

傳媒午宴 2019 - 提倡政府考慮增建小型成人智障家舍

扶康會於 2019 年 1 月 10 日 (星期四) 在本會轄下的社企餐廳「康姨小廚」舉行傳媒午宴。公佈「扶康關愛家庭的社會共融研究」結果，並參考了小型家舍於海外的發展趨勢及相關法例，建議政府應就設立小型智障成人家舍展開研究，考慮在本港增建小型智障成人家舍，以協助智障人士融入社區及提升生活質素。

為了讓孤兒或父母年老而無能力照顧的智障成人享有家庭生活，本會自 1997 年起以自負盈虧方式先後建立了四所「關愛家庭」，包括何文田「邂逅軒」、沙田「和諧軒」(已暫停服務) 及位於觀塘的「婉明軒」和「超瑩軒」。

綜合「扶康關愛家庭的社會共融研究」及外國推行小型家舍的成效，扶康會建議政府著力研究發展小型家舍服務及資助方法，積極考慮在本港增建小型智障成人宿舍。在設立這些宿舍時，應考慮選址、服務對象及營運規模三方面。首先，小型家舍應設於就近市區的位置，這有助智障家庭成員在得到適當的支援下，擁有平等使用社區設施的權利和參與日常活動的機會。這類家舍適宜服務輕度至中度的智障人士，目標是達致外國推行小型家舍的成效—培養他們獨立生活的技能及相互連繫的凝聚力。本會亦建議小型家舍應容納不多於 8 位成員，在不影響服務質素的前提下，以平衡財政的可行性及個別照顧的需要。

午宴吸引了十多間傳媒機構到場採訪，期望透過媒體報導，從而獲得社會人士的關注，及促請政府接納增建小型成人智障家舍的建議。



Media Lunch 2019 - "The Society advocates the Hong Kong Government increases the number of Small Family Care Homes"

Our Media Lunch 2019 was held on 10 January (Thursday) at Madam Hong Restaurant, which is operated by our social enterprise. Representatives of our Society released the findings of "A Study of Volunteers' Social Inclusion in Family Care Homes". This study included overseas trends and relevant law as reference, and suggested the Hong Kong Government to consider developing more Family Care Homes for adults with intellectual disabilities so as to promote social inclusion and enhance their quality of life.

Fu Hong Society firmly believes that persons with intellectual disabilities should enjoy equal opportunity and free choice, just like other members of the community, and in particular the right to enjoy family life. We have gradually launched four self-financing Family Care Homes: Encounter Family (Homantin), Concordia Family (Shatin-currently suspended), Splendor Family and Radiance Family (Kwun Tong) since 1997.

Based on this study and the effectiveness of Family Care Homes in foreign countries, we urge the Hong Kong Government to develop Family Care Homes and provide relevant financial assistance. We also suggest an increase in the number of small dormitories for adults with intellectual disabilities while three aspects, i.e. site selection, the beneficiaries and the operational scale, should be considered when setting up these dormitories. Family Care Homes should be located near urban areas to help the families members to more easily access community facilities and participate in daily activities with appropriate support. Family Care Homes are suitable for persons with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, and the goal is to develop their independent life skills and their mutual cohesion within their family group in the Home. It is also recommended that Family Care Homes accommodate no more than eight persons in order to balance the financial viability and personal care responsibilities of those in the Home without compromising service quality.

Quite a number of media organisations came to our media lunch 2019 and published relevant articles about it. The Society wishes to gain the community's attention on this issue and urge the Hong Kong Government to consider increasing the number of small dormitories for adults with intellectual disabilities.