

A close-up photograph of numerous water droplets of various sizes scattered across a dark, textured surface, possibly wood or metal. The droplets are highly reflective, creating bright highlights and soft shadows. The overall tone is monochromatic, with shades of grey and black.

When Teens Meet Angels

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Being Pregnant?



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What if...she is only 17?



YEDA...

Lost & Exclusion

Family

School

Society

Virginity,
Filial Piety
and Obedience

(Chu-Li Julie and Cheryl Reghr, 2009)



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中五女生廁所誕子 袋出會男友疑焗死

【明報專訊】屯門發生17歲母親袋出中五女生珠胎暗結，昨凌晨於中五女生宿舍焗死，昨凌晨於中五女生宿舍焗死。

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10.3.2009 (=)

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幾乎每天有少女墮胎

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警犬靈鼻一嗅 找到殺嬰少女

男嬰棄垃圾桶 循血漬鎖定目標

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14歲媽媽情緒受

【本報專訊】港版「14歲媽媽」日前把懷孕照片及感受上載於討論區，惹來網友抨擊後，照顧該懷孕少女的組織「母親的抉擇」發言人稱，少女情緒受到困擾及傷害，正由專業社工輔導，幸獲家人支持；至於少女如何處理將誕下的嬰孩，暫仍是言之尚早。

母親的抉擇支援中心主任陳慕貞昨呼籲，青少年在懷孕前應先諮詢專業人士。

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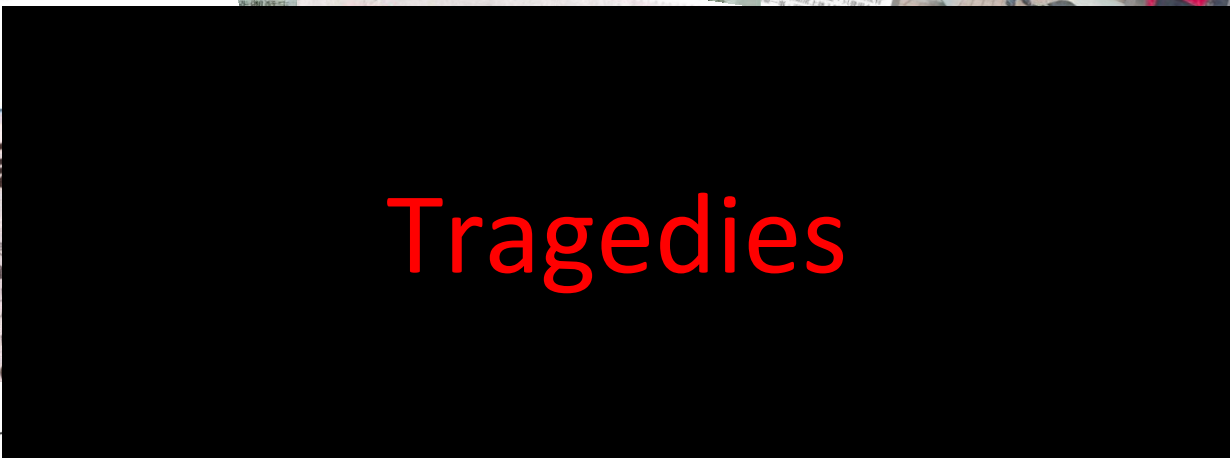
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Risks?



(Department for children, schools and families Publications, 2008;
ELCHK LAEC, 2009)

Health - physical

- Poor diet
- Poor maternal health
- Smoking/ drug taking during pregnancy



Adverse impact both on baby and mother's health

Associate with the child's behavioral problem

(Uljas, Rautava, Helenius, & Sillanpaeae, 1999)

Health-Emotional

- Isolation and Relationship breakdown/ Lack of support/ Discrimination



- Emotional Problem
- Antenatal & Postnatal depression

Child Care

- Lack of psychological preparation
- Lack of child care skills
- Lack of good modeling owing to unsecured attachment in family of origin and the poor relationship with their families.



- Less aware of baby's needs.
- Role Conflict/ No confidence in effective parenting (Birkeland, R, Thompson, J. K. & Phares, 2005.)

Financial

- Unemployed owing to low academic achievement and skills
- Poverty
- Poor housing/ nowhere to live



- Financial burden
- Limited resources, Limited choices

Way Out?



When Teens Meet Angels

- **A two year pioneer project**
- **Funded by Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged**
- **1.4 million Hong Kong dollars, targeting 80 teen mothers or pregnant girls who are under the age of 19**
- **2 Social workers are employed**

Yuen Long District

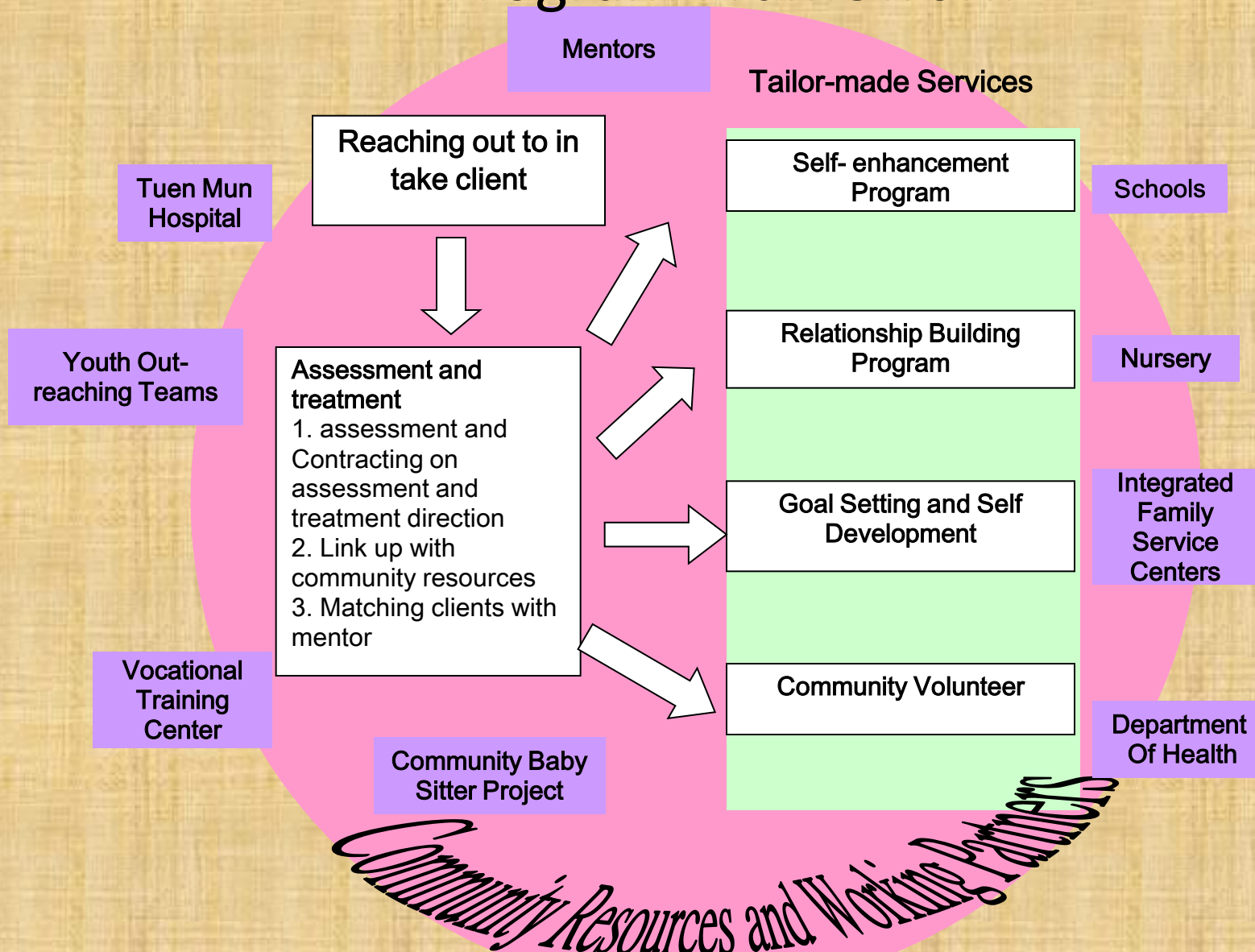
(Social Welfare Department, 2007)

- Youth population
- Child abuse
- Juvenile crime
- Jobless family
- Unemployed population
- Teenage pregnancy

Objectives:

1. To assist clients to positively face their life change and impact brought about by their pregnancy
2. To improve clients' relationship with their family and partners;
3. To enhance their baby-care and life skills;
4. To help them have future planning and development.
5. To enhance the teenage to take more responsive behavior in relating with different sex.
6. To promote public awareness and supportive attitude towards teenage pregnancy

Multi-professional Collaboration and Tailor-made Program Framework

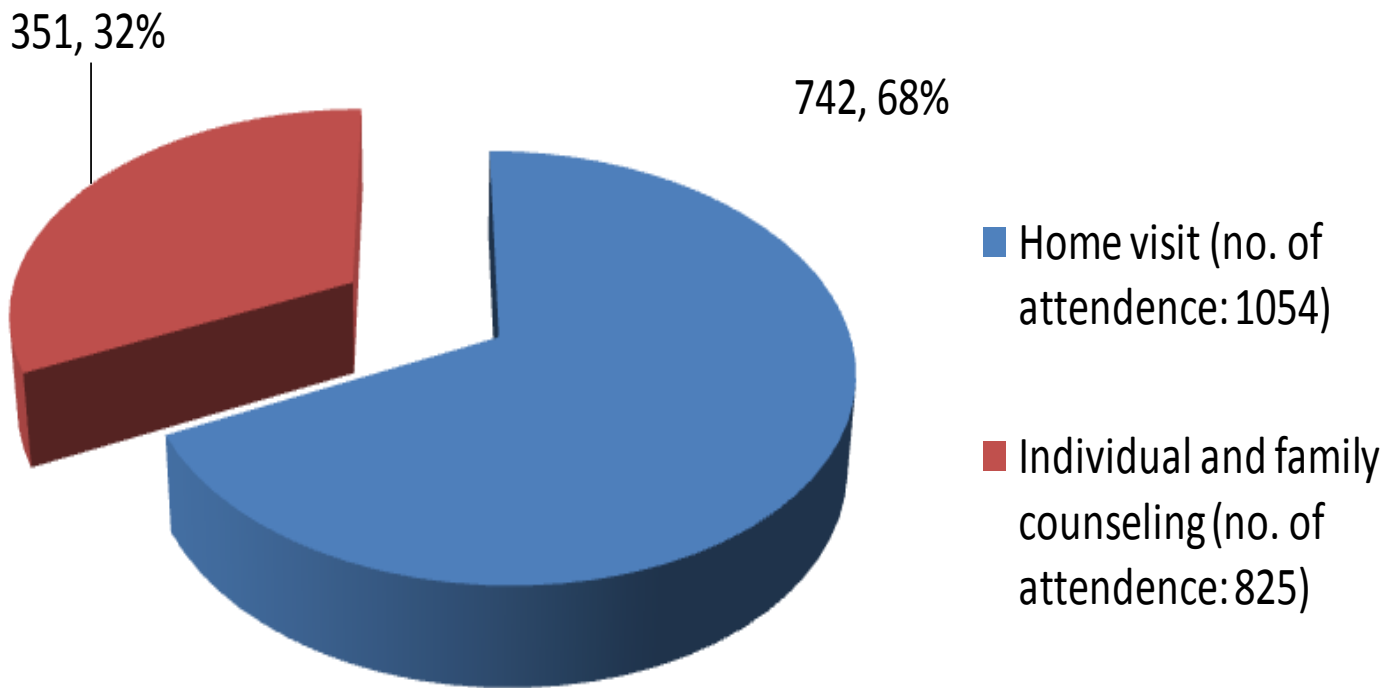




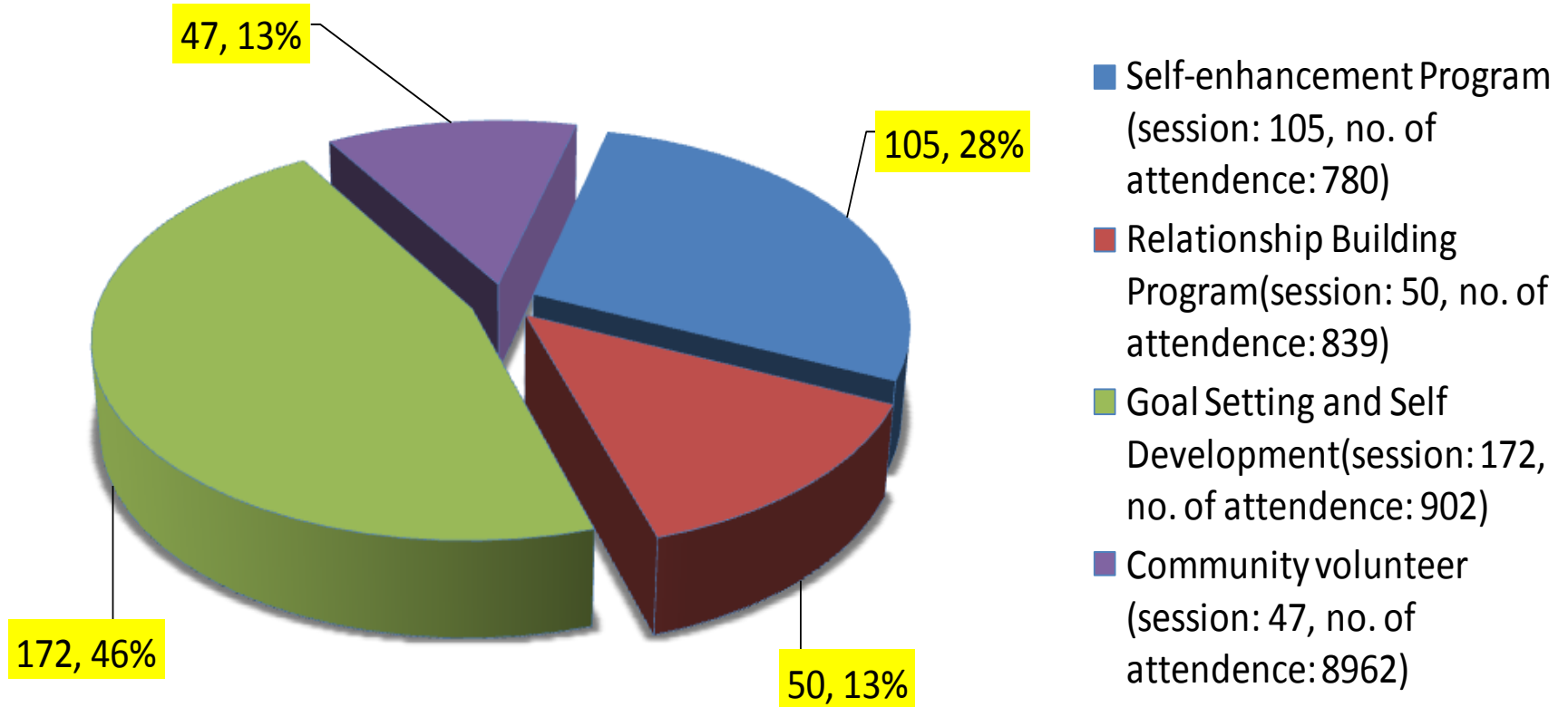
After two years...

OUTPUT

Counseling Services (Total: 1093 session)



Tailor-made Services



Self enhancement Program



Teen parents learnt how to change diapers



They learnt how to prepare and buy baby supplies



Baby Massage



Workshop on baby health and disease prevention

Relationship Building Program



Young couples learnt communication skills

Marriage enrichment program



Family Activities



Goal setting and Self Development Program

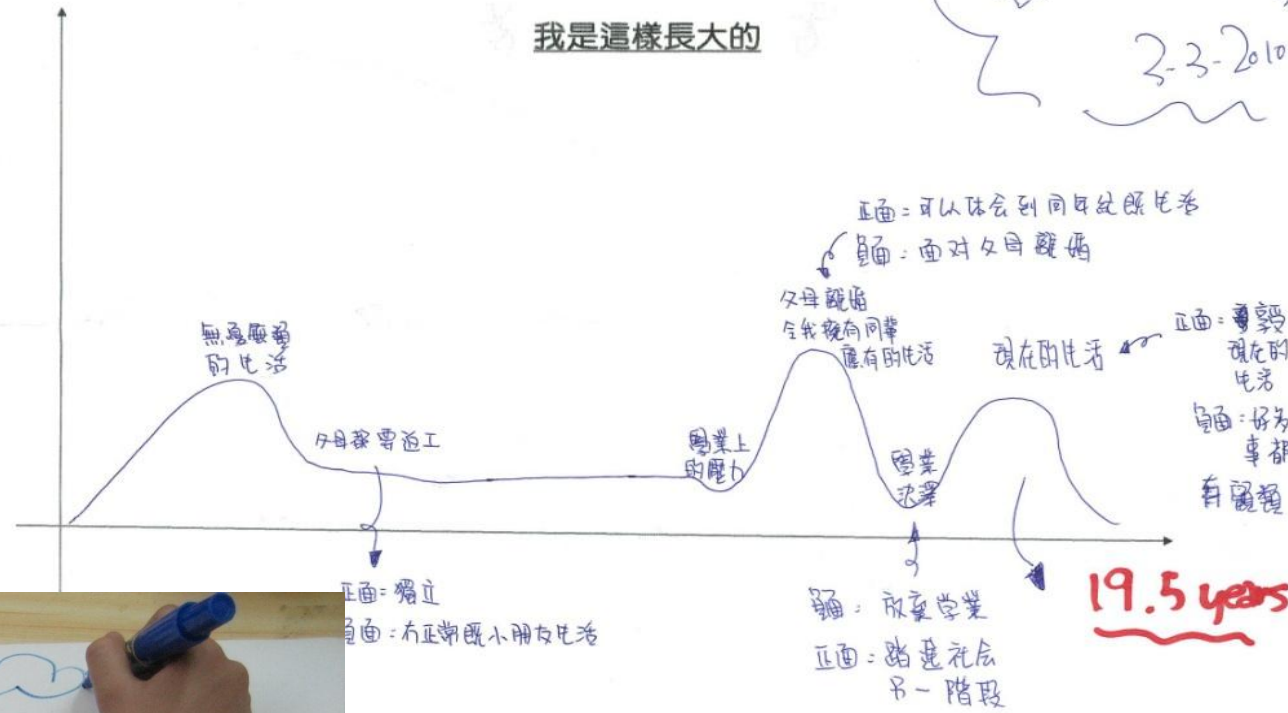


Understanding and breakthrough themselves
through games



我是這樣長大的

Bonnie
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Career planning



Beauty professional training

Community Volunteer



Teen mother sharing
her life story

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Community Mentors



Taking care children when teen mothers
were joining activities



Mentors taught teen mothers
cooking skills



Triumphing outstanding volunteer awards

Outcome

1. **Better transition to parenthood...**

- 95 pregnant teenagers had been enrolled
- Successfully engaged the hard to reach cases
- Tangible needs are identified and addressed
- Early identification of emotional disturbed pregnant teens and bridge to the appropriate services

We are very encouraging...

- teenagers become more self-sufficient
- adopted a healthier lifestyle
- improved their parenting skills
- formed a close attachment to their new babies
- improved relationship with partners, in-law and family of origin

Outcome

2. Enhance Social Inclusion

Community education programs with teen mothers' sharing

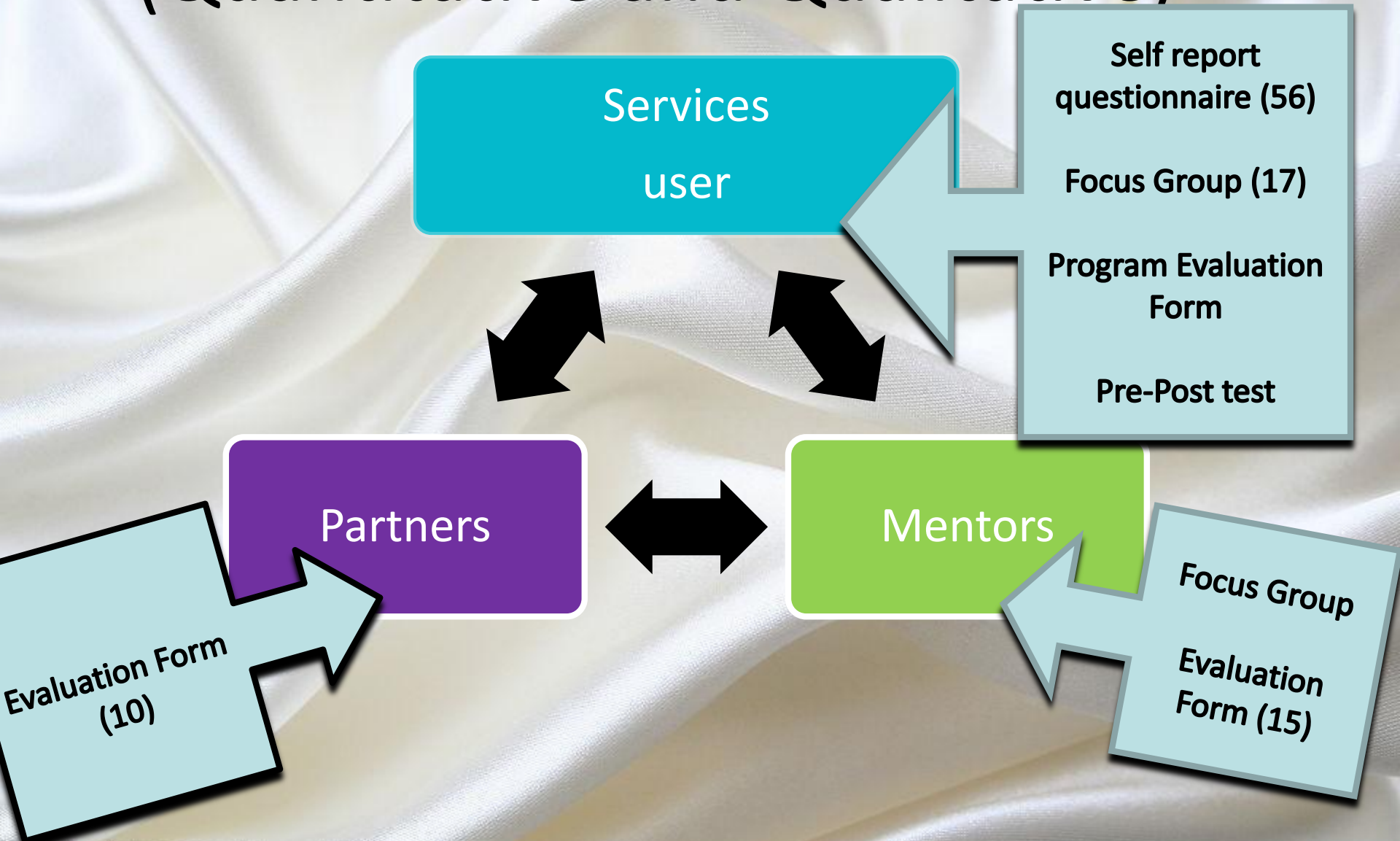
- Sessions: 47
- Attendance: 8962
- Objectives achieved: 95.64%
- Satisfaction rate: 95.35%

Outcome

3. Synergy Effect

- Social workers
- Medical professional
- Business sectors
- Community leaders and
- Mentors

Evaluation (Quantitative and Qualitative)



Service User: Self Report Questionnaire

Objectives	Objective achieved	Client's satisfaction
1. To assist clients to face their life changes and impact brought about by their pregnancy in a positive way.	92.73%	99.8%
2. To assist clients to improve their relationship with partners and families.	100%	98.9%
3. To assist clients to enhance their baby-care and life skills.	98.08%	100%
4. To assist clients to plan for their own future and development.	98.14%	100%

Service User: Pre & Post Test (46)

Test	T	P
Perceived Social Support from Family (PSSFF) Procidano, M.E. & Heller, K. (1983)	2.56	0.0067
Purpose In Life (PIL) Crumbaugh & Maholick, (1964)	-2.83	0.0034

Mentors

Objectives	Objective achieved	satisfaction towards the project
1. To assist clients to face their life changes and impact brought about by their pregnancy in a positive way.	100%	100%
2. To assist clients to improve their relationship with partners and families.	90%	
3. To assist clients to enhance their baby-care and life skills.	100%	
4. To assist clients to plan for their own future and development.	88.89%	

Mentors

Objectives:	Objective achieved:
1. To have a better understanding of teenage pregnancy	100%
2. To have a better understanding of teen parents	93.33%
3. To enhance your acceptance towards teen parents	93.33%
4. To have opportunities to provide appropriate support to teen mothers	100%
5. To provide you appropriate support to function the mentor's role effectively	93.33%

Professional Working Partners

Average mark: 8.2 /10

It's is crisis intervention which helps those pregnant teenagers, prevents crisis and enhances their responsibilities

The social workers give individualized emotional supports to clients and help them to break through their struggles and difficulties



The social workers offer tailor-made care to those girls, work from their hearts. With patience, and high EQ, they light up the lives of those who are hopeless to their futures

Sustainability

1. Meaningful Identity

- 34 secured employment
- 2 started their own business
- 4 sat for the Hong Kong certificate of education examination
- 6 back to schools
- 10 trained as new-fashioned mothers and continue to share their life stories in the community

2. Supportive Connection

- 27 pairs of teens and mentors were matched
- Peer support was built among clients
- Couple's, family and in-law relationship were rebuilt



The
Way
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The Way Ahead

1. The service need of teenage fathers
2. Alumni to be mentors
3. Teenage couples' counseling
4. Flexibility in policy

Together we can make a difference





Thank You!