Singapore Children’s Society

bringing relief and happiness to children in need

Information accurate as of Jun 2023
What do we do?

We protect and nurture children and youth of all races and religions, especially children, youth and families in need.
About Us

Our Mission
To bring relief and happiness to children in need

Our Vision
To be a leading edge organisation in promoting the well-being of the child

Our Core Values
Compassion and Caring, Commitment, Professionalism, Integrity, and Openness to Change
We were established in 1952 by a group of expatriates and concerned citizens to help malnourished, poor, abused and neglected children.

In 1956, we set up a Convalescent Home along Changi beach for sick children to convalesce.
In 2022, we turned 70 years old.

Our Patron-in-Chief is President Halimah Yacob.

Our focus has evolved with changing needs, and we now have a wide range of programmes and services across more than 10 service centres to meet diverse needs.

We are governed by the Board and supported by five Standing Committees.
## Our Board

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

- Children In Care
- Community Engagement and Partnerships
- Information and Corporate Relations
- Research and Advocacy
- Social Work Service

### OTHER COMMITTEES

- Audit and Risk
- Awards
- Crisis Management
- Financial Assistance
- Human Resource and Remuneration
- Investment
- Nomination
- Research
- Technology Advisory
Our Footprint
Total operating expenditure of ~$22 million in 2022*

• Close to 80% of our operating expenditure is manpower related

• We have a staff strength of over 200, of which the majority are social service practitioners (e.g. social workers) who interact directly with children, youth and families (our beneficiaries)

*Please refer to our Annual Report 2022 for more details
Sources of Funding

• We are largely self-funded with the majority of funds coming through donations
  • We conduct fundraising events, campaigns and donation drives
  • We are not funded by Community Chest

• As appointed service providers, some of our services and programmes are funded by the government
Our Accolades

2022
• NUS Department of Social Work Appreciation Award

2019
• 4th ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Leadership Award
• Charity Transparency Award

2016 - 2018
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2014
• President’s Award for Social Impact

2010
• Singapore Quality Class Award
• NCSS Outstanding VWO Award in Innovation (Special Mention)

2009
• Singapore Prestige Brand Award (Special Merit)

2008
• Endorsed by NCSS as a Centre of Specialisation in Youth Drop-in Centres

2004
• Asia Pacific NGO Award (3rd Runner Up)
• NVPC Non-Profit Organisation Award

1986
• Community Excellence Award
Our Contribution

• We provide a wide spectrum of services for children, youth and families

• Our financial independence provides us with flexibility to pilot programmes and services to meet unserved needs

• We conduct research on issues affecting children and youth and advocate for changes to improve their well-being
• Adverse childhood experiences or traumatic experiences are becoming more common in childhood

• Increased stressors on families (e.g. financial difficulties, domestic conflicts) can deprive children of a healthy and safe childhood

• The mental health of children and youth is worsening

• Risks and undesirable content associated with the digital world (e.g. cyberbullying) are on the rise
Our Service Goals

1. Children and youth will thrive and be resilient despite the impact of adverse childhood experiences.

2. Regardless of their background, all children will have equal opportunities to realise their potential.

3. As they move into adulthood, youth will develop positively into responsible and healthy young adults.

4. Children and youth who are in contact with the legal system will be accorded due process; their needs will be met, and their voices heard.

5. Caregivers will be resilient and empowered to manage current and future challenges so that their children and youth are able to grow and develop in positive environments.

6. Children, youth and families’ needs will be addressed by services and programmes that are informed by research.

7. Issues and gaps that are identified from our service delivery and research are advocated for meaningfully.

8. Children and youth are given opportunities to voice their views and contribute to issues concerning their future.
Key Services
In 2022, we reached out to 21,559 children, youth and families in need.
Our Services

Vulnerable Children and Youth

Children and Youth Services

Family Services

Research and Advocacy
Our Services

Vulnerable Children and Youth

Protecting Children and Youth who are Abused and/or Severely Neglected

We provide fundamental care and guidance for abused and severely neglected children and youth, with each child’s best interests at heart, we collaborate with families to promote safe, stable and permanent care.

236 beneficiaries reached
Sunbeam Place @ Children's Society
A residential home and gazetted place of safety for children and youth who need care and protection due to abuse and severe neglect.

Safe and Strong Families - Reunification
An intensive home-based service that aims to increase familial connections and prepare birth families so that their children in foster or residential care can reunify with them in a safe, timely and sustainable manner.
Our Services

Children and Youth Services

16,063 beneficiaries reached

Supporting, Nurturing and Inspiring our Children and Youth

We offer value-adding care, nurture and inspiration to children and youth, to complement what their parents and guardians provide.
Appropriate Adult Scheme for Young Suspects
A scheme that sees trained volunteers or appropriate adults accompanying suspects under the age of 17 years old during police investigations.

Bully-Free Programme
Addresses the issue of school bullying and its impact on those involved.
Children and Youth Drop-in Services
Promotes positive development in children and youth, and reduce and prevent our youth from engaging in risky behaviours

Family Guidance Order
Tiered interventions to support caregivers to better manage challenging behaviours in their children to prevent them from entering or re-entering the Court system

Integrated Service Provider
Differentiated Programmes to curtail offending and prevent reentry to the offending cycle by focusing on early identification and diversion for youth offenders
Tinkle Friend
A national toll-free helpline and online chat manned by trained volunteers and staff members to provide support, advice and information to lonely and distressed children.

Oasis for Minds Services
A programme to develop the knowledge, attitudes and behaviours of children, youth and parents so that they can safeguard their mental health and that of others.
Children and Youth Services
Supporting, Nurturing and Inspiring Our Children and Youth

Storm Riders
An anger management programme to help children aged nine to twelve understand their emotions and respond to anger in a healthy manner

KidzSHinE
A programme to equip children aged nine to twelve with resilience-building skills based on Ginsburg’s 7Cs of Resilience

Vulnerable Witness Support Programme
A service to provide emotional and practical support to vulnerable children and young persons who have to testify in court proceedings.
Family Services

Supporting and Strengthening Our Families in Need

We support and strengthen families in need by working together with them. We empower caregivers to manage challenges to enable their children to grow and develop in a positive home environment.

3,974 beneficiaries reached
Family Services
Supporting and Strengthening Our Families in Need

Compulsory Education Casework
Working with the Ministry of Education, we help children and parents overcome their problems so that children can attend school regularly.

Financial Assistance
We disburse funds to needy students and families who are in financial difficulty.

Pre-school Outreach
Working with the Early Childhood Development Agency, we assist and support children’s enrolment into pre-schools.
Family Services
Supporting and Strengthening Our Families in Need

Project LADDER
A joint project with the Singapore Prison Service allows children whose parents are incarcerated to maintain frequent contact through tele-visits from our premises

Referral, Casework and Counselling
Supports residents who are in crisis or distress through casework and counselling to help them regain stability and independence
A Voice for our Children and their Future

We perform research and advocacy work to protect and promote the well-being of children, youth and their families, as well as to enhance the usefulness of social services to children and youth.
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Talk
A programme that equips teachers with the skills to identify signs and symptoms of abuse and respond appropriately when they suspect abuse.

KidzLive: I Can Protect Myself
A programme that teaches young children body safety skills, to protect themselves against sexual abuse.

ParenTIPS
A parenting series on trends and research concerning children and youth.
Research and Advocacy
A Voice for Our Children and their Future

Research Studies
Conducts empirical studies to better identify and understand issues that affect local children, youth and families

Singapore Children’s Forum
A national platform for children and youth to voice their opinions on issues important to them

Singapore Children’s Society Lecture
Invited expert shares views with policymakers, social service practitioners and members of the public on issues regarding children, youth and families
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