

FAMILY PARTNERS PROGRAM

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FPP Update - Fall 2022

We are excited to share this Fall 2022 Family Partners Program Update with you! FPP news, events, child impact stories and an interview with an FPP Social Worker are included within this report.

New Opportunities - Disability Employment and Training

October is a month full of awareness initiatives, and a cause close to our hearts at ICC is disability employment. Our FPP Programs include life skills and vocational training tracks for young people who do not need intensive wrap around services of a Cross Care Team. We are excited to announce a new social enterprise partnership with Bach's Bakery in Changsha. You can read more about this new partnership, and how it is providing training and employment for young adults with disabilities.

<https://chinaconcern.org/special-update-bachs-bakery/>

FPP News - New Location

In July we held a grand opening of the new FPP satellite center in KaifuQu district in Changsha. The reason for this move was to find a space that was more accessible and easy transportation options. This location is near the train station, has more space along with better accessibility including wider hallways with a first floor location. We held our first event on July 13th with an end of year school party. Over 50 people attended, and for many, this was their first time in our new location. They loved the extra space and accessibility. This new location is 11 miles from the Lighthouse.



FPP Mission:



FPP is empowering families
to stay together!

FPP moves 'at-risk' families to
strong, healthy families
who now look to the
future with expectation.

FPP's comprehensive
service model of prevention,
intervention and integration is
bringing hope!



FPP Story of Transformation

Wenxuan

In a small, rural town near Changsha, a 7 year old boy named Wenxuan lives with his parents, grandparents and younger sister. When Wenxuan was diagnosed with Autism, his mother worried about what his future would hold; particularly if he would be able to attend a mainstream school.

When our FPP Aixihui team visited the family in July 2021, Wenxuan's mother welcomed them with open arms. She expressed her sincere gratitude that an organization like FPP existed, as well as sharing her anxieties over what challenges her young son might face. Our Cross Care Team conducted a thorough assessment, setting both therapy and special education goals for Wenxuan.

When their first session began, Wenxuan was easily distracted and found it difficult to follow instructions. With patience and perseverance, our special education teacher was able to put Wenxuan at ease. She taught him catchy, rhyming poems, as well as working on his writing and drawing skills. Our physical therapist engaged him by playing with balls and jumping rope. Wenxuan loves basketball, so by incorporating his passion for the sport into his therapy session, we found a strong connecting point that increased his focus and participation.

We were thrilled to learn that Wenxuan recently passed his entry exam for his local primary school! His family is overjoyed with the result, as is our entire Aixihui team. We will continue to work closely with Wenxuan to ensure he has all the tools he needs to thrive at school.

This young boy and his family have been on an incredible journey - from fear to hope, from uncertainty to triumph. ICC's Family Partners Program has supported them on their journey, bringing encouragement, love, support, and hope!

"Many families we serve feel invisible.

Through our work we communicate that not only do we see them, but they are valued."



Wenxuan with Special Ed Teacher and Therapist

Cross Care Team Interview



Miss Wang
with Su Chen

Aixihui Social Worker - Miss Wang

When did you join FPP?

I joined FPP on August 26, 2022 as a social worker. I wanted to be involved in services that help children with disabilities.

What inspired you about FPP's work?

The Cross Care Team service model cares for the needs of families and children in a way that is all encompassing. It also helps avoid certain deficiencies that can affect the growth of children.

What have you learned since joining FPP?

I enjoy the team aspect of caring for families. Our team supports one another as we support families. We work together to set goals for the child rather than working individually. We each contribute but also work together for a common goal.

What is a "typical work day" like for you?

Each day is different which provides nice variety to our work week. On Monday and Tuesday, we meet children and parents who come to the FPP center for classes. We also use these days to communicate with the parents about how the children have been doing at home over the past week.

I also assist the physical therapist and special education teacher in class, and contact families to schedule home visits with them on Wednesday and Thursday.

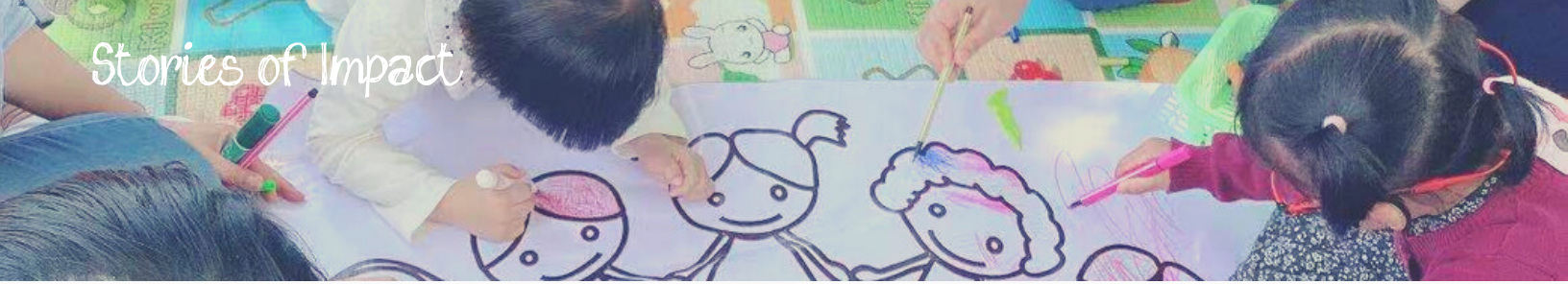
If I have time, I also process documents on the computer. As requested by the government epidemic prevention policy, I help collect health codes and itinerary codes of the children and parents who come to the center.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we conduct home visits. We talk to parents and ask about the child's at-home therapy, schooling and assess what the family's current needs are. I assist the teacher in class and take pictures to document the visit, as well as being responsible for driving the team.

On Friday, I participate in weekly meetings and professional social work study to improve my skills. I use this day to organize documentation from the previous week's work and visits.

What are your hopes and dreams for FPP?

I hope FPP will continue to expand, making services accessible for children with disabilities in more remote areas and for those who have not had access to needed services.



Cross Care Team 4

Thanks to the generous support of donors like you, we were able to expand the transformative work of FPP. In December 2021, our newly formed Cross Care Team #4 began serving families. Two members of this team (therapist and special education teacher) bring a combined 34 years of professional experience to this team! Cross Care Team #4 will work in both urban and rural areas. They hope to increase their rural visits as children with disabilities who live in more remote locations encounter great difficulties in accessing essential rehabilitation services. Two children who have been impacted by CCT #4 are XingXing and Yanzi.

XingXing

Lack of services and mobility support

The team first met XingXing in late 2021, and his grandmother (his primary caregiver) expressed her desire for Xing to have greater mobility. He is a young boy with cerebral palsy and intellectual disabilities, and he had not had any support services since 2016! Therapist Guo immediately sourced a mobility chair for the family which will provide ease of movement. The team continues to visit the family regularly, and they have set goals which include raising his head independently and increasing his vocabulary. Recent visits have found Xing in a lighter, happier mood and improved pronunciation of syllables. Great work XingXing!



CCT #4
Therapist Guo
working with
XingXing

Yanzi

Support and Respite

In April the team met a wonderful young girl named Yanzi which means "Swallow." She has an intellectual disability, and her mother has epilepsy. Yanzi has not had access to support services since 2020, and this has affected her development. CCT #4 has set goals for her and visit weekly. They are working on strengthening and balance along with educational and communication goals.

Recently the team wrapped around the family by accompanying them to the hair salon. They kept Yanzi calm while she had her hair washed and cut, and looked after her so that her mother could also get a hair cut. This small act of kindness showed the family they are not alone and are surrounded by love.





Changsha Ecological Zoo

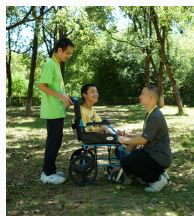
Changsha Ecological Zoo

FPP Kaifu Qu Center organized a visit to the Changsha Ecological Zoo on June 23, 2022. Accompanied by four volunteers from Chow Tai Fook's Love Volunteer Team, several FPP families boarded a bus and traveled to meet the animals. They not only appreciated the chance to spend time in nature, but also time with each other. ICC aims to foster inclusion, and be a community where families have a chance to create memories and make lifelong connections!



Summer Camp

FPP Summer Camp 2022 was held in August. There was plenty of laughter as families gathered to play games and eat delicious food. They particularly enjoyed the water based games to help beat the summer heat! Hengrui had such a wonderful camp experience that he drew a picture depicting his week of favorite memories, and gifted it back to FPP as a heartfelt thank you!



Aquarium Outing



A group of FPP families and staff visited the Aquarium in Sept. It was well attended and great fun for families and FPP staff.



Aquarium highlights included group activities, demonstrations and the ball pit! The ball pit was a special place for connection and play!



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