

FATHERHOOD IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY

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The father's role in parenting efficacy for reducing aggressive behavior in children

父親的角色和效能在減低兒童暴力行為的研究

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One of my ministries is the director of the Centre for Fathering, Family Value Foundation of Hong Kong Limited. We aim at empowering the father role, fathering the hearts, and spreading the gospels to the fathers. The families can be completely renewed and prospered because the fathers' hearts were flourished by Jesus's love. I, the Principal Investigator, have an alliance with the Co-Investigators, St. James Settlement, and Centre for Fathering on a four-year research project. The study is to develop an innovative intervention for enhancing parental efficacy to reduce children with reactive and proactive aggression, it is a randomized, blinded, placebo-controlled, and repeated measures design study. The comparison between father-only, mother-only, father-child, and mother-child groups offers a comprehensive view of the different dynamics in parental efficacy and child interaction. A significant finding shows that the father-child group is the most effective in reducing children with reactive and proactive aggression. It scientifically proves that fathering plays the most significant and powerful role in helping child development, especially in preventing aggressive and violent behavior. This research could be a stepping stone to further studies exploring the role of fathers in other aspects of child development and well-being. It also underscores the importance of supporting fathers in their parenting roles and involving them in interventions aimed at improving child outcomes.

Dr. Fung received her Ph.D. in Social Work and Social Administration from the University of Hong Kong. She pioneered a two-factor model in school bullying for developing specific interventions with innovative approaches for children and adolescents with reactive and proactive aggression as well as aggressive and pure victimization. She achieved over US\$ 2.6 million in research grants with the role of Principal Investigator. She has collected the largest datasets in reactive and proactive aggression of school bullying among children and adolescents in the world. She has won 11 international and local awards in impactful research, knowledge transfer, policy changes, and contributions to societies across countries. The most recent award is QS Reimagine Education - Silver Winner in Nurturing Wellbeing and Purpose Award by the University of Pennsylvania, the Wharton School, in 2022.

The father's roles in contemporary society and faith groups: Centre for Fathering's Strategies & Challenges in Collaborating with Christian Pastors in Hong Kong

在現代社會和教會群體中的父親角色：好爸爸中心的協作策略和挑戰

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香港法定侍產假只有五天，或多或少都反映了這個城市理解父職對孩子成長的重要程度仍有待進步。雖然如此，隨著教育水平提升，已經愈來愈多新一代的夫婦家庭，重視爸爸參與孩子生活和成長的角色，信主家庭亦不例外。故此愈來愈多教牧關注，教會應該如何牧養家庭，如何協助弟兄們發揮在孩子信仰和生活層面的父親角色。好爸爸中心自 2017 年成立以來，以研究探討、知識分享、建立網絡的策略，與教會一起去守護家庭價值，支援父親參與，推動夫婦親職協作。在這個主題分享，講員會透過文獻回顧、經驗分享和策略建議，邀請本港基督徒學者，更多參與研究在教會的父職課題，為「父親的心轉向兒女」提供更多指導和實踐方向。

溫先生畢業於香港中文大學，主修心理學及副修工商管理學。其後分別於香港大學及香港理工大學進修社會工作碩士課程及社會服務管理高級文憑課程；另在 2023 年在香港中文大學崇基學院神學院修畢基督教研究文學碩士課程；亦完成基督教教練基礎訓練證書課程。

溫先生在親職及家庭教育有豐富經驗。目前是維護家庭基金總幹事，積極推廣家庭價值，鼓勵社會重視孩子、婚姻和家庭。現職前就任智樂兒童遊樂協會助理總幹事，倡議遊戲對兒童成長重要的工作共 18 年，主講大量家長講座、撰寫報紙及雜誌文章，關注孩子成長的需要、父母角色、以及婚姻的重要。亦參與新城電台節目主持近兩年半，分享家庭價值課題。

溫先生於九十年代初受洗加入基督教宣道會至今，擔任堂會多屆執事，參與堂會轄下社會服務的管理委員會事奉，並在多間基督教事工的管治團隊中參與義務崗位。

Reflection on Fatherhood Experience as a Christian

為人父親的經驗 - 基督徒的反思

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My two daughters and my wife are my best teachers on how to become a father. It is never an easy task to be a father as there are no formal lessons to learn from. My own father's role model as well as my Christian faith help me a lot on how to become a father. In this presentation, I will share a few stories about my interaction with my daughters, illustrating how we experience Jesus' parables of the true vine and how "the Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love (Psalm 103:8)".

Dr. Low was trained in Social Work at HK PolyU, University of Hull, University of Bristol, and CUHK where he completed his PhD in Social Policy. He was Assistant Professor at CityU before joining Caritas Institute of Higher Education. Dr. Low worked for 17 years in HK school social work, hot-line counselling service, children and youth centres. He was also in private practice for 4 years providing parenting programs, leadership training program and preventive programs in primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong. He also offers family therapy, marital counselling and individual counselling in the community.