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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Internal migration Left-behind children, Migrant children, Grandparent caregivers
- Family structure Grandparental involvement, Parental absence, (Grand)Parenting
- Interpersonal violence Adverse childhood experience, Intimate partner violence, Elder abuse, Online behavior and cyberbullying

EDUCATION

- 2013.09 – 2016.08 *Ph.D.*, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong
- 2011.09 – 2013.08 *M.Phil.*, Department of Social Work and Social Administration, The University of Hong Kong
- 2007.09 – 2011.06 *Bachelor of Laws* (First Honor), Department of Social Work and Social Policy, Nankai University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2022.08 – Present Assistant Professor
Department of Social Work, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- 2021.01 – 2022.08 Research Assistant Professor
Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2019.08 – 2020.12 Research Assistant Professor
Department of Social Work, Hong Kong Baptist University
- 2016.10 – 2019.07 Post-doctoral Fellow
Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- 2015.07 – 2015.08 Visiting Scholar
School for Social Work, Smith College, Massachusetts, U.S.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND PROJECTS

- 2023.01-2025.12 National Natural Science Foundation of China (RMB¥300,000)
- Intergenerational Transmission of Domestic Violence: Risk Assessment of Elder Abuse and Exploration of Protective Factors (PI)

- 2023.01 – 2024.12 General Research Fund of the University Research Committee (HK\$1,482,332)
- Children with Special Educational Needs and Child Victimization: A Population-Based Study (Co-I; PI: Chan, K. L.)
- 2022.09-2025.09 The National Social Science Fund of China, Youth Program (RMB¥200,000)
- Research on the Prevention of Poly-victimization among Children in Difficult Situations: Social Work Intervention Approach (Co-I; PI: Gong, H.)
- 2021.07 – 2022.10 Home Affairs Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HK\$1,288,000)
- Family Surveys 2021 (Co-I; PI: Chan, K. L.)
- 2021.05 – 2022.08 Start-up Fund for RAPs under the Strategic Hiring Scheme of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HK\$250,000)
- Impacts of Provision of Care for Grandchildren on Older Adults' Health Outcomes: A Meta-analytic Review and a Qualitative Exploration (PI)
- 2021.03 – 2023.06 Ministry of Education in China (MOE) Project of Humanities and Social Sciences, Youth Program (RMB¥80,000)
- Research on the Prevention of Deviant Behavior among Uncared-for Children and Social Work Interventions in China (Co-I; PI: Gong, H.)
- 2020.09 – 2022.12 The National Social Science Fund of China, Youth Program (RMB¥200,000)
- Research on the Path Construction and Evaluation System of Child Friendly Space: From the Perspective of the Era of Big Data (Co-I; PI: Sun, X.)
- 2020.04 – 2021.03 Home Affairs Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HK\$368,000)
- Consolidation of Findings of Family Surveys Conducted since 2011 (Co-I; PI: Chan, K. L.)
- 2019.07 – 2021.12 The National Social Science Fund of China, Youth Program (RMB¥200,000)
- Evidence-based Social Work Intervention on Community Rehabilitation for Individuals with Disabilities (Co-I; PI: Liang, L.)
- 2018.08 – 2020.12 The National Social Science Fund of China, Youth Program (RMB¥200,000)
- Promoting Intergenerational Solidarity in Age-friendly Communities (Co-I; PI: Sun, Q.)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2017 Nomination for the L.K.S. Prizes and the Awards for Outstanding Research Postgraduate Student, The University of Hong Kong
- 2013 – 2016 Postgraduate Scholarship, The University of Hong Kong
- 2013 – 2014 University Postgraduate Fellowship, The University of Hong Kong
- 2011 – 2013 Postgraduate Scholarship, The University of Hong Kong
- 2011 Graduate with Honour in Recognition of Excellent Thesis, Nankai University
- 2007 – 2010 National Scholarships (2007/08, 2009/10), Ministry of Education of China

ACADEMIC CITATIONS

- Scopus h-index: 12
- Google Scholar h-index: 13
- Google Scholar i10-index: 14

PUBLICATIONS

Selected Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles (*Asterisk (*) refers to corresponding author*)

2022

1. Bai, X., **Chen, M.**, He, R., & Xu, T. (2022). Toward an integrative framework of intergenerational coparenting within family systems: A scoping review. *Journal of Family Theory & Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jftr.12478>
2. **Chen, M.**, Tian, N., & Chang, Q. (2022). Adverse childhood experiences, sexual orientation, and depressive symptoms among Chinese college students: An ecological framework analysis. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *134*, 105881. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105881>
3. **Chen, M.** & Fu, Y. (2022). Adverse childhood experiences: Are they associated with greater risk of elder abuse victimization? *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *37*(19-20), NP17662–NP17687. <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605211028328>
4. **Chen M.**, Chen Q., Lo C. K. M., Kelley S. J., Chan K.L., Ip P. (2022) Attitudes toward grandparental involvement in Hong Kong: A trend analysis. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, *19*(16): 9858.
5. Sun, X., & **Chen, M.*** (2022) Associations between perceived material deprivation, social support, and violent victimization among Chinese children. *Child Abuse & Neglect*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105583>
6. Fu, Y., & **Chen, M.*** (2022). Long-term effects of childhood adversity on the subjective well-being of older adults: The mediating effect of elder abuse. *Aging & Mental Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13607863.2022.2040427>
7. **Chen, M.***, & Chan, K. L. (2022). Effectiveness of digital health interventions on unintentional injury, violence, and suicide: Meta-analysis. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, *23*(2), 605-619. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838020967346>
8. Chen, Q., Chan, K. L., **Chen, M.**, Lo, C. K. M., & Ip, P. Associating sleep quality, quality of life and child poly-victimization. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *133*, 105846. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2022.105846>
9. Lai, A. H. Y., Yao H., **Chen M.**, Lau, W. S. Y. (2022). Ethnic identity development, posttraumatic stress symptoms, and relationship with primary caregivers: A two-wave longitudinal study among Yi ethnic minority youths in rural China school settings. *Adolescents*, *2022*(2), 184-204. <https://doi.org/10.3390/adolescents2020016>
10. Chen, Q., Chan, K. L., Guo, S., **Chen, M.**, Lo, C., & Ip, P. (2022). Effectiveness of digital health interventions on bullying and cyberbullying: A meta-analysis. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380221082090>

11. Chen, Q., **Chen, M.**, Lo, C. K. M., Chan, K. L., & Ip, P. (2022). Stress in balancing work and family among dual-career parents in Hong Kong. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(9): 5589. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19095589>

2021

12. Chan, K. L., Lo, C. K. M., Ho, F. K., Chen, Q., **Chen, M.**, & Ip, P. (2021). Modifiable factors for the trajectory of health-related quality of life among youth growing up in poverty: A prospective cohort study. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(17): 9221. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18179221>
13. **Chen, M.** & Chan, K. L. (2022). Elder abuse and neglect in China: Prevalence, co-occurrence, and intergenerational risk factors. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 37(11-12), NP9839–NP9862. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260520985501>
14. Chan, K. L., Chen, Q., & **Chen, M.** (2021). Prevalence and correlates of the co-occurrence of family violence: A meta-analysis of family polyvictimization. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 22(2), 289–305. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838019841601>
15. **Chen, M.**, & Chan, K. L. (2021). Characteristics of intimate partner violence in China: Gender symmetry, mutuality, and associated factors. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 36(13-14), NP6867–NP6889. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260518822340>

2020

16. **Chen, M.**, Sun, X., Chen, Q., & Chan, K. L. (2020). Parental migration, children's safety and psychological adjustment in rural China: A meta-analysis. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 21, 113–122. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838017744768>

2019

17. Chan, K. L., Chen, Q., **Chen, M.**, Lo, C. K. M., & Yu, L. (2019). Screening for multiple types of family violence: Development and validation of The Family Polyvictimization Screen. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 7: 282. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2019.00282>
18. Chan, K. L., **Chen, M.***, Lo, C. K. M., Chen, Q., Kelly, S., & Ip, P. (2019). The effectiveness of interventions for grandparents raising grandchildren: A meta-analysis. *Research on Social Work Practice*, 29(6), 607–617. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049731518798470>
19. Chan, K. L., & **Chen, M.*** (2019). The effects of social media and mobile health Apps for pregnancy care: Meta-analysis. *JMIR mHealth and uHealth*, 7, e11836. <https://doi.org/10.2196/11836>
20. **Chen, M.**, Cheung, A. S. Y., & Chan, K. L. (2019). Doxing: What adolescents look for and their intentions. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 16, 218. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph16020218>
21. Ma, C. M. S., Shek, D. T. L., & **Chen, M.** (2019). Changes in the participants in a community-based Positive Youth Development Program in Hong Kong: Objective outcome evaluation using a one-group pretest-posttest design. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 14, 961–979. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-018-9632-1>

2018

22. Chen, Q., **Chen, M.**, Zhu, Y., Chan, K. L., & Ip, P. (2018). Health correlates, addictive behaviors and peer victimization among adolescents in China. *World Journal of Pediatrics*, 14,

454–460. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12519-018-0158-2>

23. Shek, D. T. L., Wu, F. K. Y., & **Chen, M.** (2018). Evaluation of the Project P.A.T.H.S. in Mainland China: Views of the program implementers in senior secondary schools. *International Public Health Journal, 10*(1), 91–103.
24. Shek, D. T. L., Leung, J. T. Y., **Chen, M.**, & Chung, C. K. (2018). Evaluation of the training program of a Positive Youth Development Program: Tin Ka Ping P.A.T.H.S. Project in China. *International Public Health Journal, 10*(1), 81–90.

2017

25. Chan, K. L., **Chen, M.**, Chen, Q., & Ip, P. (2017). Can family structure and social support reduce the impact of child victimization on health-related quality of life? *Child Abuse & Neglect, 72*, 66–74. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2017.07.014>
26. Xie, Q. W., Sun, X., **Chen, M.**, Qiao, D. P., & Chan, K. L. (2017). What prevents Chinese parents from reporting possible cases of child sexual abuse to authority? A holistic-interactionistic approach. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 64*, 19–31. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2016.12.006>

2016

27. **Chen, M.***, & Chan, K. L. (2016). Effects of parenting programs on child maltreatment prevention: A meta-analysis. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse, 17*, 88–104. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838014566718>
28. **Chen, M.**, & Chan, K. L. (2016). Parental absence, child victimization, and psychological well-being in rural China. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 59*, 45–54. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2016.07.009>
29. Sun, X., **Chen, M.**, & Chan, K. L. (2016). A Meta-analysis of the impacts of internal migration on child health outcomes in China. *BMC Public Health, 16*, 66. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-016-2738-1>

Book Chapters

1. Shek, D. T. L., Wu, F. K. Y., & **Chen, M.** (2020). Evaluation of the Project P.A.T.H.S. in Mainland China: Views of the program implementers in senior high schools. In Tenenbaum, A., Shek, D. T. L., Law, M. Y. M., & Merrick, J. (Eds.) *Advances in Chinese Children, Adolescent and Family Research*.
2. Shek, D. T. L., Leung, J. T. Y., **Chen, M.**, & Chung, C. K. (2020). Evaluation of the training program of a Positive Youth Development Program: Tin Ka Ping P.A.T.H.S. Project in China. In Tenenbaum, A., Shek, D. T. L., Law, M. Y. M., & Merrick, J. (Eds.) *Advances in Chinese Children, Adolescent and Family Research*.
3. Shek, D. T. L., **Chen, M.**, & Lee, T. Y. (2018). A way to integrate the Tin Ka Ping P.A.T.H.S. Project curriculum into secondary school curriculum in mainland China. In Shek, D. T. L., Han, X., & Leung, J. T. Y. (Eds.) *Review on Child, Youth and Family Social Work*. Shanghai: East China Normal University Press. (In Chinese)
4. **Chen, M.**, & Sun, X. (2015). Parenting and grandparenting for children affected by migration in rural China: A systematic review. In Chan, K. L. (Ed.) *Chinese Migration and Families at Risk*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing LTD.
5. Sun, X., & **Chen, M.** (2015). Migrant children's post-compulsory education and Hukou

system: A systematic review. In Chan, K. L. (Ed.) *Chinese Migration and Families at Risk*. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing LTD.

CONFERENCE PAPERS & POSTERS

1. **Chen, M.** (2022). Grandparents' involvement in childcare in China. In *ISPCAN 2022 International Congress, Estonia*.
2. **Chen, M.** (2018). The prevalence of children's exposure to violence and the effects on child behavior problems. In *the 16th Annual Meeting International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies, Hong Kong*.
3. **Chen, M.** (2016). Impact of parental absence on victimization and depression among left-behind children in rural China. In *2016 Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development, Seoul*.
4. **Chen, M.** (2015). Victimization among Chinese rural children in Sichuan Province: The effects of parental absence. (Poster) In *AVA 2015 Global Scientific Summit, Jacksonville*.
5. Chan, K. L., **Chen, M.**, Sun, X., & Li, J. (2015). Chinese migration, social integration and children-at-risk. (Poster) In *AVA 2015 Global Scientific Summit, Jacksonville*.
6. **Chen, M.** (2014). Internal migration and child victimization in China – The impact of parental migration on psychological well-being, health behaviors and injury prevalence among left-behind children in rural China. In *20th ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Nagoya*.
7. **Chen, M.** (2014). Effects of parenting programs on child abuse prevention – A meta-analytic study. In *20th ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, Nagoya*.
8. **Chen, M.** (2013). Parenting programs for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. In *10th International Postgraduate Research Colloquium, Bangkok*.
9. **Chen, M.** (2012). Preventing child maltreatment – A meta-analysis of parenting programs. In *the 12th Annual Research Postgraduate Conference, Hong Kong*.

TEACHING & TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at The Chinese University of Hong Kong

2022 – 2023 Instructor, SOWK5810F Program Evaluation
 2022 – 2023 Instructor, SOWK 2200B/UGEC 2680B Interpersonal Violence

Courses Taught at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

2021 – 2022 Instructor, APSS1150 Freshmen Seminar
 2021 – 2022 Guest instructor, APSS6003 Advanced Quantitative Methods
 2021 – 2022 Academic advisor
 2017 – 2018 Guest instructor, APSS6003 Advanced Quantitative Methods
 2016 – 2017 Instructor, APSS1A21 Service Leadership; APSS1A21M Service Leadership (Hong Kong and Cambodia)
 2016 – 2017 Trainer, Project PATHS to Adulthood, Trainings in Mainland China. (in Chinese)

Courses Taught at Hong Kong Baptist University

- 2020 – 2021 Supervisor, SOWK4898-9 Social Work Honours Project
- 2019 – 2020 Instructor, SOWK1015 Social Dimensions of Human Societies
- 2019 – 2020 Supervisor, SOWK4898-9 Social Work Honours Project
- 2019 – 2020 Guest instructor, SOWK4898-9 Social Work Honours Project

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Special Issue on Family Health of International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

Ad-hoc Journal Reviewer

- Ageing & Society
- Applied Research in Quality of Life
- Child and Family Social Work
- Child and Youth Services Review
- Child Development
- Journal of Elder Abuse & Neglect
- Child Abuse & Neglect (Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing 2017)
- Journal of Affective Disorders
- Journal of Child and Family Studies
- Journal of Family Psychology
- JMIR mHealth and uHealth
- Social Science & Medicine
- Trauma, Violence, & Abuse