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Brief History

The Child Abuse Prevention (Macau) Association was established in January 2005, by the Child Abuse Prevention Hong Kong Association which was founded in 1979. On 17 April, 2006, the Macao Social Welfare Bureau of MSAR Government handed over the premise at Edificio Imperial Mansion, Taipa to Child Abuse Prevention (Macau) Association – Child Protection Centre for management. This centre has been operated for more than three years. This Centre plays four roles: 1) protection of children; 2) counseling and treatment; 3) the prevention of child abuse; 4) advocacy role.

The main task of the Child Protection Centre is to carry out community-based prevention and education tasks, to promote public knowledge of child protection and conduct follow-up cases and counseling services. Besides the Centre contacts different social organizations such as hospitals, law enforcement agencies, families, community centers and schools to take care of child abuse cases and implement follow-up work. It expects to create a healthy growth environment, keeping children away from harms and promoting healthy growth.

The Child Protection Centre of the Child Abuse Prevention Association is a non-governmental organization in Macao providing child protection services. It dedicates to eliminate child abuse and child care negligence events. It enhances public awareness of problems on child abuse prevention and provides good quality and comprehensive prevention and treatment services for children and families.

Mission

- 1.To advocate a comprehensive policy on children.
- 2.To enhance good quality prevention services through community education and training of professionals.
- 3.To provide professional child protection services for children and families.
- 4.To drive innovative plans for promoting the development of child protection services.

Outlook

It strives to become a major child protection organisation for children's ideal growth and development and expand a full caring environment with no violence.

Target

- 1.Commit to eliminate child abuse and child care negligence events.
- 2.Establish, maintain and support professional services to help children being abused or neglected and parents who have problems in getting along with children.
- 3.Promote public awareness of problems on prevention of child abuse.
- 4.Implement different activities for child protection to achieve the above targets.

Roles and focus

- 1.Assist Macao families to master the knowledge and skills to protect children, to eliminate violence and use caring ways with induction for children growth.
- 2.Play the role of education and training to enhance community awareness of child protection.
- 3.Train community leaders, parents and children as volunteers and ambassadors to protect children.
- 4.Provide comments on setting up systems and codes for managing child abuse cases in Macau.
- 5.Provide comments on child protection strategy which was set up by Macao Government through local research.

Service Scopes

- 1.Family education:To enhance communication skills between parents and children, assisting parents to become concerned and use nonviolent methods to take care and guide their children.
- 2.Group activities:A wide range of group activities, including education, treatment, recreation and mutual supporting network with diversified contents.
- 3.Case counseling:Social workers take appropriate actions through investigation, counseling, home visits and talks with unions to manage each case.
- 4.Community promotion:To enhance public awareness on prevention of child abuse and promote public participation to protect children through community education and innovative plans.
- 5.Specific topic lecture:To strengthen public and professionals' awareness of the right of children and advocate public attention to protect children.
- 6.Volunteer services:To carry out family visits and preventive works for the needs of some children and families.
- 7.Professional training:To play the role of education and training in order to provide high quality, preventive and supportive services for child protection.

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In order to prevent and manage child abuse case effectively, besides that the involved parties need to seek help from professional immediately, public awareness on child abuse needs to be upgraded as well. Basic knowledge and appropriate corresponding action will reduce child abuse case. Seeking help signifies courage and can avoid worsening problems. Being member of the community, please pay attention to your community, take care of people around you and give a hand to those who have needs. Especially when you know that your relatives and neighborhoods are in problem, you should report through telephone and seek help.

“Joy of Birth Scheme” family services

In particular we here introduce the pilot program “Joy of Birth Scheme”. Macao is stepping from a small city into an international city. The pressure of Macao residents’ in daily life comes in tandem with rapid social changes. Macao residents do need a lot of adaptation, especially for women who will soon be mothers. They may feel the anxiety and pressure to a certain extent.

In view of this, from early 2008, the Centre started to promote a pilot program “Joy of Birth Scheme” with family visits. This program is a services concept originating in other countries and has been carried out in Hong Kong for some time. After assessment, this program has some positive effect on the healthy growth of children and is helpful to the early prevention of child abuse before it happens.

“Joy of Birth Scheme” family visits are carried out by trained volunteer women. They

visit families and contact families by phone regularly for a period of one year, providing real support and care to new parents and bringing relaxation to prospective parents’ anxiety and pressure arising from new born children. Its purpose is to allow the prospective parents to master their prenatal and postnatal care and reduce their anxiety and stress and if necessary to obtain immediate assistance. In order to strengthen the awareness of parents’ child care knowledge, the Centre invites medical staff to hold infancy health seminars and family gathering for parents of newborns to reduce the parents’ stress in taking care of babies, and to create healthy and joyful family environment.

Service Hours

Monday to Friday: 09:00 – 13:00, 14:30 – 18:00

Saturday: 09:00 – 13:00

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浅议澳门品德与公民教材的编写

受澳门教青局的委托，人民教育出版社正着手编写给澳门中学生使用的品德与公民教材。下面我结合已有的探索，谈谈我们编写教材的一些初步设想。

以学生为本的核心理念

一切为了学生，为了一切学生的发展，是我们编写品德与公民教材的核心理念。

首先，以学生为“主体”——把学生看作成长着的生命有机体，看成是有个性、有灵性、有活力、有情感、有尊严、有思想、有无限发展前途的活生生的人，他们是教育的主体、教材的主人。学生的道德情感、道德行为、道德境界不可能像制造机器一样地加工出来，而应该是在生命孵化生命、品行影响品行、人格熏陶人格、情感点燃情感、心灵与心灵沟通的过程中逐渐涵养而成的。离开学生这一主体，远离他们的真实境遇、内心感受和体验，再好的道德律令、行为规范也不可能为学生自觉地接受，更不可能化为他们的自觉行动。

其次，关注学生自身的资源，尊重学生的感受、生活体验和道德选择能力，把学生看成是良好品德的共同创造者，而不是被动的接受者；把教材变成学生可以自由地展示自己的智慧和情感，学会自我选择、自我判断、自我提升的平台，力求让学生体

会到自己的生活、经历、体验、感悟就在书本之中。教材中设计的情境、提出的问题、展现的探究过程等，无不与学生的感性生活和切身体验息息相关。教材是学生生活的“再现”、“提升”与“回归”，而不是“高不可攀的道德知识体系”和“高高在上的道德权威”。

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