before, which would help them engage in diverse play with their children at home.

The project also hosted a Halloween-themed sensory party. Activities included designing pumpkin paintings, a "Save the Spider" mission, and making magical pumpkin soup. Children found the theme attractive, especially showing great interest in making magical pumpkin soup. This soup used baking soda and citric acid to release carbon dioxide, creating bubbles in the soup, which fascinated the children.

Additionally, the project held a Handmade X Parent-child Yoga workshop, allowing parents and children to spend relaxing time together by creating butter slime photo holders and practicing simple yoga moves. Parents noted that this was their first time collaborating with their children on a craft, and they observed that their children had artistic sensibilities during the process. Parents were also highly engaged in parent-child yoga. Although most of them were trying this activity for the first time, they coordinated well with their children, creating a positive atmosphere that fosters strong parent-child relationships.

Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

From October to December, the project organised a series of family sharing sessions and thoughtfully arranged a variety of parent-child activities, both lively and relaxing. Highlights include the Cultural Trip to Tai O on 4 October and the Floating Vase Family Workshop on 22 November. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Markant Trading Organisation (Far East) Ltd. for sending corporate volunteers to join us and for fully sponsoring all expenses for the Tai O trip. We are also thankful to the Red Cross volunteers and instructors who accompanied us, making the Floating Flower Workshop a serene and enjoyable family experience.

Beyond parent-child activities, we also cared about the health needs of parents and children by inviting a registered Chinese medicine practitioner, Mr Chi Ka Ming, to deliver a talk on how daily diet can improve overall well-being and alleviate insomnia.

In addition, the Project collaborated with Lingnan University to provide a three-month service-learning opportunity for master's students in health and social service fields. Through this program, students not only acquired valuable skills in event planning but also gained practical experience by working directly with participating families.

To further raise public awareness of the Project and promote positive family values, we actively reached out to different communities by organising carnivals and bus tours. On 11 and 25 October, the Daylily Carnival was held at On Ting Estate in Tuen Mun and Tsz Lok Estate in Tsz Wan Shan respectively, attracting over 2,000 participants. Such large-scale events would not have been possible without the strong support of our long-term partners, the Red Cross "Act of Care Project" initiative and volunteers from the Independent Commission Against Corruption. Through these efforts, we hope to reach a wider audience and ensure that more single and young mothers can access the information and support they need.



Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong



Chloe Chan
Social Worker



The project aims to provide 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 their children to grow up in. They learn knowledge and skills in strengthening positive parenting, child safety, information on community resources and ways to enhance the parent-child relationship.

On 4 October, the parent-child activity Families' Mid-Autumn Festival was conducted. The primary objectives of the activity were to enhance parental awareness of the need for quality time for children, as well as to share key principles of effective quality time interactions. A total of seven families participated in the event. The session began with a brief introduction,

encouraging the participants to focus on attention and positive communication during the activity. Collaborative games were selected to encourage parent-child interaction. Following the game session, parents and the children collaboratively engaged in a hands-on activity: the creation of personalised mooncakes. Initially, some parents and children seemed hesitant. However, as the activity progressed, there were increasing instances of eye contact, playful teasing and genuine collaboration efforts between parents and children. Parents also recognised the value of setting aside their daily routines and dedicating focused attention to their children. They understood that even simple activities could foster quality parent-child time.

Yan Yu
Social Worker

Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner



This quarter, the Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner (CYFC) continued to organise a wide range of parent-education and parent-child activities to foster closer family bonds and to let the families we serve feel the warmth and support of the community. Below are highlights of three selected programmes.

On 25 October, CYFC held a Parents' Guide – Elementary Child First Aid Course (CEFA) workshop. The four-hour session was delivered by a certified first-aid instructor from the Hong Kong Red Cross and was specifically tailored for parents and caregivers. Participants gained essential knowledge and practical skills in paediatric first aid, including wound care, management of fractures, home safety practices, and accident prevention, and more. Despite the intensive duration, all 12 attending parents remained highly engaged and attentive throughout. They actively raised everyday concerns, for instance, whether ice should be applied to a child's burn. The instructor explained that the correct method is to rinse the area continuously under running tap water to cool it down. We firmly believe that learning basic first-aid skills is the very first step in a parent's journey to protecting their child. When equipped with this knowledge, parents can significantly reduce the risk and severity of childhood injuries.

With November marking the approach of a brand-new year, CYFC organised the Family DIY Calendar Workshop on 29 November. Guided by a dedicated volunteer, parents and children worked side-by-side to create a unique calendar using collage and crafting techniques. The collaborative hands-on process greatly strengthened communication within families by jointly marking special family dates. Parents and children also added motivational messages and gentle reminders on the calendar pages, using visual cues to boost follow-through and enthusiasm in daily life. We hope these one-of-a-kind handmade calendars will accompany every participating family into a joyful and meaningful new year!

CYFC holds a birthday celebration every quarter for children to make them feel cherished and valued. This quarter's Birthday Party took place on 6 December and welcomed nine children born between October and December. Each child was allowed to invite one guest, bringing the total attendance to 18. The event was generously sponsored and staffed by volunteers from Birthday Happiness Asia. With Christmas just around the corner, volunteers dressed as Santa Claus and two Spider-Man characters were joined, creating delightful surprises for the children. Everyone enjoyed singing birthday songs, making wishes, cutting the cake, taking photos, and playing games. Thanks to the coordination by Birthday Happiness Asia, a charity organisation, More Good, kindly provided delicious and nutritious refreshments for all to share. The atmosphere was lively, festive, and deeply heartwarming. Above all, the thoughtful preparation and enthusiastic involvement of the volunteers allowed every family present to truly feel the care and love flowing from the wider community.

Mandy Ma
Social Worker



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

Sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust



The project aims to provide comprehensive support for pregnant women, infants, and their families. Through regular volunteers' home visitations, we address the anxieties and stresses experienced by families. We offer education on pre- and post-natal general health care and child care, as well as information on available community resources and positive parenting techniques.

Autumn Family Picnic

The programme organised an outdoor Autumn Family Picnic at the scenic and tranquil Inspiration Lake, to promote communication and interaction among family members through a parent-child outing. The event featured a Nature Exploration Game, through which parents and children enhanced their interaction while observing nature, thereby strengthening parent-child relationships and enjoying quality time together. In addition, group games were arranged to foster mutual understanding and communication among families, while the picnic session provided participants with opportunities for informal sharing in a relaxed and warm atmosphere.

The activity attracted 8 families, with a total of 27 participants. The participating families expressed satisfaction with the event and indicated that they would like to join more similar family activities in the future. They appreciated the opportunity to enjoy themselves with their family members and to spend warm, quality time together. Some parents shared that the programme was relaxing and comfortable, allowing them to enjoy a pleasant morning. Overall, the Autumn Family Picnic not only enabled families to relax physically and mentally but also successfully strengthened the emotional bonds and interactions between parents and children.

Essential Class for New Parents

In November, the programme organised two sessions of the Essential Class for New Parents, serving a total of six families who were expecting a newborn baby. Each session was led and demonstrated by postnatal care volunteers, covering topics such as bathing, diaper changing, burping, holding positions and soothing techniques for newborns, so that participants could gain a more comprehensive understanding of key points in daily newborn care.

During the small group practice sessions, each new parent was required to apply the caregiving skills they had just learned, with volunteers providing step-by-step guidance and immediate correction, allowing them to practise and ask questions in a safe and well-supported environment. After the activity, some participants shared that they had initially felt very nervous and uncertain about caring for a newborn, but became more confident after the class and were grateful for the volunteers' dedicated teaching. Through this hands-on practice, it was observed that expectant fathers became more active and engaged in their childcare duties. Overall, the Essential Class for New Parents enhanced participants' caregiving skills and confidence, and helped reduce their anxiety about the newborn care stage.

Lee Sum Yu
Project Social Worker

Child Abuse Treatment Corner

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The project serves families with children aged 0-5 in the Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing districts. To better meet community needs, we launched the Child-centered Play Therapy Service between 2024 and 2026, providing intervention for children in need by trained social workers and volunteer play therapists.

Our play therapy service mainly supports children who experience emotional, behavioral and social difficulties. We especially focus on families facing parenting challenges. Through experiencing a sense of safety and a supportive environment, children can express their inner needs through play and ease their emotions. During parent consultation sessions, social workers work with parents to understand the messages behind their children's behaviors. This helps parents better understand their children's psychological needs, strengthen parenting skills and foster healthier parent-child relationships.

Since launching the service, we have received positive responses from families. Below are two heartwarming stories:

A Mother of Three Begins Her Journey of Change

A mother of three shared that all her children faced different levels of learning difficulties. In the past, parenting stress and limited insights into her children's needs often led to conflicts at home. After learning about the family's situation, the social worker arranged therapy sessions for each child.

Mother's feedback:

"Through play therapy, I understand the reasons behind each child's behavior. This helps me provide more effective and targeted positive parenting that matches their different ages and personalities, and it has truly improved our parent-child relationship."

A Smile Returns to an Anxious Child

A family has a highly sensitive child who struggles with self-expression. For a period of time, the child experienced anxiety and panic before bedtime. The social worker suggested trying play therapy to help the child regulate emotions and relieve stress.

Mother's feedback:

"I am grateful to Ms. Wong for working with my child. After several sessions, he even took the initiative to tell me what he did in the playroom (something very rare for him), which shows how much he enjoyed it. The sleeping quality was improved. After the parent consultation, I felt a huge sense of relief. Hearing from a social worker that my child is more positive than I imagined and that he is trying hard in his own small ways, gave me the confidence to slow down and walk alongside him at his own pace. Thank you again for ACA's timely support!"

Mirance Wong
Project Social Worker

Parent-child Support Line

Sponsored by Fu Tak Iam Foundation Limited

With the support of the Fu Tak Iam Foundation Limited, our Parent-child Support Line serves parents, children, teenagers, professionals, and the general public. The helpline provides a reliable platform for the public to report suspected child abuse and offers assistance to families facing challenges with discipline or seeking parenting information. Our goal is to prevent child abuse, promote child protection, and disseminate messages about positive parenting.

We understand that the mental pressure and difficulties parents face in raising their children are increasing. To ensure parents receive appropriate support, we promote our helpline and parent support services on Facebook and Instagram, aiming to raise public awareness about seeking help and encouraging children and parents in need to reach out. From 16 to 30 November, we utilised electronic posters in public housing estates to promote our services, aiming to inform the public about our helpline while also conveying positive parenting methods beyond corporal punishment. Finally, in December, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) has distributed our Parent-child Support Line leaflet to 50,000 households in Hong Kong. We encourage the public to use effective and positive discipline strategies and invite everyone to visit our website for more parenting information (<https://www.aca.org.hk/en/parentingarticle>).

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
Project Officer



Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner



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The Tuen Mun Family Corner aims to enhance the connections among family members through various parent education activities and parent-child workshops, allowing participants to learn positive discipline knowledge and skills. The volunteers at Family Corner are a dedicated group of parents who, after attending the Good Parent Training Course at the Tuen Mun Centre, continue to support the organization as volunteers. They assist in hosting various activities for other members and promote positive discipline in the community, fostering healthy parent-child and family relationships while advocating for child protection messages.

On 11 October, the Centre held a Child Protection Carnival with funding from the Hong Kong Housing Authority. The carnival featured various performances and game booths to promote the messages of positive parenting and neighbourly support, helping to build a loving and vibrant community. The event successfully attracted over 2,400 attendees.

We extend our gratitude to the children of Guideposts Kindergarten (Tuen Mun Branch), the youth members of the Free Methodist Church Tuen Mun Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre, and the students from Kam Tao Mrs Man Children Martial Art College for their wonderful performances.

Special thanks to the staff of Green@San Hui, teachers from the Guideposts Kindergarten (Tuen Mun Branch), as well as the volunteers from Family Corner and the Healthy Start Project for their dedication. Their support and assistance allowed local families to learn more about child protection and environmental messages through games. Both children and adults enjoyed laughter-filled experiences, strengthening community ties.



Yetta Chan

Service Manager (Tuen Mun Centre)

Joyful Kids Groups – Child Development Group

The Joyful Kids Group consists of a group of children and youth volunteers aged from 7 to 17, who are dedicated to protecting children's rights and responsibilities. We provide training in child development and volunteer work to promote the holistic growth and development of our members and unleash their potential.

In celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival, we had a special community care activity in September. Through making greeting cards and distributing mooncakes, the young volunteers delivered festive blessings and practical support to residents in need within the estate, particularly elderly persons living alone and low-income families.

Participating volunteers shared that they initially felt nervous during the face-to-face visits, worried about being turned away or saying the wrong thing. However, the moment they saw the residents' touched smiles and heard their heartfelt thanks when handing over the mooncakes and cards, all anxiety melted away and was replaced by an overwhelming sense of joy and accomplishment. The young volunteers unanimously agreed that the satisfaction gained far exceeded their expectations and had become a powerful motivation for them to continue serving the community. This experience allowed them to truly understand the profound meaning of "It is more blessed to give than to receive," strengthening their confidence and commitment to future community service.



Deborah Wat
Project Social Worker Assistant

Project Illuminating

Sponsored by Dr Patricia Ip Foundation Fund



Project Illuminating Project aims to care for caregivers' and children's mental health and well-being. To reduce anxiety and stress levels of caregivers through various programmes, such as mental health and well-being promotion workshops, parent-child activities, mental health-related activities for children and adolescents, drama therapy and creative arts therapy, etc. The project provides knowledge and training about mental health, well-being and positive parenting skills, which enhance parent-child relationships and promote public awareness and understanding of mental health and well-being.

Caregivers, particularly parents, often face increased stress when assisting their children with homework, adapting to new environments, and managing related challenges. To support them, our program introduces targeted stress-relief initiatives designed to enable caregivers to decompress effectively. These include Finding Your Own Space through Art Workshop, Storytime Fun Caregiver Drama Therapy Group and Creative Ceramics Workshop. Through artistic creation and dramatic expression in a relaxed and supportive environment, participants are encouraged to explore their emotions and thoughts in meaningful and engaging ways. A participant reflected, "This joyful and alternative approach to relieving stress provides fresh perspectives and is highly

inspiring – I gain valuable insights from every session." These activities facilitate caregivers' exploration of their inner emotions via art and drama, ultimately supporting them in reclaiming and reconstructing their personal space.

Deborah Wat
Project Social Worker Assistant

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Child Protection Institute

Inter-professional Collaboration: The Synergy between Doctors and Social Workers

On 15 December 2025, the Child Protection Institute organised an online workshop titled "Inter-professional Collaboration: Coordination and Dialogue between Doctors and Social Workers in Child Abuse Cases" for a non-profit organisation. We were honoured to have Dr Chan King-ho, an Honorary consultant of the Child Protection Institute, ACA, as our guest speaker. Dr. Chan currently serves as the Coordinator of the MCCA (Medical Coordinator on Child Abuse) for the Kowloon East Cluster and possesses extensive frontline and coordination experience in handling child abuse cases.

The workshop covered several key topics highly relevant to child protection work, including: children's rights, the definition of child abuse, identifying suspected abusive injuries from a clinical perspective, the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance, and the division of labour and collaborative model for doctors and social workers in handling such cases.

In his presentation, Dr Chan started from a clinical and practical standpoint, providing an in-depth explanation of methods for analyzing and assessing different types of injuries. He specifically clarified the injury characteristics, wound patterns, and common signs of abuse in children of different age groups. Through concrete examples and medical explanations, he effectively deepened our colleagues' understanding of "how to identify suspected child abuse situations". This also empowered social workers from non-medical backgrounds, boosting their confidence in making practical judgments and reducing uncertainty in their work.

Furthermore, the talk systematically analysed the roles and key collaboration points for doctors and social workers in child abuse cases, covering procedures such as assessment, referral, hospital admission arrangements, and follow-up. This gave participants a clearer picture of how the inter-professional collaboration model operates in practice. Many colleagues expressed that the content helped them gain a more comprehensive understanding of the medical-social partnership and further strengthened their understanding of each other's professional roles.

Many participants also found case sharing and the explanation of pre- and post-hospital admission protocols to be particularly practical. Especially for colleagues with less experience in this area, the workshop provided clear and concrete practical guidance, which will be directly helpful in their future work of accompanying and supporting children in suspected abuse cases.

Overall, the workshop was clear, practical, and comprehensive. Effectively integrating theory, legislation, and frontline practices. It not only enhanced our colleagues' professional judgment in child abuse cases but also bolstered their confidence in inter-professional collaboration, laying a more solid practical foundation for advancing child protection work.

Cynthia Cheng

Service Manager (Chuk Yuen Centre)



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