



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 came into effect on 20 January 2026.

Riding on this, Against Child Abuse held a Professional Forum on Child Protection titled "A Multi-disciplinary Forum on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse: From Legislation to Practice – Challenges and Responses" on 13 March 2026, attracting around 120 professionals. The event opened with a welcome speech by Professor Patrick Cheung, BBS, ACA Chairperson, followed by two presentations: Dr Maple Lau, ACA Director, on "Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse – Views of Designated Professionals"; Ms Jade Chan, Superintendent of Police (Crime Support Group), and Ms Amy Au Yeung, Senior Social Work Officer (FCPSU Kwun Tong), both on "Implementation of the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse". The forum culminated in a panel discussion on "Sectoral Collaboration in Implementing Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse" featuring representatives from the Hong Kong Police Force, Ms Jade Chan; Social Welfare Department, Ms Amy Au Yeung; health sector, Dr Anna Cheng, United Christian Hospital; education sector, Ms Catherine So, Principal of S.K.H. Yautong Kei Hin Primary School; and social work sector, Ms Cynthia Cheng, ACA Service Manager (Chuk Yuen Centre). Participants gave positive feedback on the practical insights and cross-sector dialogue.

To better understand how different sectors of the community perceive the implementation of the Ordinance – including their views, knowledge, experiences, and recommendations – ACA conducted a survey using an online questionnaire targeting

designated professionals. Between December 2025 and February 2026, 308 responses were collected from education sector (38%), social welfare sector (37%), and healthcare sector (25%).

Survey Findings Analysis

Respondents widely recognised the positive value of the Ordinance: 96.4% believed it improves child protection mechanisms, 93.8% noted it raises awareness, 88.6% agreed it increases detection of child abuse cases, and 86.4% expected it to promote cross-sectoral collaboration, demonstrating strong support from the professional community for this policy direction.

Nearly 80% self-assessed as "understanding" or "fully understanding" the Ordinance, but knowledge tests revealed gaps. For example, the correct rate for "Must child abuse be reported immediately upon discovery?" was only 39% (correct answer: No); for "Does serious harm caused by another child require reporting?" it was 45.1% (correct answer: not within mandatory scope). Additionally, 63.3% found reporting procedures complex, reflecting insufficient frontline understanding of the scope and processes. 78.9% of respondents anticipated increased work

pressure, and 62% worried about legal/professional risks. While mandatory reporting strengthens protection, it also heightens legal responsibilities and judgment pressures for frontline professionals.

Summary and Recommendations

Overall, respondents support the Ordinance's policy goals and expected outcomes in protecting children, but expressed concerns about system operations, frontline stress and impacts on case families. Professionals called for more institutional support and public education, including increased resources, enhanced training (e.g., case simulations, cross-sectoral training), clearer guidelines for cross-sector collaboration, and additional support such as legal consultations, psychological counselling and internal supervision, to alleviate professionals' pressures and risks, ensuring effective implementation of the Ordinance.

Dr Maple Lau
Director



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Good Parents' Networking Project

Sponsored by Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited



The Good Parents' Networking Project is sponsored by the Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited for three years from 2024 to 2026, supporting parents who have children aged 0 to 13 in the Kwai Tsing district. The program aims to strengthen positive discipline skills, enhance parent-child emotional management and problem-solving abilities, and improve parent-child relationships.

This project also trains parents to become leaders and establish a community support network. During the project, we successfully attracted 290 parents to join as members and trained 20 parents to become volunteer leaders. Through positive parenting leadership training courses and trainers' gatherings to train volunteer leaders, we organised a series of parent support activities, parent-child events, and family trips, providing support to parents in the district and alleviating the pressure of disciplining children. This initiative has served over 2,700 participants, using positive discipline as a theoretical framework. Parents learn to discipline their children with a positive mindset, attitude, and approach, and can effectively practice positive discipline in their daily lives, reducing unnecessary parent-child conflicts.

With society's gradual return to normalcy in recent years, children need to readjust to face-to-face classes and social lives, which has increased the pressure on parents in discipline. In response, our volunteer leaders have utilised their strengths to organise various types of parent support activities, such as cooking classes, aromatherapy groups, and crafts, incorporating elements of positive discipline into the events. This aims to enhance participants' knowledge, skills, and confidence in discipline, relieve emotional stress, and strengthen their support networks. Additionally, we have arranged diverse family trips, including a DIY Vase Workshop at an organic farm, an Ecological Conservation Guided Tour, an Ocean Park Family Day, and a Model Bus Art Workshop. These activities aim to provide participants with quality parent-child time, enhance parent-child relationships, and broaden family experiences.

The project has received active and positive feedback from participating families. Parents and volunteer leaders have expressed that they understand the necessity of taking good care of themselves to be a strong support for their children. They have learned about children's developmental needs in positive discipline courses, how to manage emotions, and how to adopt positive methods of disciplining their children. Parent-child activities also promote communication and interaction between parents and their children. This feedback has greatly encouraged the program team.

Thanks to the sponsorship from the Fu Tak lam Foundation Limited, we are able to provide support to families in the district. We are continuously recruiting parents to join the Good Parents' Networking Project and the Trainers' gatherings to become volunteer leaders, working together to build a community support network and raise public awareness about child protection. If you wish to become a parent volunteer or need support in your parenting journey, we welcome you to join the Good Parents' Networking Project!

Arc Wong
Project Social Worker

Summary of Major Activities for January to March 2026

Month	Project/Title	Activity
January	Flag Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for Children • Build a Brighter Future N.T. Region Flag Day on 3 January
	Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hong Kong College of Paediatricians: Child Protection Simulation Training Course on 10 January The Education University of Hong Kong (Department of Early Childhood Education): Professional Sharing for the Certificate Course for Kindergarten Principals – Management and Organisation on 23 January
March	Sharing Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2026 Professional Forum on Child Protection: "A Multi-disciplinary Forum on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse: From Legislation to Practice – Challenges and Responses" on 13 March
	Parent-child Support Line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E-poster Advertising at 20 Public Estates from 1 to 14 March Advertising at Google from 10 to 23 March
January to March	Child Protection Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Women's Foundation: Frontline Professional Training on 7 January Workshop on Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance on 8, 13, 14, 16, 22, 27 January, 3, 7, 9, 13 and 28 February Parent Talk on Raising Good Children without Physical Punishment on 10, 23 January, 2, 5 February and 11 March Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 12, 24 January, 16, 20 and 24 March Parent Talk on Common Child Behavioral Problems and Management Strategies on 28 February Essential Sexuality Education for Children on 2 March Certificate Course in Multi-disciplinary Collaboration: Protecting Children from Abuse on 9 March
	Child Abuse Treatment Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Positive Parenting Training Course (I) – Positive Parenting X Ocean Park Visitation on 16, 17 and 21 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 (I & II) on 20 January and 3 February Parent Stress Management Workshop (XI – XIII) on 30 January, 12 and 20 March Pre-school Experiential Group on 2, 4, 9 and 11 February





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January to March	Play Connect Happy Growth Positive Parenting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's New Year Cultural Day on 10 February • Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (for 20-30 months old toddlers) on 23, 25 February, 2, 4, 9, 11, 16 and 18 March • Parent Positive Parenting Workshop on 16, 17 and 18 March • Parent-child Ocean Park Fun Day on 21 March
	Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Parenting – Say It Better on 13 January • Parents' Tea Gathering on 19 January, 9 February and 30 March • Committee Meeting on 20 January, 10 February and 31 March • Family's Nature Playtime on 24 January • About Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Street Station on 27 January and 7 February • Joyous New Year Family Fun on 31 January • Joyous New Year Family Fun (Ho Yuet Home) on 31 January • Parent-child Face Painting Workshop on 14 March • Birthday Party (January to March) on 21 March • Service Users' Gathering 2025-2026 on 28 March
	Healthy Start Home Visiting Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	Good Parents' Networking Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Parent Training (TWGHs Chow Yin Sum Primary School) on 6 and 13 January • Parents Chill Club <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finger-knit Warm Scarf on 7 and 14 January 2. DIY Twisting Mandarin Workshop on 2 and 9 February 3. Lunar New Year Turnip Cake Making on 11 February 4. Star Flower Art Workshop on 10 and 17 March 5. DIY Fuji Yama Leather Coin Case Workshop on 18 March 6. DIY Aroma Bath Balls Workshop on 31 March • Good Parent Reunion (Phase 3) on 8 January • Good Parent Training (S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School) on 9, 16, 23, 30 January, 27 February, 13, 20 and 27 March • Parent-child Activity <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Happy Animals Cookies Making on 10 January 2. Decoupage Workshop on 31 January 3. Adventure and Sports Yoga Experience Camp on 28 February and 1 March 4. Positive Parenting X Ocean Park on 21 March • Good Parent Training on 15, 22, 29 January, 5, 12 February, 5, 12, 19 and 26 March • Good Parent Training (S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School – Lei Muk Shue) on 16, 23, 30 January, 6 and 13 March • Kids 'n' Community Child Protection Carnival on 7 February • Good Parent Committee Reunion on 26 February • Good Parent Gathering on 26 March

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January to March

Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers

- Spring New Volunteer 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. Festive Beats! Bus Journey for Lunar New Year on 7 February
 4. Adorable Tangyuan Family Workshop on 24 February
 5. Family Orienteering Challenge @ Cheung Chau on 14 March
- Daylily Carnival (II) @ Yan Tin Estate on 24 January
- Volunteer Gatherings
 1. Volunteer Appreciation Day on 8 March
 2. Passion in Action BBQ on 8 March

Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

- Family Sharing Forum
 1. How to Connect With Your Teens? on 26 January
 2. Little Bus Designer on 7 February
 3. Playing Magic Tricks with Family on 14 February
- Orientation for New Volunteers on 6 February
- Volunteer Training – How To Connect With SEN Teens? on 5 March
- Volunteer Gathering on 28 March

Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner

- Daruma Doll Making Workshop on 2 January
- Good Parent Training Course (Session 1 – 4) on 7, 14, 21 and 28 January
- Tips for Emotional Regulation with Snowflake Nougat Making Workshop on 12 January
- Parents Mindfulness Workshop on 13 January
- New Year Hair Cut Workshop on 17 January
- Understanding the ASD with Lunar New Year Candy Box Making Workshop on 20 and 27 January
- Yan Tin Estate Child Protection Carnival on 24 January
- Parents Stretching Workshop on 27 January
- Tips for Foster Parent Characteristic with Handicraft Making Workshop on 3 February
- Good Parent Training Course (Session 5 – 7) on 4, 11 and 25 February
- Lunar New Year Gold Foil Art Workshop on 9 February
- Tips for Structured Teaching on Autism with Turnip Cake Making Workshop on 10 February
- Art Exploration Day (I & II) on 3 and 4 March
- Good Parent Training Course (Session 8) on 4 March
- Understanding Sensory Integration with Decoupage Handbag Making Workshop on 24 March
- Parent-child Day Trip to Ocean Park on 29 March
- Positive Parenting with Cooking Workshop on 31 March



Joyful Kids

- Flag Day and Member Gathering on 3 January
- Warm Visits to Elderly on 31 January and 28 February
- Find Our Own Buddies – Street Station Volunteers Service on 7 February and 7 March
- Cake Baking Workshop on 14 February
- Home Visitation for Elderly in Lunar New Year on 23 February
- Newly Emerged Sports – Round Tennis Experience Day on 21 March

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| January to March | Project Illuminating | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aromatherapy Meridian Cleansing Workshop on 20 January • Sweet Moments Kitchen on 1 February • Child Expressive Arts Group (P1-P6) (Session 1-6) on 5, 12, 26 February, 5, 12 and 19 March • Light and Shadow Pastel Painting – Spiritual Painting Group (Session 1-6) on 5, 12, 26 February, 5, 12 and 19 March • Singing Bowl Workshop for Relieving Stress on 9 February • Speak Like a Child Communication Workshop (Session 1-6) on 10, 24 February, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March |
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Forthcoming Events for April to June 2026



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| April | Carnival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spank Out! Child Protection Carnival on 25 April |
| | Parent-child Support Line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising at Facebook from 1 to 30 April |
| April to June | Child Protection Institute | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Talk on Raising Good Children without Physical Punishment on 18 April and 16 May • Student Talk on Managing Stress and Overcoming Challenges on 20 April • Stress Relief for Parents – Aromatherapy and Relaxation Workshop on 16 May • Workshop on Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases on 20 June |
| | Child Abuse Treatment Corner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (III) on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 April and 7 May • Parent-child Easter Party Day on 12 April • Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (IV) on 14, 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 19, 26 May and 2 June • Stress Management Group for Parents with Depressive Features (V) on 15, 29 April, 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 10 and 17 June • Batterer Intervention Therapeutic Group for Parents (III) on 30 April, 7, 14, 21, 28 May and 4 June • Parent-child Play Workshop – Happy Mother's Day on 2 and 9 May • Children Therapeutic Group (II) on 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3 and 10 June • Parent Talk – Be Authoritative Parents on 12 May • Positive Parenting Training Course (II) – Positive Parenting X Disney Day on 5 and 13 June • Volunteer Training (II) on 12 June • Children Therapeutic Group (III) on 17, 24 and 26 June |

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April to June

Play Connect Happy Growth Positive Parenting Project

- Parent-child Playgroup (for 12-18 months old toddlers) on 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 April, 4 and 6 May
- Parent-child Messy Playgroup (for 18-24 months old toddlers) on 16, 23, 30 April, 7, 14, 21 May, 4 and 11 June
- Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (for 20-30 months old toddlers) (Morning Session) on 11, 13, 18, 20 May, 1, 3, 8 and 10 June
- Pre-school Adaption Playgroup (for 20-30 months old toddlers) (Afternoon Session) on 11, 13, 18, 20 May, 1, 3, 8 and 10 June
- Parent Positive Parenting Workshop (Morning Session) on 8 and 10 June
- Parent Positive Parenting Workshop (Afternoon Session) on 8 and 10 June
- Parent-child Dragon Boat Festival Party on 17 June

Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner

- Family Trip To Ocean Park on 2 April
- Parents' Tea Gathering on 13 April, 18 May and 29 June
- Practical Positive Parenting (Season 1) on 15, 22, 29 April and 6 May
- Committee Meeting on 21 April, 19 May and 30 June
- My Special Time with Mum on 9 May
- My Special Time with Dad on 13 June
- Birthday Party (April to June) on 27 June

Good Parents' Networking Project

- Good Parent Training on 2, 14, 21, 28 April, 5, 12, 26 May, 2, 9, 16 and 30 June
- Good Parent Training (S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School – Lei Muk Shue) on 10, 24, 29 April, 8 and 22 May
- Parents Chill Club – Framing DIY Twisting Flowers Workshop on 16 and 23 April
- Good Parent Training (S.K.H. Chu Oi Primary School) on 17 and 24 April

Daylily Project for Young/Single Mothers

- Summer New Volunteer Training on 2 May
- Family Sharing Forum
 1. Family Easter Movie Fun on 8 April
 2. Parent-child DIY Natural Mosquito Repellent Workshop on 30 May
 3. Help Kids Defeat the Procrastination Monster Parent Seminar on 5 June
 4. Disney Children's Dream Journey on 13 June

Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

- Family Sharing Forum
 1. Family Day in Ocean Park on 2 April
 2. Enjoying Movie with Family on 8 April
 3. Relax after Examination on 27 June
- Volunteer Training on 15 May



Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner

- Self-care with Cooking Joy Workshop on 14, 28 April and 26 May
- Mindfulness and Zentangle Workshop on 12 May
- Parental Reflection and Leather Key Case Making Workshop on 16 June
- Parental Reflection and Wool Felt Handicrafts Workshop on 30 June

Spankout! Child Protection Carnival

Since 2005, Against Child Abuse (ACA) has responded annually to "International Spank Out Day" on 30 April by organising public education activities to raise social awareness regarding child protection. On 25 April (Saturday), the "Spank Out! Child Protection Carnival" was held at Wong Tai Sin Square. This event held profound significance; in addition to echoing the international observance, it aligned with the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance, which officially took effect on 20 January 2026. The carnival aimed to deliver a firm message to the public: corporal punishment is not an effective way to discipline children; instead, love and respect are the cornerstones of a child's healthy growth.

On the eve of the event, Hong Kong was still shrouded in rain. Fortunately, the weather was beautiful on the day of the activity. Under the warm sunshine, the carnival attracted a large number of residents and their children, with the total attendance exceeding 4,600 people, and the atmosphere was exceptionally lively!



The ceremony was officiated by Professor Patrick Cheung, BBS, the Chairperson of our Executive Committee. In his speech, the Chairperson pointed out that "No Spanking" is not just a slogan, but a value and a commitment, reminding the public to replace scolding with understanding and harm with communication. He specifically mentioned that with the new ordinance in effect, while clearer responsibilities and notification mechanisms have been established at the institutional level, prevention is always better than cure. While protecting children, we must also support parents; only by helping families relieve pressure through support services can we reduce the occurrence of harm at its source. ACA was also honored to invite several distinguished guests, including Ms Yew Yat-wa, MH (Member of Wong Tai Sin District Council), Mr Yeung Nok-hin (Member of Wong Tai Sin District Council), Ms Yip Ching-yee (Social Work Officer, Family and Child Protection Services Unit (Wong Tai Sin and Sai Kung), Social Welfare Department), Mr Kwan Chi-hang (Liaison Officer (North), Wong Tai Sin District Office), Dr Lee Sau-ha (Executive Director, Wong Tai Sin District Health Centre), and Mr Wong Miu-sung (Chairman of the Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations of Wong Tai Sin District).

The opening ceremony was designed with ingenuity and deep meaning, drawing inspiration from stakeholders in various sectors – including government departments, social welfare organisations, schools, residents, and parents – who work together to weave a "safety net" for child protection. As the guests tied knots on the rope, it symbolised the entire society weaving and consolidating this "safety net" and committing to collectively safeguarding children's growth.

We express our gratitude to the children from PLK Mrs Chan Nam Chong Memorial Primary School and HAC Chuk Yuen Centre for their moving singing and dancing performances, which injected boundless vitality into the event. Additionally, this year's booth activities involved volunteers from various ACA service projects, and we are especially grateful to four community groups for participating in the promotion: Kid's Dream, PLK Mrs Chan Nam Chong Memorial Primary School, Sik Sik Yuen Ho Yuet House, and Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Wong Tai Sin Kindergarten Cum Day Care Centre. ACA sincerely thanks these groups for their enthusiastic participation, which allowed residents to learn about positive discipline through games. Furthermore, the event featured a "Simple Home-based Physical Exercise" workshop led by a registered physiotherapist from the Wong Tai Sin District Health Centre, as well as interactive parent-child games and educational exhibitions on positive discipline, enabling parents to master positive parenting methods in a joyful environment.

Through this carnival, we hope every parent can find support amidst pressure and accompany their children's growth with love and understanding, making "Safeguarding Growth" a daily practice in the community!

Mandy Ma
Social Worker

Parent-child Support Line

Sponsored by Fu Tak Iam Foundation Limited

The ACA Parent-child Support Line is committed to providing support services to parents, children, adolescents, 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 through different channels, aiming to raise public awareness about seeking help and encouraging children and parents in need to reach out. From 1 to 14 March, we utilised electronic posters in public housing estates promoting our services, to introduce the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance to the public, and to convey positive parenting methods beyond corporal punishment. Moreover, we launched two newly produced animated videos to promote our helpline in March. Parents could learn from the animated videos to use effective methods to accompany their children's growth, and are encouraged to proactively seek professional help and adopt positive parenting skills. The videos are now available on our website, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube channel.

Parent-child Support Line:

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Service:

09:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 21:00 (Monday to Friday)

09:00 - 13:00 (Saturday)



Child Abuse Treatment Corner

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Together in Heart

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 volunteers in the project are multi-talented and actively participate in home visits and various activities. Some volunteers even serve as tutors, providing training in skills related to parent-child board games and teaching magic. Volunteers have shared that this project allows them to accompany families, witness their growth and changes, and share their experiences to help families transition through different parenting stages. Through mutual exchange, everyone works together to achieve the goal of helping others help themselves. Below are the messages of several volunteers.

Message from Volunteer Mrs. Sham:

"As a semi-retired person, upon seeing the volunteer recruitment, I immediately signed up as a home visiting volunteer. I found this activity very meaningful and a great way to utilise my skills.

While visiting a family with a 2-year-old child, Ms Wong and I initially played small games to get closer to him, which helped the parents relax and discuss parenting details. After more than six months, the parents reported that their parent-child interactions had improved, which touched me deeply.

In early February, thanks to Ms Leung's invitation, I shared Advanced Volunteer Training – Parent-child Board Game Interaction Training with the volunteers. It was wonderful to see everyone benefit from the training and enjoy themselves, and they expressed interest in applying these skills to future services. I am truly happy. Participating in volunteering activities has been rewarding, allowing me to experience the joy of mutual support and learning together!"

Message from Volunteer Ellen:

"I have been a home visiting volunteer for over two years, visiting various families and listening to their worries and daily challenges has made me more appreciative and content. I am thankful for the trust placed in me by the social workers and the families I visit, and I will continue to work hard on my volunteering journey."

Message from Volunteer Zero:

"I am very glad to have had the opportunity to volunteer for your organisation for a few years. I started with home visits and gradually moved on to helping with activities, teaching magic, designing interest classes, and finally assisting with planning and setting up booths. I have many happy memories. The process is not easy, but seeing the children's smiles makes it all worthwhile. I hope to continue bringing smiles to every parent and child."

We thank our volunteers for their enthusiasm and commitment, which not only provides support to families but also ensures the smooth running of the activities. Through their service, volunteers grow and spread warmth and hope to every family.

Florence Leung
Project Social Worker

“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, parent workshops, family activities and school talks tailored to children’s developmental needs.

From January to March, the Project celebrated the Lunar New Year with families, helping children understand the cultural significance of the festival by organising the Children’s New Year Cultural Day. The event featured different experiential zones, including a Lunar New Year-themed Messy Play area, a lucky money fishing game, a big cleaning experience, spring couplet creations, and a festive food tasting. At the end of the event, each family received a lucky bag symbolising good fortune. Families enjoyed the event’s atmosphere and appreciated the photo zones for helping them capture memorable moments. Those experiential zones were also aligned with children’s abilities, allowing them to participate enthusiastically, with some even reluctant to leave.

Additionally, from 6 to 8 February, the Project had a promotional booth at the “2026 Baby Show in Spring and Child Growth Education Expo” at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Beyond promoting the project, the aim was to raise awareness of positive parenting, helping the public understand its definition and techniques. The booth featured a voting activity on commonly

used positive parenting techniques to understand the parenting styles of families. In total, 261 people voted, with 167 selecting encouragement and praise as their techniques, while the second most popular choice was leading by example. During the process, some of the parents mentioned that the voting activity prompted them to reflect on their own parenting styles and whether they had utilised positive parenting techniques in the past. Some also noted that they rarely employed positive parenting techniques, which allowed staff to emphasise its importance to the public. This reflects the effectiveness of the booth in promoting positive parenting information.

Michelle Wong
Project Social Worker

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

Sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust



The project aims to provide comprehensive support for pregnant women, newborns, infants, and their families. Through regular volunteers’ home visitations, we help alleviate families’ anxieties and stresses. We provide prenatal and postnatal health care information, children guidance, as well as information on available community resources and positive parenting techniques.

Winter Fun Trip

We held a Winter Fun Trip on 31 January, taking families to Kam Tin Country Club for activities. While enjoying nature, the event encouraged families to spend quality time with their kids. The program included both active and quiet activities: the active part featured a rainbow parachute game, while the quiet part involved craft making. These different activities helped stimulate children’s muscles and

senses. Additionally, many families brought their own food to have a picnic on site, creating a relaxed and warm atmosphere.

The event attracted 19 families with a total of 61 participants. The families were happy with the event arrangements and hoped for more similar family outings in the future, so children could enjoy outdoor activities. Parents commented that the event felt relaxing and comfortable. The country club also had animals to feed, which was a new and exciting experience for the children.

New Year Celebration Party

On 28 February, the Project held a New Year celebration party at a playhouse in Plaza 88, Tsuen Wan, with 81 participants from 27 families. Before reaching the event venue, families were required to complete various parent-child tasks at the nearby shopping centre, Citywalk 2. Each task was related to New Year traditions, allowing kids to soak in the festive spirit.

In the playhouse, families had free time to explore different areas like the sandpit, balloon pool, and trampolines. While the kids were playing, parents could observe how their children interacted with others. Everyone was very happy with the venue setup which was great for stimulating the kids’ sensory development. Families also appreciated the opportunity to connect with each other to build new social networks. Participants truly enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to more similar activities in the future.

Good Parents' Networking Project

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The Good Parents' Networking Project offers parenting education to families in the Tsuen Wan and Kwai Tsing districts. Through positive-discipline courses, parent-child activities and parent workshops, the project equips caregivers with positive discipline techniques, improves parent-child communication, promotes family harmony, and fosters a spirit of mutual support within the community.

From January to March, the project ran a range of indoor and outdoor parent-child activities. At the Kwai Chung Centre, we hosted two parent-child workshops, Happy Animal Cookies Making and Decoupage Workshop, on 10 and 31 January, where participants made tasty cookies and customised one-of-a-kind tote bags. From 28 February to 1 March, we led 16 families to the Jockey Club Beas River Lodge for a Parent-child Adventure Camp, which included a campsite treasure hunt, a barbecue night and parent-child yoga sessions. On 21 March, our Positive Discipline x Ocean Park event created memorable experiences and quality family time for over 120 participants while promoting parent-child relationships and family harmony. Children broadened their horizons, stimulated their curiosity, and gained opportunities to learn and grow.

For parent-focused activities, we have worked to consolidate a core group of parent volunteers in the district. Between January and March, the volunteers organised and participated in activities and workshops on the following dates and themes: 7, 8 and 14 January, 2, 9, 11 and 26 February, 10, 17, 18 and 31 March. Programmes included Finger-knit Warm Scarf; Good Parents Reunion (Phase 3, 2025), DIY Twisting Mandarin Workshop, Lunar New Year Turnip Cake Making, Good Parents Reunion (Committee), Star Flower Art Workshop, DIY Fuji Yama leather Coin Case Workshop, Trainers' Gathering (March), and DIY Aroma Bath Balls Workshop. During these gatherings, parent volunteers planned various parent workshops and parent-child activities, shared their expertise and parenting experiences, and strengthened the core of the mutual-support network. In the Parent Relaxation Series, parent volunteers served as instructors and assistants, leveraging their skills while building close support networks with other local parents and significantly enhancing community cohesion.

In terms of outreach, we organised the Kids 'n' Community – Child Protection Carnival at Kwai Chung Estate on 7 February. The carnival focused on positive discipline and child protection and featured game booths, onstage parent-child interactions, and informational quizzes. We distributed 2,000 child-protection reusable bags and provided leaflets on the Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Ordinance – Parent Information, as well as materials on positive-discipline methods and the effects of corporal punishment on children. The carnival attracted over 2,000 parents, children and estate residents; participants of all ages joined enthusiastically, and the event concluded in a lively and joyful atmosphere. The smooth execution of the carnival was made possible by the support of various organisations, and we would like to thank the Housing Department for sponsoring the event, the management office of Kwai Chung Estate for providing the venue, and Health In Action, Caritas Residents Mutual Help Centre – Kwai Chung, Play Connect Happy Growth Positive Parenting Project, Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project, and Child Abuse Treatment Corner Volunteer Home Visitation Service for providing a variety of game booths, creating unforgettable parent-child moments for all participants.

Arc Wong
Project Social Worker



Daylily Project for Young / Single Mothers

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong

The Daylily Project aims to support young or single mothers in their personal development, emotional needs, childcare skills, and in building a rich social network.

From January to March, the Project rolled out a series of family sharing sessions and parent-child activities, bringing families plenty of rewarding experiences in the New Year. On 13 January, we hosted the Calm Parenting: Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques Parent Talk, helping parents learn how to adjust expectations, manage emotions, and take better care of their mental well-being in order to build a more harmonious family. Just a few days later, on 17 January, families joined the "Sea" & Learn Adventure at Ocean Park, where they explored the wonders of the marine world and enjoyed thrilling rides, creating many wonderful memories together.



February was filled with festive excitement! The highlight was the Festive Beats! Lunar New Year Bus Journey on 7 February. Families visited the KMB depot, gained a close-up look at bus operations and maintenance, and even built bus models with their own hands. Thanks to the volunteers from Friends of KMB, both children and parents were fully engaged and had a great time. On 24 February, the Adorable Tangyuan Family Workshop brought families together to make rice dumplings, celebrating the Lantern Festival in a warm and cheerful atmosphere.

On 14 March, we organised the Family Orienteering Challenge @ Cheung Chau, where Daylily volunteers accompanied families for a full day of exploration and fun challenges. The tasks tested both physical ability and problem-solving skills, while also encouraging positive communication within families. Volunteers and families bonded closely, making the day full of joy and teamwork.

Beyond family activities, the Project also focused on volunteer development and appreciation. Spring volunteer training sessions were held on 9 and 16 January to equip new volunteers with essential skills. On 8 March, we celebrated with both the Daylily Volunteer Appreciation Day and the Passion in Action BBQ, thanking volunteers for their dedication and strengthening connections within the group.

Additionally, on 24 January, the Daylily Carnival (II) was held at Yan Tin Estate, attracting many community members and further promoting positive family values. Through these initiatives, we aim to continue providing diverse support for young and single mothers, while fostering a caring and supportive community.

Chloe Chan
Social Worker

Joyful Kids Group – Child Development Group



The Joyful Kids Group consists of a group of children and youth volunteers aged 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.

Between January and March, the centre collaborated with NGOs to conduct three home-visit outreach activities at On Ting Estate, Yau Oi Estate, and Leung King Estate, serving elderly residents living alone and senior couples. Volunteers first had a community walk, then purchased suitable daily necessities for senior citizens from a supermarket. They subsequently assisted at the centre with meal preparation and delivered meals to the homes. Volunteers also played board games with the seniors, creating a lively atmosphere. All volunteers reported that the activities were meaningful and helped them gain a deeper understanding of the circumstances faced by elderly people living alone.

Yetta Chan
Service Manager (Tuen Mun Centre)

Bless My Home Forever Volunteer Home Visitation Project

Sponsored by the Community Chest of Hong Kong



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 14 February, the parent-child activity Playing Magic Tricks with Family was conducted. The primary objectives of the activity were to introduce parents to effective methods for enhancing their children's self-confidence. Six families participated in the event.

The event began with a magic demonstration, followed by a collaborative learning session for parents and children. Initially, the finger movements left the children a bit fumbled, but the frustration quickly vanished amidst the joy of the challenge. Under the patient

guidance of volunteers and the support of their parents, the children gradually moved from self-doubt to a sense of mastery through repeated practice. During the showcase segment, the children selected the magic tricks they felt most confident in and stepped bravely onstage. They did not just master the magic, but they also learned to use verbal expression and body language to do the performance. The enthusiastic applause from the audience served as an affirmation of their hard work.

From "I can't" to "I did it", every small success helps build the foundation of self-confidence. Sitting nearby, parents witnessed this transformation – despite their initial shyness and nervousness, the children performed publicly and expressed themselves with joy and confidence.

Yan Yu
Social Worker

Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner



On 24 January, our centre received a grant from the Hong Kong Housing Authority to organise the Yan Tin Estate Child Protection Carnival.

We extend our sincere thanks to Yan Tin Estate and neighbouring residents for their enthusiastic participation. The event attracted over 2,400 attendances, bringing the messages of positive parenting and inclusive care into the community through laughter and interaction, and helping to create a more loving and resilient environment for children and families.

Highlights of the day included interactive positive-discipline games and sharing sessions, where parents and children learnt love-centred communication and gained a better understanding of children's needs. Participants also learned about child protection through themed games, community performances, and information stalls. Child-protection information packs were distributed to residents to promote neighbourhood mutual support.

We are grateful to Tuen Mun District Councillor Ms Lai Ka-man, Mr Lam Wing-yu (Property Service Mgr/S (T&Y) 3), and our Director, Dr Maple Lau, for officiating the event and lending their encouragement and support. Special thanks to the performing groups for their excellent performances, including children from Guideposts Kindergarten (Tuen Mun Branch), and the Latin dance class of Jockey Club Tin Shui Wai Integrated Services Centre, as well as the Tuen Mun Centre Family Corner volunteers, whose performances kept the atmosphere lively and the applause continuous. We also thank Yo! Face Painting, Happy Green Family, students from Ho Ngai College (Sponsored by Siksik Yuen), and our programme volunteers for their full support, which enabled families in the district to take home important child-protection messages through play and hands-on experiences.



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Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner

As we enter the first quarter of 2026, Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner (CYFC) continues to prepare a variety of parent-child activities and parent-education programmes for our members. Through joyful shared experiences, we aim to strengthen parent-child interaction and ensure that families feel the warmth and support of the community.

This quarter, CYFC specially designed a prize quiz entitled Positive Parenting: Say It Better. We presented seven common parent-child interaction scenarios in which the parents' responses were inappropriate, including elements such as sarcasm, comparison, or belittlement, which can negatively affect children's emotions and the parent-child relationship. In this activity, we invited parents to treat the task like homework and rewrite those unsuitable responses. We were pleased to receive 49 responses. We appreciate the thoughtful and empathetic replies provided by participants. To consolidate parents' learning, we compiled a set of reference materials after the event to help parents review appropriate responses and important points to note. Through this programme, we hope that parents become more aware of their wording and tone when talking to their children, thereby fostering healthier parent-child relationships.



To welcome the Lunar New Year, CYFC held the Joyous New Year Family Fun on 31 January at the Chuk Yuen Centre, allowing families to share in the season's happiness and blessings. Attendees enjoyed group games and made festive crafts, creating a lively and warm atmosphere for the celebration. The most surprising and memorable part of the event was the delightful performance by three volunteers from the Red Nose Hospital Clown Association. We extend our heartfelt thanks to clowns Kenken, BB and Bobo for bringing abundant laughter and interaction to the participants. With their colourful costumes, radiant smiles, and playful humour, both adults and children were fully engaged, and the venue rang with laughter. We are grateful to have every family and volunteer who took part. May the joy of this New Year celebration continue in your daily lives and be passed on to others as we happily welcome the Year of the Horse.

The Chuk Yuen Centre Family Corner will continue to offer activities suited to different ages and needs to accompany parents and children in their growth. We warmly invite you to join us.

Mandy Ma
Social Worker

Project Illuminating Sponsored by Dr Patricia Ip Foundation Fund

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Project Illuminating is dedicated to supporting the mental health and well-being of caregivers and children. Through a range of programmes – including mental well-being promotion workshops, parent-child activities, mental health initiatives for children and adolescents, drama therapy, and creative arts therapy – the Project provides essential knowledge on mental health and well-being, along with training in positive parenting skills.

This integrated approach aims to reduce caregiver anxiety and stress, strengthen parent-child relationships, and enhance public awareness and understanding of mental health and well-being.

Finding Your Own Space through Art – Caregivers' Workshop

Caregivers often put themselves last while tending to family members, children, and anyone in need. Over time, emotions and stress quietly accumulate, and many do not know whom to turn to or how to begin addressing their needs. This caregivers' workshop, Finding Your Own Space, guided participants to press pause through a variety of art activities, including painting, crafts, and expressive movement. Participants were encouraged not to strive for aesthetic perfection but to turn their attention to the present: What am I feeling right now? What do I need? Colour, line and bodily rhythm serve as channels for emotion, allowing participants to gradually release pressures that are difficult to put into words. During the workshop, we observed participants reengaging with their inner voices through creative practice; loosening physical tension and relieving stress through movement; and, during sharing, expressing the relief of realising "I am not alone". The workshop emphasised tending to oneself before tending to others.



When caregivers give themselves room to breathe, they are better able to continue their caregiving journey.

Deborah Wat
Project Social Worker Assistant

Child Protection Institute



Uniting Our Strength to Safeguard Children

Protecting Children: Not Just a Responsibility, but a Shared Mission

The Child Protection Institute organised a seminar titled "Protecting Children – How to Identify and Handle Suspected Child Abuse Cases" on 24 January at HSKSKH St. Stephen's Church.

Children are the hope of families and the most precious members of our society and church communities. Every child deserves to grow up in an environment that is safe, respected, and filled with love. However, cases of child abuse are often hidden and complex, making them difficult to detect. For this reason, protecting children has never been solely the responsibility of individual professionals; it is a shared mission that the whole community must undertake together.

In recent years, there has been increasing public attention to the Mandatory Reporting Regime, which includes 25 specified categories of professionals who are required by law to report suspected child abuse cases. This system facilitates early identification and timely intervention in high-risk cases, strengthening the protective network around children. Nevertheless, child protection extends far beyond the legal framework. Even those who are not designated as mandatory reporters play an essential role. Anyone who comes into contact with children in different capacities, including clergy, Sunday school teachers, instructors, volunteers, parents, and church members, shares the responsibility for safeguarding children.

In different service and community settings, the focus on child protection may vary. Within the church context, clergy and ministry workers must pay particular attention to appropriate boundaries in adult-child interactions, transparency in program arrangements, and the establishment of clear safeguarding policies and complaint mechanisms. As a community that nurtures spiritual growth and mutual care, the church should be a safe and trusted environment for every child.

Furthermore, protecting children also involves cultivating the right culture and values. We must foster respect for personal boundaries, listen to children's voices, and develop a proper understanding of corporal punishment and emotional harm. Abuse is not limited to visible physical injuries; it also includes emotional neglect, psychological manipulation, and risks arising from the online environment. Therefore, enhancing overall awareness and strengthening risk assessment capacity are key elements of prevention.

Against Child Abuse has long been committed to public education, professional training, and case support services. We recognise that schools, social service agencies, medical institutions, and churches differ in their structures, staffing, and organisational cultures. Therefore, we provide tailor-made scenario discussions and training programs to meet the specific needs of different working environments. These may include roleplays, small-group case analyses, policy review workshops, and risk simulation exercises, helping organisations develop practical and effective safeguarding strategies.

Protecting children cannot be accomplished through a single seminar or a one-time policy revision. It is an ongoing process of learning and practicing. We look forward to collaborating with different sectors to strengthen a culture of safeguarding, so that every adult becomes a protector. When the community is willing to share this responsibility, children can grow up safely and joyfully under the warmth of care — and that is the direction toward which we continue to strive together.



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Child Protection Institute



Certificate Course in CrossSector Collaboration – Protecting Children from Abuse Deepening Legal and Medical Perspectives to Strengthen Frontline Practice

On 9 March, the Child Protection Institute of Against Child Abuse organised a 7-hour Certificate Course titled “CrossSector Collaboration – Protecting Children from Abuse.” We were honoured to invite Prof Cheung Chi Hung, BBS, Chairperson of ACA, and Mr Chong Yiu Kwong, Solicitor, as keynote speakers. Drawing from both medical and legal perspectives, the course equips frontline social workers and service practitioners with comprehensive knowledge and practical skills for handling suspected child abuse cases.

Participant feedback indicated that the training significantly enhanced their understanding of the Mandatory Reporting Regime (MRR), particularly regarding legal responsibilities, professional boundaries, and the concept of a “in good faith”. Through detailed explanations of how courts assess evidence and establish the legal elements of child abuse offences, participants gained clearer insight into potential legal risks in daily practice and how to avoid unintentionally breaching the law. They also developed a stronger understanding of the distinction between general reporting and mandatory reporting, enabling them to better determine when the statutory threshold is met.

The medical component was also highly appreciated. Many participants shared that the course strengthened their ability to differentiate between accidental and nonaccidental injuries, such as assessing bruising patterns, location, and stages of development. They also gained a clearer understanding of clinical considerations in medical assessments and the procedures involved when a suspected child abuse case is referred to the hospital. With a deeper understanding of medical processes, practitioners felt better prepared to observe injury characteristics and behavioural indicators during home visits, school support services, or medical escorts, and to document relevant information accurately.

Cross-sector collaboration was the central focus of the course. Participants explored how social workers could establish effective communication with healthcare professionals, particularly during multidisciplinary case conferences. Discussions emphasized the importance of providing key family background information, risk assessment findings, and followup recommendations to support informed clinical judgment. The training also clarified how medical “clinical judgment” and social work “risk assessment” can align and correspond each other, improving coordination and service effectiveness.

The case discussion sessions were widely appreciated. Through scenario analysis and role discussion, participants were able to translate legal principles and medical knowledge into practical strategies. They reported greater readiness to respond promptly when signs of suspected abuse arise, initiate appropriate procedures, and plan follow-up interventions while addressing both the child’s psychological needs and family dynamics.

Overall, participants described the course as clear, practical, and insightful. In particular, the clarification of legal grey areas and complex practice situations was seen as instrumental in helping organisations establish more consistent, compliant, and accountable child protection procedures. Some participants also suggested incorporating additional case sharing in future sessions to further enrich experiential learning.

Protecting children requires sound professional judgment and strong interdisciplinary collaboration. This course not only strengthened frontline practitioners’ legal and medical knowledge but also enhanced their confidence in cross-sector communication and practical application. Against Child Abuse will continue to promote cross-sector training and policy advocacy, supporting organisations in developing clear guidelines and robust support systems, and working together to build a safer and stronger protective network for every child. If you are interested in our courses, please visit our website <https://www.aca.org.hk/en/cpi> or contact 2351 6060 for more information.

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