

Workshop on Unheard Little Voice – Supporting Children to Face the Imminent Death of their Grandparents

Parents love their children. They strive to offer the best care to their offspring as much as they could. To most parents in Hong Kong, owing to their work arrangements, they have to hand their young children to those who they trust most such as the grandparents for care. Consequently, quite a number of children have formed intimate ties with their grandparents since their birth. Once the grandparents suffer from a serious and even life threatening illness, the adults in the family are usually preoccupied with caring the sick and managing the chores. The young kids in the family are usually left unnoticed. Their anxiety and grief arouse from the loss of their beloved one are oversighted. In this workshop, the needs of children in facing the imminent death of their loved one as well as the effective strategies and skills in supporting them in this critical period will be explored and discussed. After the accomplishment of the workshop, the participants will acquire a better understanding, enhanced confidence and handful skills in supporting children to face the imminent death of their grandparents.