CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
明德兒童啓育中心

Igniting Learning Journeys
啓育學習旅程

"I was surprised by the significant improvement in my son after just 2-3 music therapy sessions."

"My child had a great experience and was happy interacting with the therapy dog."

We are constantly on the lookout to bring new research-based experiences to every child, allowing them to further explore and unleash their potential. In late 2024, we held music therapy sessions and animal-assisted intervention groups; music therapy sessions are now available in both centres and our partner RISEWISE enables regular visits from dogs at our North Point Centre. Parents have expressed their appreciation for having more opportunities for their children to experience new activities, which they may have found difficult to try in an unfamiliar environment. In addition, we regularly offer extracurricular activities, such as musical workshops (at our centre in Fortress Hill) and yoga classes (at our North Point Centre).

"Your commitment to understanding & responding to his needs how really allowed him to thrive and enjoy his sessions with you. We know that he loves his time at Teddies"

We also know that some children learn very differently, so it is vital to provide differentiated education to help them learn effectively. With the expertise of the interdisciplinary team, we tailor suitable group programmes for children with a spectrum of needs. For example, one of our Early Intervention Groups, Teddy Bears, is designed for children aged 18 months to 3 years. During this critical developmental stage, children learn best in their familiar home environment with knowledgeable guidance from adults. Therefore, we recommend that parents and caregivers accompany the children in class to understand how to communicate effectively with them and what strategies can be employed to support their development at home.

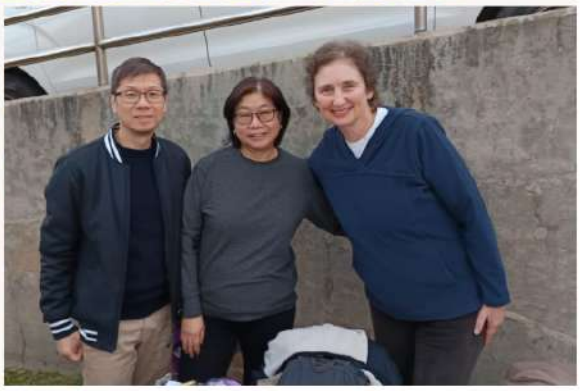
The CDC is committed to fostering a nurturing environment where children can thrive. By offering a variety of programmes, therapy sessions, and extracurricular activities, we support their growth and development, ensuring each child reaches their full potential.

If you're interested in learning more about our programmes and how we can support your child, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at 2849 6138.

Event highlights

Winter Celebration 2024

On 18 December, CDC families enjoyed a fantastic Winter Celebration, making Christmas ornaments and hats, and having fun with balloon twisting, face painting, and a bouncy castle. It was heartwarming to see the joy and laughter throughout the CDC! Thank you to William E. Conner for sponsoring and volunteering at the event, making it truly special.



Matilda International Hospital's Christmas Market

On 6 December, the CDC had a wonderful evening at Matilda International Hospital's Christmas Market. Guests enjoyed games and gifts from various booths, while the atmosphere was filled with joy as we sang Christmas carols together. Thank you to everyone who supported us and made donations.

Upstyle x Real Music Christmas Party

The CDC is proud to be the sole beneficiary of the Christmas Charity Sale again this year. We greatly appreciate Upstyle's generous support, which means so much to us and the children. A big thank you to everyone who made a purchase; together, we raised over HK$300,000. Every purchase helps our children access essential services for their development and learning.

SEN Tips

Effective strategies in promoting language development: Parallel Talk

Parallel talk is a simple yet effective technique to support language development in young children. It helps build vocabulary, encourages communication and enhances listening skills. Did you know how it works? Our speech and language therapist, Natalie, will tell you how. Let's read more!

Read the article: https://www.cdchk.org/en/parent-tips/effective-strategies-promoting-language-development-parallel-talk

Upcoming Activities

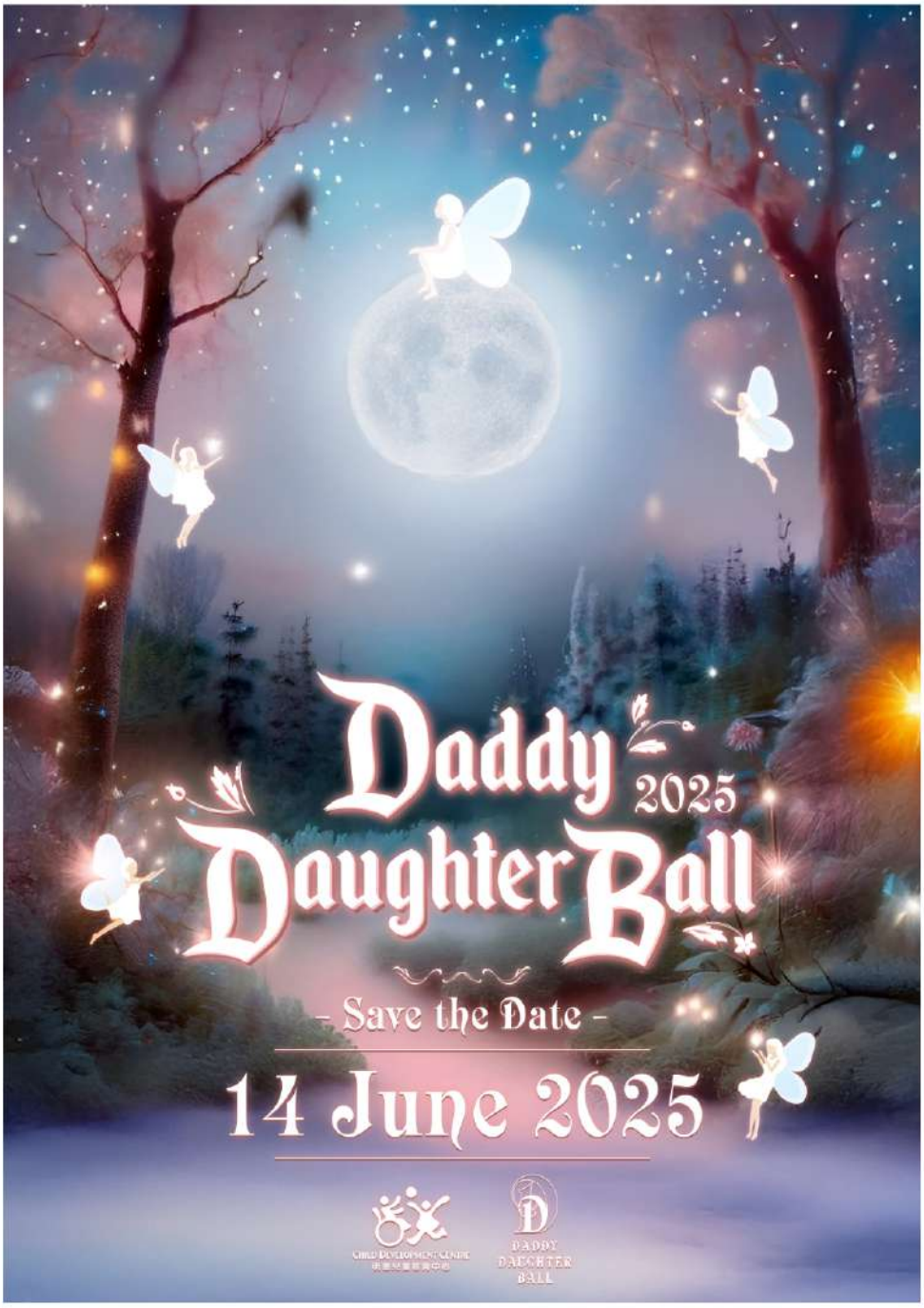
ECE SEN Network: Happy Parent Happy Child

Many parents of children with diverse needs become an advocate, a teacher, and a therapist for their child. They may easily forget to nurture their own emotional needs or to reach out to professionals for expertise or support.

This seminar will address the importance and ways parents may practice self-care and self-compassion as well as how professionals can best support a parent whose child has diverse needs.

Speakers: Ms Pandora Wong Yuen Chi and Dr Evita Kam
Date: 26 March 2025 (Wednesday)
Time: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Venue: Child Development Centre (Unit 407, 4/F Victoria Centre, 15 Watson Road, Fortress Hill)
Language: Cantonese (With simultaneous interpretation in English)
Details and Registration: https://bit.ly/3CUZpfw

A professional talk for preschool teachers/teachers-to-be, fellow ECE practitioners, social workers, therapists and SEN parents.



The Daddy Daughter Ball 2025

Join us for the Daddy Daughter Ball 2025, our annual flagship fundraising event for the Child Development Centre (CDC), happening on Saturday, 14 June, at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong. Are you ready for a night to remember?

This enchanting evening is all about celebrating the special bond between daddies and daughters. Your participation helps fund essential programmes at CDC, providing early interventions for children with additional needs.

Details
Date and Time: 14 June (Saturday) - Early Evening
Venue: The Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, Wan Chai
Theme: Enchanted

Let's support the DDB2025 by sponsoring the event or becoming a table host. For more details, visit: https://forms.gle/igqUQahkebkGqu196

For any enquiries, please send us an email at give@cdchk.org. Please also follow DDB 2025 on Facebook or IG for the latest updates! We look forward to welcoming you and your guests at DDB 2025!

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DaddyDaughterBallHK
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/daddydaughterball/

Check out more SEN-related events, talks and courses around Hong Kong on our SEN Events Calendar on our website. You can submit your own events to connect@cdchk.org.

Community News

Hong Kong Flower Show 2025

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Hong Kong Flower Show 2025 will take place from 14 to 23 March at Victoria Park, Hong Kong. This year's theme flower is Cosmos, with the theme "Ablaze with Glory".

During the event, visitors can enjoy a variety of educational and recreational activities, including music and cultural performances, floral art demonstrations, greening workshops, and fun parent-child games.

Concessions are available for children. For details, please refer to their website.
https://www.hkflowershow.hk/en/hkfs/2025/index.html

Sports Training Programmes for Persons with Disabilities

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is hosting a series of sports training courses specially designed for people with different types of disabilities. There are plenty of activities, including parent-child gymnastics! Check out their schedule and details at https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/dlso/sport_training.html#1

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