



CHILD ADVOCACY CONFERENCE 2025

20 - 21 June 2025

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COLLABORATION
& NETWORKING**

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STAKEHOLDERS**

**INCREASE
AWARENESS**

**"BREAKING BARRIERS: ADVANCING
EQUITY FOR VULNERABLE
CHILDREN"**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED
IN THE WELLBEING OF OUR
CHILDREN**

**REGISTRATION RM150
(STUDENTS RM80)**

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**16 CPD POINTS
AWARDED**



Guest of Honour
YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri,
Minister of Women, Family and Community
Development of Malaysia

CAC2025 PROGRAM

DAY 1 20 June 2025 (Fri)

0830	Registration	
0900 -0930	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chair: Dr Mohamad Ikram Ilias	GUEST OF HONOUR YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development of Malaysia
0930 - 0945	OPENING CEREMONY	
0945 – 1015	TEA	
1015 - 1145	Symposium 1 THE LAW MATTERS Chair: Dr Christina Rundi	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The Rights of the Child and the Protection of the Vulnerable</i> - Dr Farah Nini Dusuki, Children's Commissioner, SUHAKAM <i>Challenges Faced by Refugee Families</i> - Michelle Fong, UNHCR <i>Child Act 2001– Implications and Applications</i> - Mary Gomez, Sabah Law Society
1145 - 1330	LUNCH	Lunch Side Meeting: "Unheard Cries: Advocating for Deaf Children at Risk" Moderators: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Khoo Suan Phaik, IMU University Dr Nur Farhana Ardillah Aftar, Universiti Malaysia Sabah
1330 - 1500	Symposium 2 PRIMARY HEALTHCARE and COMMUNITY SUPPORT Chair: Dr Soo Thian Lian	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Vaccination for Hard to Reach Populations</i> - Dr Christina Rundi, President of Sabah Medical Association <i>Child Safeguarding and Child Wellbeing Index</i> - Dr Farqani Mohd Noor, UNICEF <i>Indigenous Community Development</i> - Anne Lasimbang, PACOS Trust
1500 - 1530	TEA	
1530 - 1700	INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE	Dr Amar-Singh HSS Child & Disability Advocate
1700	END OF DAY 1	

Day 2 21 June 2025 (Sat)

0830 - 1000	Symposium 3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH Chair: Dr Zulkifli Ismail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Mercy Malaysia -Charity Begins at Home</i> - Dr Helen Lasimbang, Universiti Malaysia Sabah <i>Yayasan Ikhlas – Alleviating and Uplifting the Vulnerable</i> - Dr Sharifah Sulaiha, IMU University <i>Mission-Driven: Championing Change for a Better Tomorrow</i> - Dr Khoo Suan Phaik, IMU University
1000 - 1030	TEA	
1030 - 1200	Symposium 4 CLINICAL CARE Chair: Dr Mohamad Yazir Adam Mohd Husin	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Palliative Care : Yes, Children Need It Too</i> - Dr Ng Su Fang, Hospital Wanita & Kanak-Kanak Sabah <i>Mending Hearts - the SOSHF Journey</i> - Eva Susau, Society for the Sabah Heart Fund <i>HUMS – A Hospital for the Community</i> - Dr Helen Lasimbang, Universiti Malaysia Sabah
1200 - 1300	Drafting of Declaration of the Conference Chair: Dr Erwin Khoo	Dr Amar-Singh HSS Child & Disability Advocate
1300 - 1400	LUNCH	
1400 - 1530	Symposium 5 ADOLESCENT and PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH Chair: Dr Selvakumar Sivapunniam	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Child Marriages – a Gordian Knot</i> - Anne Lasimbang, PACOS Trust <i>Nurturing the Young: Preventing Toxic Stress in Children</i> - Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw, Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah <i>Psychosocial Health in Teens</i> - Dr Thiyagar Nadarajaw, Hospital Sultanah Bahiyah
1530 - 1600	TEA	
1600 - 1700	Symposium 6 EDUCATION and EMPOWERMENT Chair: Dr Kew Seih Teck	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Empowering Students, Enriching Communities: The Impact of Service Learning</i> - Dr Khoo Suan Phaik, IMU University <i>Positive Parenting : Building a Positive Future</i> - Dr Zulkifli Ismail, Secretary General of Asia Pacific Pediatric Association
1700	END OF CONFERENCE	



GUEST OF HONOUR

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