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Webinar on Animal-assisted intervention (AAI) and its application in the education setting in time of COVID-19

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About the Webinar

The involvement of companion dogs as an adjunct to human service professionals has been an attractive alternative to conventional interventions. In this webinar, we shall give an overview on the theoretical foundations of AAI and the evidence base for its applications. We shall use an AAI project in primary schools in Hong Kong (CARing Kids) to illustrate the practical aspects of its implementation and shall introduce the concept of One Welfare that serves as the guiding framework in our practice. We shall share how the project meets the challenges brought about by school lockdown and the 'new normal' as a consequence to the COVID-19. Examples of how technology is used to enable continued benefits of AAI are illustrated.



Miss Debbie Ngai (R.S.W., Certified AAT Therapist)



Mr. Joe Ngai (Reg. CoP, Certified AAT Therapist)

About the Speakers

Debbie is the founder and service director of Hong Kong Animal Assisted Therapy Association (HKAATA). She is a senior social worker and Certified Animal Assisted Therapist specialising in working with children and teenagers. She received her AAI training and credential from Taiwan, U.S.A and Australia. She is now the coach and supervisor of HKAATA Therapist Team, guest lecturer of AAT Therapist training course of PATA, Taiwan & external AAT supervisor of Children Cancer Fund, Singapore.

Joe is a Registered Counselling Psychologist (HKPS) and Certified Animal Assisted Therapist specialising in educational research and well-being intervention. He is now a PhD Candidate at HKU SWSA, and is conducting a research on the implementation and evaluation of "CARing Kids"- the first locally developed Animal Assisted Humane Education program for primary students.

Details and Registration

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