

Project Title: Living Under The Bright Sky – A Family and Community Networking
Project in Tin Shui Wai

Project No.: 0025 – 12

Organization: The Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council

Grant Approved: HK\$2,260,000

Project Duration: March 15th, 2009 to March 14th, 2012 (3 years)

Service Target: Tin Shui Wai residents

Service Delivery District: Tin Ching Estate, Tin Shui Wai

Project Objectives

By consolidating existing social capital in Tin Shui Wai and external resources, the project provides services which strengthen family bonding, community building and personal life views. With hopes that Tin Ching estate will become a sunny and lively community, the project is aimed at cultivating healthy, sentient personal development amongst residents of Tin Ching Estate, strengthening the community's support networks and promoting positive life values.

Project Strategies

- Emphasizing early intervention and development to ensure that new residents of Tin Ching Estate can have access to suitable assistance.
- Employing the block development strategy and intensive home visits, the project will assist residents in becoming neighbourhood ambassadors serving their neighbours in vicinity with aims of enriching residents' relations and cultivating a mutual support network.
- Developing personal competencies and mutually supportive relations through practical service support services such as children's growth and development program, building women support networks, vocational skills training courses, formation of self-initiated social cooperatives, etc.

Service Features

The project will help to enhance the ability and capacity of our existing volunteer network. Residents being volunteers will assist in the project development and help in the implementation of the services, in order to provide an opportunity for them to acquire a greater sense of self-ownership. Our agency would like to underscore the importance of self-transformation and self-actualization amongst service recipients during the process. We will facilitate service recipients to give back to the society in accordance to their different personal abilities. It also helps to cultivate altruistic attitudes towards society and strengthen their self-confidence.

Expected Outcomes

- Developing and enhancing participants' personal abilities, self-confidence and motivation, as well as, promoting them to become volunteers.
- Establishing residents' mutual support networks in estate buildings; promoting and training residents to become neighbourhood ambassadors, so as to facilitate the development of mutually supportive relations amongst residents of the same building.
- Creating job-opportunities within the community and encouraging self-help service in the community.
- Building up a sense of identification and responsibility towards the Tin Shui Wai community through collaboration with organizations of other sectors in the district. As a result, we can enable future development of services and expansion into broader supportive network with increasing community organizing capacity.