



Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Bill: Update and Implication to Practice

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Organized by the Hong Kong Occupational Therapy Association Ltd

Date: 29 June 2024(Sat)

Time: 09:00 am to 1:30 pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre, HKMA Advanced Management Development Centre,
3/F Tower 2, South Seas Centre, 75 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

Targeted Participants:

Occupational Therapist

Capacities:

70 (first-come-first serve basis, priority to HKOTA members)

Speakers: (Please refer to Appendix I for the details)

- Ms. Ng Wai Wah, Development and Training Manager, Against Child Abuse (ACA)
- Ms. Charmaine Tidmarsh, Occupational Therapist, Director, Clinical and Residential Programs, Mothers' Choice
- Dr. Anna Cheng, Associate Consultant, Department of Child & Adolescent, United Christian Hospital

Course Fee:

HKOTA members	HKD 550
Non-members	HKD 1,100

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Please use the Google form link below for application.

<https://forms.gle/x8TX3QL98TbG6qGi9>

Outline of Workshop: Please refer to Appendix II for the details

Teaching language: Cantonese supplemented with English

Deadline for application: 15/6/2024

Confirmation will be given by 24/6/2024

HKOTA CPD: 3 points

Remarks: e-Certificate of attendance will be issued to participants with full attendance of the training programme.



Appendix I – Brief Introduction of Speakers

Ms. Ng Wai Wah, Development and Training Manager, Against Child Abuse

Ms. NG is a registered social worker with more than 20 years working experience. She has worked as a school social worker, and frontline worker and supervisor of Integrated Community Centre for Mental Wellness. She is now working in Against Child Abuse as the Development and Training Manager. She is experienced in handling suspected child abuse cases. She also provides many trainings to different professionals from education, medical, social welfare and business sectors to promote the child protection work in the community.



Ms. Charmaine Tidmarsh, Director, Occupational Therapist, Clinical and Residential Programs, Mothers' Choice

As the Director of Clinical and Residential Programs at Mother's Choice, Ms. Charmaine Tidmarsh oversees the operations of two residential services for children and young girls: the pregnant girls' home and the child care home. She designs, delivers, and upholds high-quality programs and training curricula to ensure that our care providers, including staff, volunteers, and families, can access crucial training to care for their children and girls safely and lovingly. Her personal mission is to champion the rights of children and girls and enable them to reach their fullest potential, as she believes that every girl deserves a second chance.

Charmaine also serves as the Head of the Early Intervention team, where she prioritizes early screening and therapeutic interventions for all children under Mother's Choice care, aiming to help them reach their optimum potential. With a Master's degree in Infant and Early Childhood Development from the USA, specializing in Mental Health and Developmental Disorders, Charmaine brings extensive knowledge to her role. Furthermore, her registration as an occupational therapist in Hong Kong and the UK enhances her ability to provide comprehensive care and support.

As one of the appointed Child Protection Officers, Charmaine is dedicated to defending vulnerable children. She diligently practices child safety policies, ensuring excellent care and security for all children in her services.



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Dr. Anna Cheng, Associate Consultant, Department of Child & Adolescent, United Christian Hospital

Dr. Anna Cheng Wai Fun is the Associate Consultant of the Department of Paediatrics, United Christian Hospital, Hospital Authority. She is the Paediatrician in charge of Comprehensive Child Development Service (CCDS) in Kowloon East Cluster in Hospital Authority since July 2007, responsible for early identification and collaborating with multidisciplinary professionals to deliver timely and holistic intervention for the at-risk mothers and their children, aiming to improve the physical, developmental and mental outcomes of these vulnerable children using community-based platform. Close collaboration with Hong Kong Lutheran Social Service since 2010 to deliver an integrated program to drug abusing mothers and their children (The physical and developmental outcomes of children whose mothers are substance abusers: Analysis of associated factors and impact of early intervention (2022) published in the *Frontiers in Paediatrics*, DOI 10.3389/fped.2022.1004890). She has involved in different professional organizations and social service:

- Convener of the Medical Group of Child Fatality Review, Social Welfare Department.
- Hospital Authority representative in the Committee on Child Abuse, Social Welfare Department.
- Honorary Advisor of Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) on maternal and child health issues.
- Honorary Consultant and Member of Executive Committee, Against Child Abuse (ACA).
- Honorary Medical Advisor, Member of Executive Committee and Member of Child Safeguarding Academy Advisory Panel, the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children.
- Advisor in advisory board of Amazing Start Project at the Boys' and Girls' Club Association of Hong Kong and Yang Memorial Methodist Social Services.
- Co-author of the chapter "Development of Infant Mental Health in Hong Kong SAR" in WAIMH Handbook of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Springer 2024 edition.



Appendix II Course Description

Objectives:

- To enrich the knowledge and understanding on child abuse in local context
- To enhance the vigilance and competency in handling suspected child abuse
- To equip and practice essential skills in handling suspected child abuse
- To explore role of OT in child abuse and parenting

Course Rundown:

Time	Content	Speaker
0900 – 0945	Understanding Child Abuse: Definition and Current Trend	Ms. Ng Wai Wah Development and Training Manager, Against Child Abuse
0945 – 1045	Identification and Handling of Suspected Child Abuse Cases	
1045 – 1145	Case Study and Role Play Exercises	
1145 - 1200	Q&A with ACA	
1200 – 1230	The Vital Role of Occupational Therapists: Child Protection Focus	Ms. Charmaine Tidmarsh Occupational Therapist, Director, Clinical and Residential Programs, Mothers' Choice
1230 – 1315	The Impacts of Physical Maltreatment on Children	Dr. Anna Cheng Associate Consultant, Department of Child & Adolescent, United Christian Hospital
1315 – 1330	Q&A	



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