



FAMILY
AND
GROUP PRACTICE
RESEARCH CENTRE

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Service Charges

Clinical Service :

Fees will be charged in accordance to
the capacity of therapist as follow.

Director **\$3,000 per session**

Centre's member **\$1,500-\$2,000 per session**

**Clients with financial difficulties may further discuss service fee with therapist.*

Application Procedure

All cases should be referred by social worker or helping professionals by phone. Appropriate therapist will be assigned by our centre to take up the case. Referrer will then fill in the referral form while service charge and video-recording arrangement will be explained to families referred.

About the Centre

Housed in the **Department of Social Work, the Family and Group Practice Research Centre** (the Centre) was inaugurated in 1995. The Centre focuses on the development of clinical social work knowledge and promotion of evidence-based practice research. It works particularly with Chinese populations in different contexts and communities, with an emphasis placed on family health and positive mental health.

The Centre provides a wide range of services to the public and helping professionals. It serves the community by offering psychosocial intervention services and educational and promotional programmes to the general public, running professional training programmes for different helping professionals, and conducting evidence-based practice researches. In recent years, it has established close partnership and extensive networks with frontline practitioners, social service agencies, and community and international research institutes. We believe that by using a multi-disciplinary team work approach, the Centre can facilitate the development of indigenized and contextual social work knowledge and practices in Hong Kong.

Objectives

- To generate and develop indigenized knowledge related to family centered social work practices and group intervention through evidence-based practice research;
- To promote clinical social work, family health and positive mental health in Chinese societies;
- To contribute to the social work field by disseminating new clinical knowledge and practice;
- To help individuals and families in need to resolve their psychosocial problems and family difficulties through cross-disciplinary collaboration and partnership between our Department and other helping organizations in Chinese Societies.

Focused Researches and Services

I. Practice Research Projects

The Centre is committed to developing evidence-based practice research. The different academic specialties of our team members, the clinical practice experience gained through our services, and the effort in the reinforcement of evidence-based researches will hopefully lead us to harvesting of the fruit of research on family health.

At present, the Centre focuses on assessing the effectiveness of family-centered social work practice .

II. Clinical Service

The Centre provides clinical service for people in need by means of individual counseling, family therapy and group therapy. We work with them on their problems like psychological problems, emotional problems, difficulties encountered in the parent-child relationship or the marital relationship. Services are provided only to cases referred by helping professionals. Helping professionals are advised to contact the Centre by telephone first and refer their cases by filling in the referral form.

III. Professional Training

The Centre offers professionals training for different helping professionals including social workers, counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, medical practitioners and teachers, etc. Such training includes talks, seminars, group training sessions and workshops. All of them are aimed at assisting the helping professionals to apply theories into practice.

IV. Projects Supported by Special Funding

To respond to the needs and development of the society, the Centre accepts special funding or sponsorship from individuals or organizations and carries out various family health education projects, usually in cooperation with different professionals. We hope to apply our family health evidence-based research into practice.

