



# Journeying with Families through Life, in the Community

### **Asian Family Conference 2024**

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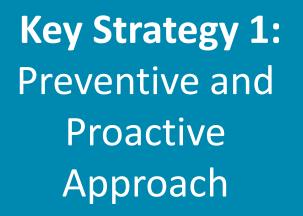
To build strong and resilient families for stronger communities and better individual well-being.

# **Our Vision**

**Inculcating a "Families for Life" mindset** and value among Singaporeans, cultivating family as a key priority across life stages.

# **Our Mission**

# Families for Life Strategic Outcome: Strong and Resilient Families



Key Strategy 2: Life-stage Focused Programming Key Strategy 3: Collaborative Ecosystem Building

# **Key Strategy 1 Preventive and Proactive Approach**

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#### **Support couples & parents** upstream

- Normalise marital health checks for couples through "Our Marriage Journey Quiz (OMJQ)" and strengthen couples' marriage
- Empower parents with skills & practical tips on parenting
- Forge family-centric environment ullet& mindset through public education campaigns

#### **Foster strong family values** from young

Engender an appreciation of family values from young -"Love", "Care and Concern", "Commitment" and "Respect"

Leverage schools & preschools to forge family values through curriculum & activities

Reinforce family values among children through endearing mascot, Becky Bunny



# **Key Strategy 2** Life-Stage Programming



Children

**Married Couples** 

**Public** education campaigns "National Family Festival" is the marquee family celebration in Singapore

"Celebrating Our Grands" spotlights intergenerational bonding

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**Programmes** & Resources

- **Resources for preschool teachers** and parents to reach family values
- Family values embedded in school activities (songs, games, learning journeys and interactive drama)

"I Still Do" celebrates strong marriages

- Marriage mentoring
- Relationship heath checks (online self-assessment)
- Marriage preparation or enrichment programmes
- Relationship tips and conversation starters

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- Parenting tips via social media
- Parents' support groups

#### **Parents**

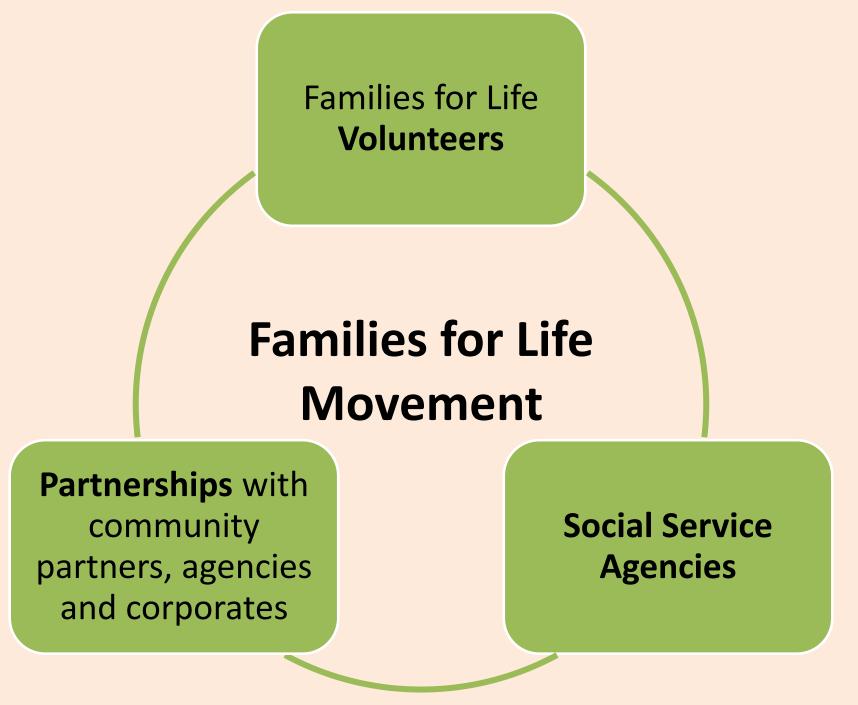
#### **Families**

Parenting programmes for different

- Lunch-time talks in workplaces
- Concise online modules
- Hands-on scenario-based learning Seminar-style

- Family bonding activities in the community
- **Resources on parenting** ٠ and family life from Families for Life partners

# Key Strategy 3 Collaborative Ecosystem Building



Families for Life leverages key partnerships to build an ecosystem of support for families.

To bring the movement into the community, local partnerships are forged through Families for Life @ Community initiative.

# From National Vision to Local Action:

Empowering families in their community through Families for Life@Community



### Families for Life(FFL)@Community aims to achieve:

### **Outcomes**

#### **Supported Families**

Families feel supported through the community-level family support ecosystem

**Strong Relationships** Couples enjoy increase in relationship stability, satisfaction and quality



#### **Stronger Marriages** Lower 10<sup>th</sup> year Cohort **Dissolution Rate**

#### **Equipped Parents**

Parents with relevant skills to manage child behavioural/emotional issues, stress & conflict

#### **Resilient Families** Higher Walsh Family Resilience Score

# Bringing the Families for Life Movement closer to home

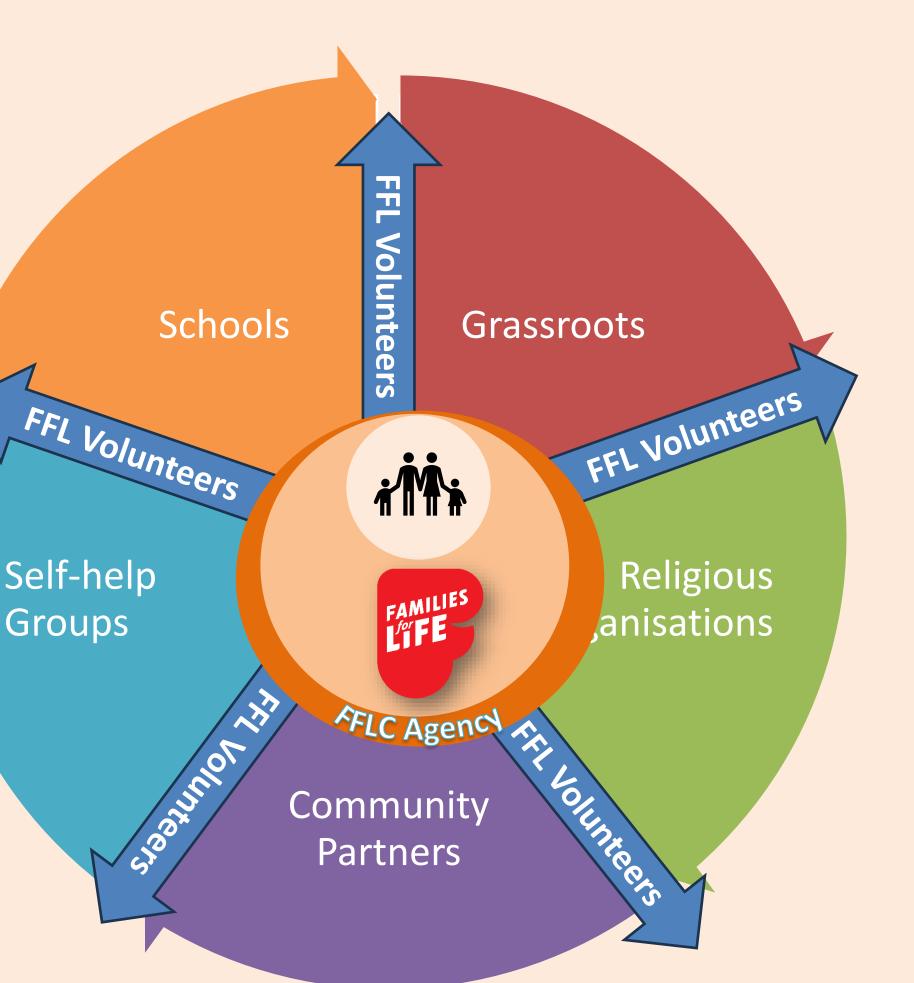
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# Hub-and-spokes concept in FFLC town

Each town has a Families for Life @ Community (FFLC) team who works with partners and volunteers to support families. [hub]

> Families are encouraged to prioritise marriage, parenting & family time, participate in family programmes and activities and offer peer support to other families

Self-help Groups



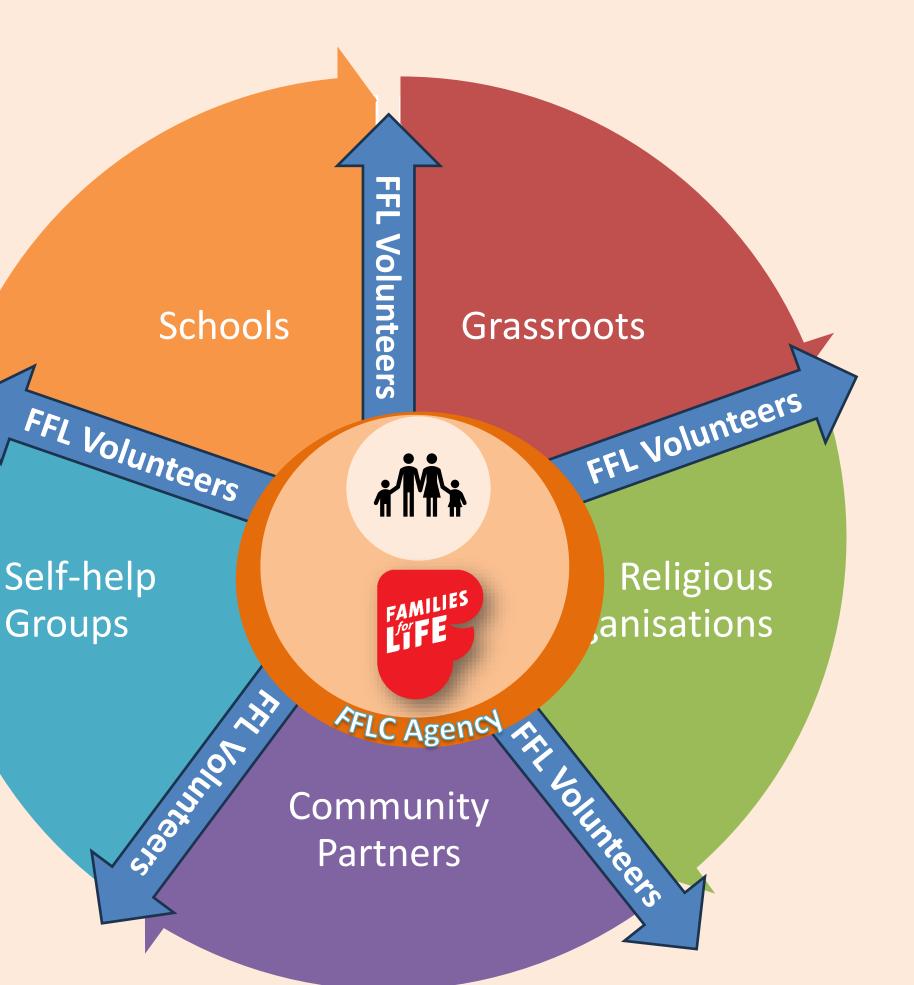
# **Hub-and-spokes concept** in FFLC town

**FFLC agency,** typically a social service agency, and network of partners (grassroots, religious organisations, self-help groups and public agencies) offer family programmes, resources and events . [spokes]



Self-help Groups

> With the dedicated support of FFL volunteers, families are encouraged to prioritise marriage, parenting and family time, actively participate in family programmes and activities, and offer peer support to other families in their community.



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### An appointed agency in each town offers Families for Life programmes.

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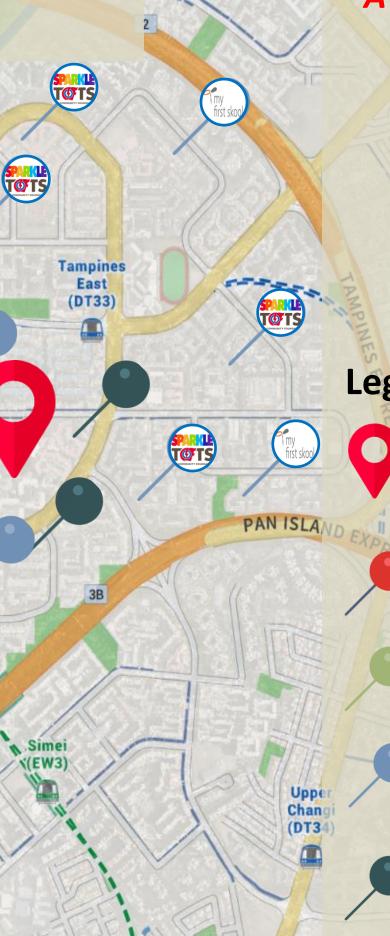
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The appointed Families for Life @ Community Agency for Tampines.

- Delivers Families for Life's marriage and parenting programmes
- Outreaches to families, leveraging on partners' events and venues
- Refer families requiring more support to Strengthening Families Programmes@Family Service Centres (FAM@FSC) and social service offices (SSO)

### **Tampines** A family-friendly town



#### Legend:

Care Corner Family Service Centre

Our Tampines Hub (OTH)/Family Nexus @OTH

Religious Organisations

Anchor Operator Preschools (AOP)

#### Many community partners-engaging families in Tampines

Work with **Tampines** grassroots' events, People's Association & ground engagements to reach out to families

FAMILIES

Partner **self-help and religious groups** for family engagements with vernacular groups e.g. SINDA, M3, Masjid Darul Ghufran

Partner Enabling Services Hub and Active Agecing Centres in the neighnourhood for greater awareness of community care and support services for families of persons with disabilities and seniors.

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### **Tampines** A family-friendly town

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Enhance social & health integration through Family Nexus@Our Tampines Hub (in collaboration with SingHealth)

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Legend:

Leverage **community partners' sites** such as Tampines Regional Library for family bonding activities

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# FAMILIES

#### Partnership with Preschools to promote Family Values and parenting programmes

- Dedicated talks and parenting programmes
- **Resource packages** to prechool teachers to bring family values into action in classrooms.
- Parent support • groups facilitated by **FFL Volunteers**

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Co-deliver target programmes at easily-accessible community venues within Tampines

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#### **Robust support by volunteer leaders & volunteers**

Each town has their own FFL **Volunteer Leaders who are** supported by a network of volunteers

FAMILIES

- ✓ Organise parents' group meetup at Our Tampines Hub in Tampines to network with each other
- ✓ Update upcoming familycentric programmes and events in Telegram chat regularly

Families for Life@Community

Tampines Parents Group Meetup

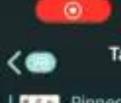
















The final session for Bersamamu Forums @ Heartlands will be at Masjid Darul Ghufran from 2-4pm.

🐔 To be delivered in Malay, this session will focus on being Amanah (trustworthy), the importance of al-Ta'aatuf (empathy), Sabr (patience) facing things we dislike and the wisdom & trust in Allah, as well as the role of a husband & wife in keeping the family together until reach eternity. 🐸





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Soon-to-wed/newly wed couple attends marriage preparation programme by Care Corner Singapore, completes selfassessment on marital health and receives marriage mentoring

Seek support and access child and maternal health services and parenting resources through Family Nexus@OTH (childhood development screening, dental care,

childhood c) sign

- Attend parenting and marriage enrichment programmes delivered by Care Corner Singapore and workshops by Families for Life's partners
- Meet other ~1.5k parents in Tampines through Telegram chat-groups and parent group meetups
- Refer to Fam@FSC or SSOs for more support on family & financial issues

# Supporting Families across the life stages within their local community

sign up for FFL programmes etc.)

#### Attends family bonding events & family education workshops/talks in Tampines

incl local events organised in conjunction with national campaigns (National Family Festival, Celebrating Our Grands, I Still Do)

# Families for Life@Community will be expanded to all 24 towns across Singapore by 2025



Vision Families will be well-supported within their local community Easily accessible resources Robust network of support

Current towns



### **THANK YOU**

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