

ONESKY

MIDYEAR IMPACT BRIEF 2018



Unlocking the potential of our world's vulnerable children.

YOUR IMPACT

We believe unlimited potential waits inside every child and that it should be every child's birthright to have full access to nurturing care and a quality education, especially during the formative years.

In 1998, OneSky set out to convince the Chinese government to reimagine its approach to orphan care. Since then, our vision and reach has expanded and, now, as we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we thank you for investing in the lives of **164,129 children** and **35,077 caregivers** to help make this dream a reality. With your dedicated support, OneSky continues to change social systems that harm vulnerable children, no matter where they are.

In the first few months of 2018 we have reached 10,676 children and 2,659 caregivers through our early childhood care and education models.



VILLAGE MODEL

1,385

CAREGIVERS TRAINED

5,413 CHILDREN REACHED

ORPHANAGE MODEL

1,230

CAREGIVERS TRAINED

5,059 CHILDREN REACHED

FACTORY MODEL

44

CAREGIVERS TRAINED

204 CHILDREN REACHED

THE ORPHANAGE MODEL

OneSky is a trusted government partner that has helped China reshape its entire child welfare system. This year, with your help, we continue to train and mentor our local partners to scale our groundbreaking work on their own.

So far this year OneSky has...



Since our Orphanage Model launched in 1998 we've...



OneSky's Orphanage Model is now recognized as the national standard of care for children living in institutions in China.

"One afternoon, I was visiting a preschool classroom when young Lili suddenly burst out crying. A younger child hurried over to Lili and wiped away her tears and embraced her. A few other children also came to Lili's aid and held her hands. Their teacher came over and gave the children an enthusiastic thumbs up saying, "You are all so considerate! Thank you for being such great friends to Lili!" I was so touched by what had just happened in front of me. People say that children living in orphanages do not understand what love is, but the children in our programs feel loved and also know how to love others." – Xia Hongying, OneSky Child Development Trainer for Guizhou Province



THE VILLAGE MODEL

The early education field is evolving from its original focus on simple pre-primary education to a growing appreciation of the extent to which family, community and broader societal factors affect child health and development. Since the launch of our Village Model to reach left-behind children in rural China, the transformations we have witnessed are astounding. Listless preschoolers who previously sat behind rows of oversized desks are now sitting in small groups, doing child centered explorations, scribbling and chatting away with their peers. The family centers for infants, toddlers and primary caregivers are full of life. Local mothers, who are trained as family mentors, teach parenting skills to grandparents. The teachers and family mentors, mostly local women, were trained in science-based methodology, planting a very important early childhood seed in even the most remote communities in China. Of no small significance, these new skills allow the women to stay in their home villages with their children rather than migrating away.

So far this year OneSky has...

Reached

5,413 children



Trained

1,385 caregivers



Since the Village Model launched in 2015 we've...

Reached

9,223
children



Operating programs in

46
villages



Helped preserve family structure for over

415
children

Hired and trained

463



local women in the roles of teachers and family mentors

Facilitated

1,992

training sessions for

14,298

caregivers



Launched an online learning platform to help connect teachers and mentors across all villages



The OneSky Village Model has recently been nominated for the Henan Province 2018 Charity Award by the Civil Affairs Bureau.

Xinyi's mom was pregnant with her when OneSky arrived in her village. Her mother curiously showed up at the OneSky Family Center early on in her pregnancy, watching as Family Mentors interacted with grandparents while children bustled around in the playroom. She was intrigued. Since that day, Xinyi's mom returned again and again, learning and carefully observing. She chose not to leave the village for work. Instead she became a local expert in putting nurturing, responsive care into practice.



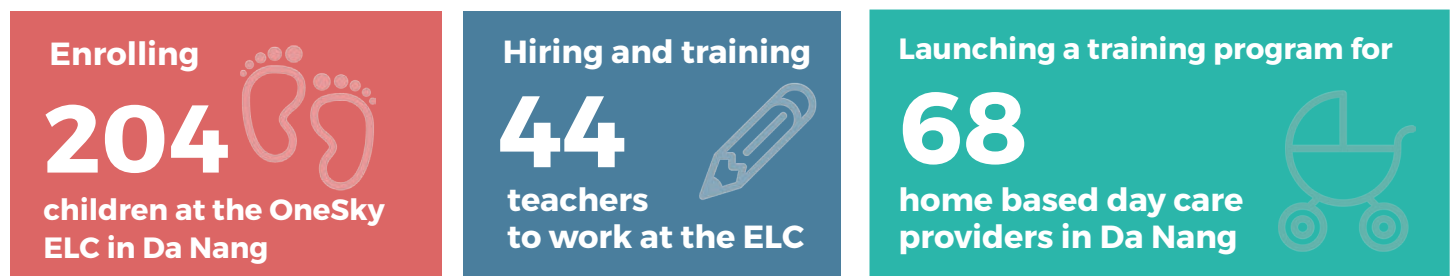
THE FACTORY MODEL

In September 2017, OneSky launched the Factory Model in Vietnam for the children of workers living in and around industrial zones.

Opening the center and delivering services for the children who attend is the **first phase** of this project. The **second phase** of the project, being planned now, involves the development of an e-learning platform for early childcare teachers and trainers, parenting skills workshops to be delivered in partnership with local factories, and the training of 360 home day care providers within the Hoa Khan industrial zone in Da Nang so that they can provide safer, more nurturing and developmentally appropriate education and care to the children they work with.

The **third phase** of the project will involve scaling the model, always in conjunction with government partners, across other provinces in the country and, eventually, other countries in Asia.

Key Achievements of the Factory Model over the last six months include...



Vietnam’s Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) recently advised us that they would like us to expand the OneSky Factory Model to 195 industrial zones across the country by the end of 2020.

“When I was working in a private nursery, we had to follow the Government curriculum rigidly, which required minimal interaction with children. The children always seemed hesitant to speak to teachers, almost like they were scared of the teachers’ authority. It all seemed completely normal, as though that was how a preschool should be. Working at OneSky has made me love my job as a teacher more than ever. The responsive care that we have been trained to give our children has not only given the children the chance to develop their skills and boost their confidence, but also given me freedom to develop more professional skills and expertise as a teacher. I now have opportunities to be creative in my care for each individual child.” – *Tran Thi Huong, Teacher at the OneSky Early Learning Center in Da Nang.*



THE ONESKY CENTRE, HONG KONG

After 20 years of helping children in China, OneSky understands how to teach communities to train caregivers to provide the one vital thing all young children must have for healthy development: consistent loving, responsive care. Based on this knowledge, OneSky is creating a center of excellence focused on best practices in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) for marginalized children. The new OneSky Centre, Hong Kong will be a central hub for collaboration, modeling, and training of trainers, aiming to lead social innovation and transformative change in the lives of vulnerable children throughout Asia.



Thank you for standing by our side to reach so many children in need.

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Children are the basis for all dimensions of sustainable development. They have the right to thrive, develop to their full potential, and live in a sustainable world.

- Margaret Chan, Former Director-General of the World Health Organization

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