

Summary of Major Activities: Oct to Dec 2004

Month	Project/Title	Activity
4 Oct	Press Conference on Internet Safety for Children Survey Findings	This Press Conference reported findings in the Survey "Exploring the Impact of Online Activities on Junior Secondary School Students". It revealed the possible risks in online activities and raised some suggestions for government, policy-makers, teachers, social workers, parents and children.
16 Oct - 13 Nov	Project Teens : Violence Prevention - volunteer training	Four sessions of volunteer training
20 Oct	25th Anniversary Fund Raising Concert	Press Conference at The Metropolis Mall
21 Oct - 4 Nov	Certificate Course on Child Sexual Abuse	3-session training course for professionals on child sexual abuse
21 Oct - 25 Nov	Good Mother Sharing Time	The parent education training program was conducted by the Family Corner Volunteer Group of Tuen Mun Centre. To strengthen mothers in effective parenting and build up the mutual support network.
30 Oct	Children's Council Project	Children's Forum: Have Your Say, Don't Delay! - Pre-forum workshop. The workshop aimed to familiarize the child participants and their mentors with the objectives of the Children's Forum and as a preparation session.
5 Nov - 10 Dec	Good Mother Networking Training Course for PTA members	Parent Education Training Program for PTA members
6 Nov	Stop Family Violence - Give Children Back Their Childhood	Educational Activity in Olympian City 2 at West Kowloon
6 Nov - 4 Dec	Training for Junior Volunteers	This training was for the newly recruited Junior Volunteers to equip them with knowledge, skills and meaning of being a volunteer and promoting child protection concepts. They would also work closely in "ACTION! Child Protection Program" on 30 December 2004.
14 Nov	Talk on "Effective Parenting, Non-punitive approach"	The talk was conducted by Mrs. Norma Leban, a well-known speaker in parent education, emphasized on a non-punitive approach.
19 Nov	25 th Anniversary Press Conference	Press Conference at ACA Chuk Yuen Centre
20 Nov	25 th Anniversary Fund Raising Concert cum Annual General Meeting	Held at the Jockey Club Auditorium, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

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10 - 11 Dec	Workshop on Non-Violent Discipline of Children	One and a half day workshop conducted by an experienced trainer from International Save the Children Alliance for professionals on non-violent child discipline in the family
18 - 19 Dec	Children's Council Project - "Have Your Say, Don't Delay!" Children's Forum	More than 150 local child participants collected views from over 5,000 fellow children to explore the level of child participation in family, school and community/society. Such views and findings were discussed and presented in the 2-day Children's Forum. Child representatives from Cambodia, Fiji, South Korea and China also attended the Forum and shared their experience in promoting children's rights in their respective countries/cities.
19 Dec	Parent-child Christmas Party	The Party enhanced family interaction through games to enjoy the Christmas Holiday
25 Dec	Christmas Party for Junior Volunteers 2004	This was an annual event for the volunteers to meet and share among themselves. New junior volunteers also participated in this program.
30 Dec	ACTION! Child Protection Program	This was a program for the new Junior Volunteers to practise their knowledge and skills in Child Protection and Program Planning. Its target was to serve children aged 6-10 with interesting activities.

Forthcoming Events for January to March 2005

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2 Jan	Project Teens : Violence Prevention	Peer Counseling Orientation Day
14 Jan	Strategic Meeting to End Violence Against Children	This meeting aims to acquire a comprehensive view of the Hong Kong situation in terms of violence against children and also identify an action plan to effectively end violence against children
15 Jan - Feb	Young Explorer in Body Safety and IT Learning	Participants will explore topics of Body Safety, Child Protection and use of software in learning through interactive games and computer software
24 Feb	Chinese New Year Gathering (TM Centre)	Family gathering and sharing
5 March	Project Teens : Violence Prevention	Peer Counseling Sessions
March	Survey Report on "Stop Family Violence - Give Children Back Their Childhood"	Around 2,300 questionnaires were collected from 8 schools in Kowloon West and Wong Tai Sin Districts

Project Teens: Violence Prevention

Sponsored by the American Women's Association of Hong Kong

The increase in domestic violence, child abuse, spouse and elderly battering, as well as bullying in schools aroused great concerns. The society is alarmed that people are using violence to settle their day to day issues. In addition, the period of adolescence's storm and stress, always brings great pressure to parents. Therefore it is important to understand the needs & development of adolescents in order to help parents in coping and reducing stress and tension caused.

This project aimed to promote healthy relationship between parents and adolescent children, as well as adolescents and their peers. Effective and non-violent stress management and conflict resolution methods would be introduced.

This project included three stages : volunteer training, peer counseling orientation day and peer counseling sessions. We had recruited 10 mothers and 10 teens to join as volunteers. They had received five sessions of training on the following topics : understanding of self and importance of effective communication; identify source of stress and its effective management techniques; conflict resolution and adolescent storm and stress, and program plan for open sharing forum. The mother volunteers and the teens volunteers had lots of exchange in the training sessions. Some mothers and teens of the same family amazingly discovered some good points of one another. They had better communication and understanding after the training sessions.

The volunteers were expected to act as resource persons to identify and support other parents in similar situations through the peer counseling orientation day on 2 January 2005 and the peer counseling sessions on 5 March 2005.

Race Wong), Mr Hins Cheung, Mr Pacino Wan and our Child Ambassador Ms Nicola Cheung also attended. They shared their ideas of child protection and appealed for public support for the concert.

Press Conference on 19 November 2004

There was another Press Conference on November 19, 2004, the World Prevention of Child Abuse Day to solicit participation of our community to combat violence and abuse and to urge the community to share collective responsibility ensuring optimal growth and development of our children in a caring, nurturing and non-violent environment.

Our director, Mrs Priscilla Lui and social worker, Ms Kit Wong met with the mass media. Mrs Lui highlighted the child protection, counseling, educational and advocacy roles shouldered by ACA in the past twenty-five years. ACA always believes that child protection is a collective responsibility and has been urging the government to take an active and leading role to involve the entire community. She also explained to the media regarding the multi-level services targeting various stakeholders including children, teenagers, parents and parents-to-be, child minders, childcare workers, teachers, social workers and student trainers of various trades.

Mrs Lui also raised the concern regarding change of funding policy in the community and the budget cut contributing to the stresses and strains of agencies such as ACA with a small staff force and having to handle complex and demanding cases of child abuse and domestic violence in addition to rendering both remedial and preventive services.

Social worker, Ms Kit Wong shared with the media the process and significant role of investigating suspected child abuse cases and the problems encountered. Ms Wong stressed the importance of thorough assessment and engaging clients from the forefront through the intervention process. As an illustration of the service users' needs of services, Ms Wong's presentation was followed by a video sharing of a service user of ACA.

Mrs Lui also presented the trends, characteristics and numbers of hotline, investigation and cases handled in the year under review. She particularly stressed the needs of the service users receiving Social Security and those living in poverty: the new arrivals, the split families, the families in difficult circumstances of psychiatric problems, depression, witnessing violence, suicidal, children unattended at home, and children abused in tutorial centres, etc. She also explained the importance of providing intense services at different levels to enable thorough assessment and humane handling with the involvement of children and parents concerned to prevent tragedies.

Last but not the least, Mrs Lui reminded the importance of having a Child Commission and the Serious and Fatal Cases Review Mechanism to reflect children's needs and ensure a safe and happy childhood. She also reiterated ACA's appeal to the government to adopt a proactive and strategic approach in the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

25th Anniversary Fund Raising Concert cum Annual General Meeting on 20 November 2004

ACA held the above event on 20 November 2004, World Children's Day, at Jockey Club Auditorium, the



Hong Kong Polytechnic University. It was our pleasure to have invited Ms Elsie Leung GMB, JP, Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region as our Honorable Guest. Some celebrities, Mr Hacken Lee, Ms Marsha Yuan, 2R(Ms Rosanne Wong and Ms Race Wong), Mr Hins Cheung and our Child Ambassador Ms Nicola Cheung, the SKH Wei Lun Primary School and the La Salle Secondary School Chinese Orchestra performed at this Fund Raising Concert. We are glad to have support from 4 gold patrons, 13 silver patrons and 17 bronze patrons. Also, 10 corporate sponsorships in cash and in kind were received. Special thanks to our generous donors including legislative councilors, ACA Executive members, general public and corporations such as the Universal Music, She & He Ltd., Fa Tin Textile & Fashion (H.K.) Ltd., Yat Fai Flower Printing Industrial Co. Ltd., Swarovski Hong Kong Ltd., CRABTREE & EVELYN, Plastrons Ltd., Protege Professional Career Solutions, Swire Coca Cola Hong Kong and Career Times Online Ltd for supporting ACA.

Certificate Course on Child Sexual Abuse

We conducted the three-session training course between 21 October and 4 November 2004 to share our experience in handling and preventing child sexual abuse with frontline professionals. There were 70 participants, more than half of them were school social workers or student guidance personnel and school teachers.

Good Mother Sharing Time

In order to provide an opportunity for parents in Tuen Mun to learn effective knowledge and skills, a six-session Good Mother Sharing Time was held from 21st October 2004 to 25th November 2004 in Tuen Mun Centre. The course content included basic knowledge of children developmental needs, how to handle children's misbehavior and emotion, listening skills and importance of child protection. The response to the program was very encouraging. 29 parents participated in the course. They treasured the relationship building in the course through group discussion and sharing. They expressed that their attitude in child management and communication skills had improved. A total of 17 out of 29 participants joined the Family Corner Volunteer Group in ACA Tuen Mun Centre after they completed the course.



25th Anniversary Fund Raising Concert Cum AGM

Sponsored by the Universal Music

The year 2004 was the 25th anniversary of the Against Child Abuse. We are honored to have involved in the important endeavor of child protection in Hong Kong. By organizing the 25th Anniversary Fund Raising Concert cum Annual General Meeting, we aimed at:

- 1) involving celebrities and children themselves for promoting the important messages of child protection to general public on the World Children's Day; and
- 2) generating funds for innovative and proactive program(s) for children and their families.

Press Conference on 20 October 2004

A press conference was held on October 20, 2004 at the Metropolis Mall for announcing the concert. Altogether we had seven guests included Ms Cheng Pui Pui, Ms Marsha Yuan, 2R(Ms Rosanne Wong and Ms



Children's Council Project

Sponsored by Home Affairs Bureau

Since the year 2000, Against Child Abuse, Hong Kong Committee for UNICEF and Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights have joined hands to promote the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and children's rights in Hong Kong by organizing the UNCRC – Child Ambassadors' Scheme and then the Children's Council Project with the support and sponsorship of Home Affairs Bureau. Both projects emphasized children's participation and empowerment.



"Have Your Say, Don't Delay!" Children's Forum

Following by the Pre-forum Workshop held on 30 October 2004, more than 150 local child participants aged between 10 and 18, who came from 33 primary and secondary schools and social service units, attended the 2-day Children's Forum on 18 & 19 December 2004. The Forum aimed to explore the level of Hong Kong children's participation in family, school and community/society as well as the readiness of establishing a permanent Children's Council in Hong Kong. 12 overseas child representatives accompanied by the chaperons from foreign organizations including Child Rights Foundation (Cambodia), Kids Link Fiji (Fiji), Save the Children Korea (South Korea) and Soong Ching Ling Foundation (China) and 5 overseas guests also attended the 2-day Forum. With the full support and assistance of the School of Early Childhood Education, The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd), the Children's Forum was held at the Tai Po Campus of the HKIEd.



The Children's Forum included three main parts: experience exchange, views exchange and cultural exchange.

The Children's Council Working Committee, which is formed by the Child Ambassadors and Child Councilors, and the four overseas teams shared their experience in promoting children's rights in their respective countries/cities in the experience exchange sessions.

Two group discussions were conducted simultaneously in the views exchange sessions. One was between members of the Children's Council Working Committee and the overseas teams on the strategies and challenges in setting up a child-led organization, while the other one was among local child participants where they were divided into three groups to exchange their views on child participation in family, school and community/society according to the materials they had collected and prepared for the Forum. The local child participants had collected views from over 5,000 fellow children through questionnaires, interviews and on the Internet before the Children's Forum.

The flute solo performed by the China team, the folk-dances by the Cambodia and Fiji teams as well as the atonal music played by the South Korea team with kitchen implements brought joy and fun to the participants. The Hong Kong team also took this opportunity to introduce to the overseas participants the main festivals, eating and other cultures of Hong Kong,

We were honored to have Hon Mrs Rita Fan Hsu Lai Tai, President of the Legislative Council and Mr Chris Wardlaw, Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower, to officiate at the Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony of the Children's Forum respectively. More than 300 persons participated in the event.

Good Mother Networking Training Course for PTA member

In order to promote the ACA "Good Mother Networking Training Manual" in the school setting, a six session "Good Mother Networking Training Course for PTA members" was held from 5th November 2004 to 10th December 2004. The course content included understanding children's developmental needs and listening skills, how to implement the parent education course in the school setting. 22 PTA members from 8 schools participated in the course. They appreciated the comprehensive design and content of the "Good Mother Networking Training Manual". They shared that their attitude in child management and parenting skills had improved. In the evaluation, 100% of the participants were satisfied with the course content and design.

"Stop Family Violence - Give Children Back Their Childhood"

Jointly sponsored by the Committee on the Promotion of Civil Education,
Matilda Sedan Chair Race Charities Fund and
the Wong Tai Sin District Board.



In order to raise public awareness of stopping family violence, ACA organized the project in two districts: West Kowloon and Wong Tai Sin.

In July and August 2004, we had recruited and trained 30 youth volunteers to help conduct a survey and two educational activities in these two districts. A total of 2,300 primary school children had participated in the survey. The survey aimed to understand the situation of domestic violence. The data was being analyzed.

Educational activities were conducted at the Olympian City of West Kowloon District on 6 November 2004, and at the Wong Tai Sin Shopping Centre on 19 December 2004.

Dr. Fernando Cheung Chiu Hung, a Legislative Councilor was invited to both educational activities and gave his

message of support on the prevention of family violence. Mr. George Lung Chee Ming, committee member of Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education attended the activity at Olympian City and Mr. Dr. Albert Li Sze Bay, J.P. of Wong Tai Sin District Board Councilor attended the activity at Wong Tai Sin Shopping Centre to support this project.

The volunteers helped to conduct exhibition corner, the educational workshop "the Children's court", painting corner "The family I wish for", the game booths "Fish for the right elements of prevention of domestic violence" and "Throw away violence". About 2,000 children and parents had attended the two educational activities. We hoped that the educational activities could disseminate the message of stop family violence and its impact on children in the community.



Junior Volunteers Group New Member Training

10 newly recruited members eagerly participated in the volunteers training in November and December 2004. Aged from 8 to 12, they actively participated in sharing their views on child protection and news about child abuse. After the training, they planned a service "ACTION! Child Protection Program" as a practicum to promote body safety. In January and February 2005, the members of Junior Volunteers Group will participate in planning and implementing a parent-child program named "Young Explorer in Body Safety and IT Learning".



Talk on "Effective Parenting: Non-punitive Approach"



Anti-corporal punishment is a major concern in ACA's child protection service. Corporal punishment does not only affect child development but also parent-child relationship. A talk on "Effective Parenting: Non-punitive Approach" was organized on 14th November 2004. Professor Norma Leben, a famous parent educator, was invited to conduct the talk. The response was very encouraging. 148 participants including parents, teachers and social workers attended the talk. The presentation of Prof. Norma Leben was very stimulating and lively. The participants thought they were able to obtain more knowledge and skills through the talk. 95% of participants were satisfied with the content.

Workshop on Non-Violent Discipline of Children

Against Child Abuse, Hong Kong Committee on Children's Rights and Save the Children Hong Kong jointly organized the one and a half day Workshop on Non-Violent Discipline of Children on 10 & 11 December 2004. The workshop aimed to facilitate professionals to promote non-violent child discipline in family. The workshop was coordinated by ACA and conducted by Ms Pepa Horno Goicoechea, an experienced trainer of International Save the Children Alliance from Spain. Pepa had conducted trainings on promoting non-violent up-bringing of children in families between November and December 2004 in the Southeast Asia and Pacific Region, including Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Laos and Hong Kong.

ACTION! Child Protection Program

It was run by a group of new members of the Junior Volunteers Group aged between 8-12 years. It aimed to facilitate children aged from 5 to 8 to learn about body safety through games and competitions. It was also a good chance for newly trained volunteers to organize a service with the help of the old members.



Congratulations to Ms Lo Yin Ching, our social worker. She obtained the Master of Social Work degree from the Chinese University and had the honor to meet with the first Chinese astronaut, Mr Yeung Lee Wai in the graduation ceremony.

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