

PICTURES

2026 Summer Block Placement Services for Children and Youth

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Services For Children & Youth in Hong Kong

- **Centre Services** *This summer*
- 139 Integrated Children & Youth Services Centers (ICYSC)
- 22 Children & Youth Centers (CYC)

- **Youth At-risk Services** *This summer*
- 19 district youth outreaching social work teams (YOTs)
- 18 designated ICYSCs are provided with additional manpower and funding to provide Overnight Outreaching Services for Young Night Drifters (YNDs)
- 5 community support service scheme (CSSSs)
- Service for Drug Abusers
- Correctional and offender Services

- **Residential Services**
- Children's Homes (aged 6-21), Boys/Girls Home (aged 7 -21), Hostels (aged14-21), Small group homes/ Hostel (aged 4 to 18)

Integrated Children & Youth Service Centers (ICYSC)

- Report on the Review of Children & Youth Centre Services(1994)
- **C&Y Centre services** + outreaching social work + School Social Work Service
- Target: aged **6-24 children** and youth/ parents (age range: flexible)
- ICYSCs have different operating hours
 - 3 types of sessions:
 - morning session (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
 - afternoon session (2 p.m. to 6 p.m.)
 - evening session (6 p.m. to 10 p.m.).

Services Provided

- Core programs:
 - 1) Guidance and counseling;
 - 2) Supportive services for young people in disadvantaged circumstances;
 - 3) Developmental and socialization programs;
 - 4) Community engagement programs
- Non-core programs (drop-in service, interest groups, overnight camp, summer youth program and/or study/reading room service)

Learning opportunities

- Mainly Group work (such as: volunteer training, social skills training), workshops and mass program (camps and adventured-based activities)
- Working with different colleagues and even outside organization (such as: Schools, IFSCs/ District Council etc.)
- School supportive work e.g. 「小學全方位輔導服務」、「成長的天空」、「共創成長路」、「區本及校本課後支援計劃」
[Early June, school have many post-exam period activities, placement students can participate and recruit clients for their group/programme]

Things to Note

- Casework (chance is very low)
- Irregular working hours (am, pm & evening sessions, occasionally weekend and holidays)
- Drop-in service (it depends on the centers' policies) is not popular, usually provide school support service
- Need to be very proactive to recruit group members
- Not easy to contact adolescents, mainly are children
- High chance working with special groups: SEN children, children & youth of new arrivals & low-income families

Residential Services

- Non-institutional Care

- 1) Ordinary Small Group Home: (4 to 18 years old)

- for those needy families who could not take care of their children temporary, just like a home-like environment for the children until they can return to their families or a long-term alternative living arrangement is achieved

- 2) Integrated Small Group Home

- 7 children with ages of 4 to 18 and 1 mildly mentally handicapped child with ages of 6 to 18

- Institutional Care

- 1) Boys' / girls' homes

- for children or young persons aged 7 and under 21 with behavioral or emotional problems.

- 2) Boys' / girls hostels

- for young persons between 14 and under 21 years of age who are studying or working

Learning Opportunities

- Engagement skills;
- Trust and attachment
- Daily operation in structured setting
- Case, group, programs
- Inter-disciplinary cooperation (such as: nurses, childcare workers, teachers);

Things to Note

- Working hours covers AM, PM and Night shifts, depending on agency's requirement; be prepared to work take up night shifts until 10p.m. to engage clients who return from school or work
- High sensitivity to protect client's privacy
- Clients usually develop strong attachment with student worker, be prepared for good termination
- Get ready to deal with SEN related behavioural problems

Services for Youth-at-risk

- District Youth Outreaching Social Work Service (YOTs)
- Overnight Outreaching Service for Young Night Drifters (YNDs)
- Community Support Service Scheme (CSSSs)
- Service for Drug Abusers
- Correctional and Offender Services (Not for Summer placement!)

Outreaching Services (YOTs)

- Target: 6-24 youth-at-risk
- Reach out to individuals and groups who use to hang around in public premises;
- Spot Works: possible working spots to engage users at football pitches, parks, game centers, fast food shops, street corners, shopping malls... all are unstructured sites.
- Common issues: drug abuse, triad society, truancy, sex-related issues, crime, emotional disturbances, family issues
- Irregular working hours and outdoor work
- Usually between 10a.m. to 10p.m. (No overnight outreaching placement)
- Night shift is common (6p.m. onwards till 10p.m.)
- Casework, groupwork, mass program

Things to Note

- Acceptance and confidence in handling their testing behaviors and misbehaviors;
- Icebreaking & engagement skills are crucial; not afraid of being rejected
- Independent, mature, initiative, creativity, interest in working with these youngsters;
- Understanding natural group and gang dynamics;
- Very challenging and with frequent frustration, especially related with value and ethics

Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS)

- Community Support Service Scheme (CSSS) aims at helping children and youth cautioned under the Police Superintendent's Discretion Scheme (警司警誡令) with a view to re-integrating them into the mainstream education or work force and reducing the likelihood of re-offending.
- Five CSSSs are attached to 5 ICYSCs
- Irregular working hours, sometimes need to accompany clients to Court or Police answering bail

Services Provided

- Casework
 - 1) Guidance and counseling;
 - 2) Supportive services for arrested youth and their families
 - 3) Noted that client can deny service once the Police Discretion is given
- Programmes e.g. Day camp, volunteer services, community education program with HKPF, education talk
- Group is arranged only on need based, e.g. sex offenders group, anger management group

Things to Note

- Primary clients are youngsters under Police Superintendent's Discretion; some clients are consented to receive service right after their arrest (i.e. Arrested Youth) and they can also refer their peers for service
- Clients may also refer “Peers Case”
- The continuity of case intervention is unpredictable
- Sensitive to multi disciplinary co-operation e.g. work culture of HKPF
- Very challenging and with frequent frustration, especially related with value and ethics
- Very ad hoc calls or work on public holiday

Services for Drug Abusers

- Voluntary Residential Treatment and Rehabilitation Services (e.g. Hong Kong Christian Service Jockey Club Lodge of Rising Sun)
- Counselling Centers for Psychotropic Substances Abusers (e.g. TWHGs CROSS Centre, PS33)
- It aims at providing counselling and assistance to habitual/occasional/potential psychotropic substance abusers and to young people at risk with a view to assisting them to abstain from psychotropic substance abuse and develop healthy life style.
- case and group counselling for psychotropic substance abusers;
- counselling for their family members;
- regular preventive education programs/talks for secondary students and the community

Things to Note

- Mainly deal with unmotivated and involuntary clients (CSSSs, drug abusers...)
- Be familiar with the drugs effect and medical model on treatment
- Be initiative, good engagement skills
- Special talents to attract the youths to talk to you

Correctional and Offender Services

- Secondary setting, service provided by Correctional Department, institutes usually located at remote areas.
- Dealing with clients who have committed criminal offences, clients' family support work may not be possible.
- Not open for summer placement

Things to Note

- Pre-placement security vetting will be conducted by CSD which usually take time
- Working hours start from 8am to 5:30pm at restricted working conditions, with rare outside duties. E.g. when working inside the office, all personal mobiles or private computers need to be kept at the visitors' lockers. Internet service is limited within the work setting.
- Need to follow strict security requirement e.g. security check at every main-gate area, no mobile phone or internet services
- Require to be familiar with the rules and regulations of each institute.
- When performing case interviewing or group sessions or projects, additional staff would be placed in the room for security reason.
- Placement supervisor may have limited on-site supervisions to placement students owing to the security reason, therefore, additional supervision meetings need to be arranged at HKU on non-placement days.

How to prepare your
placement?

Read and Research

- <https://placement.socialwork.hku.hk/placement.html>
- Types of placement/Services for Children & Youth (CYS)
- Placement form:
 - A-09 Agency Feedback Form [Expectation of your agency]
 - ⑩ A-10a Assessment of performance [Expectation of your Supervisor]
- ⑩ Increment weather arrangement and Safety measures [For contingency, well prepared for summer outings/ camps or any outdoor activities, agency may have specific guidelines]

AI generated language models

- In order to maintain client' confidential data and in line with the ethical practice of the profession and the requirements of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, 1995, which are reiterated in the social work fieldwork placement handbook (pp.16), it is **prohibited to use the AI generated language models for fieldwork courses.**
- Remark: Use of Grammarly is acceptable for fieldwork courses

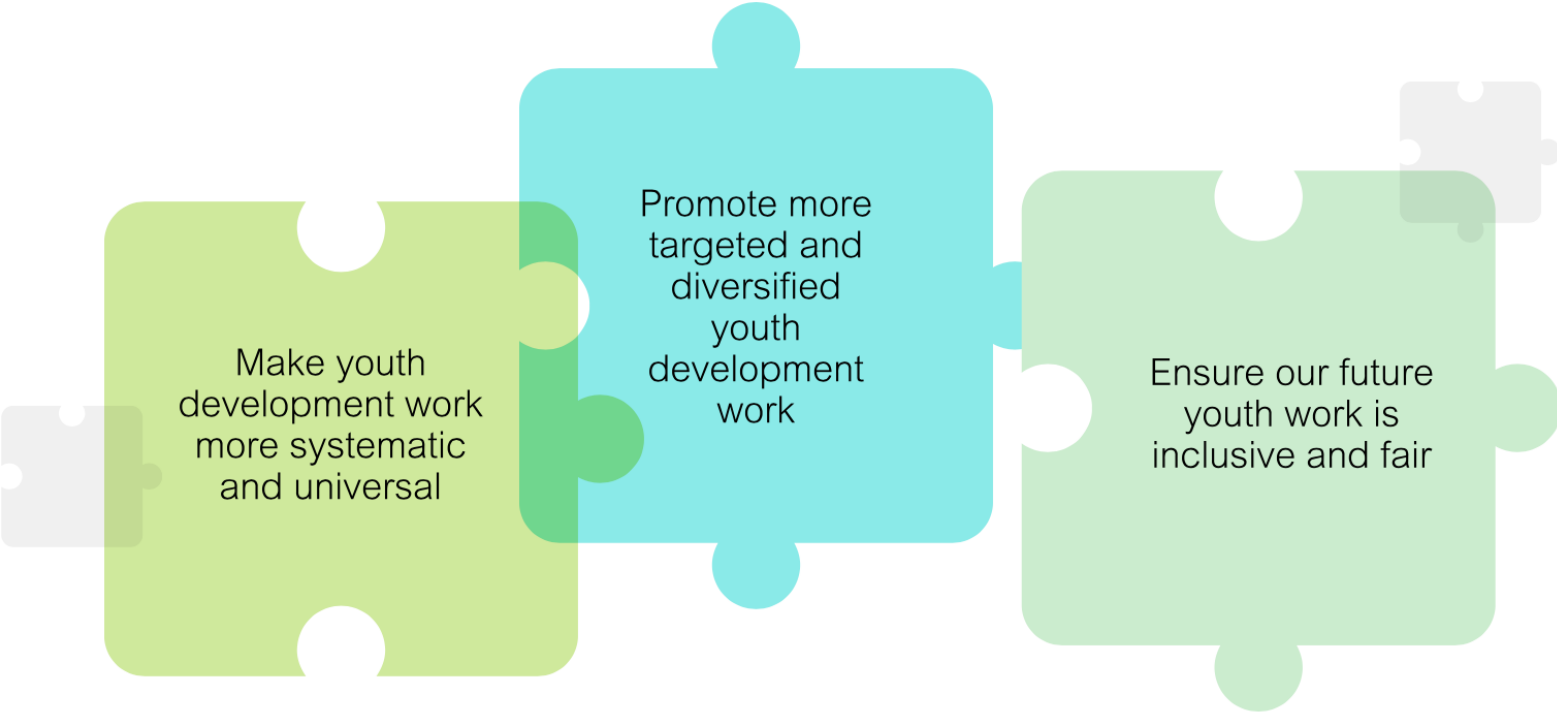
Contemporary approaches to work with young people

- Expressive Art
- Positive Psychology
- Narrative Therapy
- Mindfulness
- Career guidance
- Use of Play
- Newly emerged sports
- Adventure Based Counselling
- Self-understanding tools
- Employment support
- Strength based approach

Youth Development Blueprint

- You may need to check it out before your placement

Overall Strategies



Make youth development work more systematic and universal

Promote more targeted and diversified youth development work

Ensure our future youth work is inclusive and fair

Reminders

Professional boundary

General developmental
needs/ crisis

Systems behind their
challenges and life
choices

Get prepared to re-visit
your own childhood

Be Outgoing, Creative,
Sense of Humor, Easy
going, Good
communication skills
etc.

Safety first

Useful websites

- <http://www.swd.gov.hk>
- <https://www.youthblueprint.gov.hk>
- <http://www.hkfyg.org.hk>
- <http://www.bgca.org.hk>
- <http://hkcs.org/gcb/ps33>
- <https://www.salvationarmy.org.hk/>
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- <https://csss.hkpa.hk>
- <https://www.csd.gov.hk>
- <https://www.chsc.hk>

Important dates!

- **Agency Visit (1) Level Mind & Visit (2) JC 21C**
 - Date : 1st or 2nd week of placement
 - Time : T.B.C.
 - ⑩ Venue: Tin Shui Wan, N.T.
- **Mid placement sharing**
 - Date : 6 July 2026
 - Time : Morning 1030–1230
 - Venue : HKU Campus

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