



2019 MID-YEAR IMPACT BRIEF

RESHAPING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURES

A brighter future starts with the presence of a loving adult in a child's life; with quality early learning programs that provide the tools a child needs to find success later in school and in life; and with inclusion, acceptance, and an opportunity to develop skills, regardless of a child's abilities.

The future starts now. With this look at the impact of OneSky programs in the first half of 2019, we invite you to see how your partnership enables marginalized children across Asia to have a brighter future.



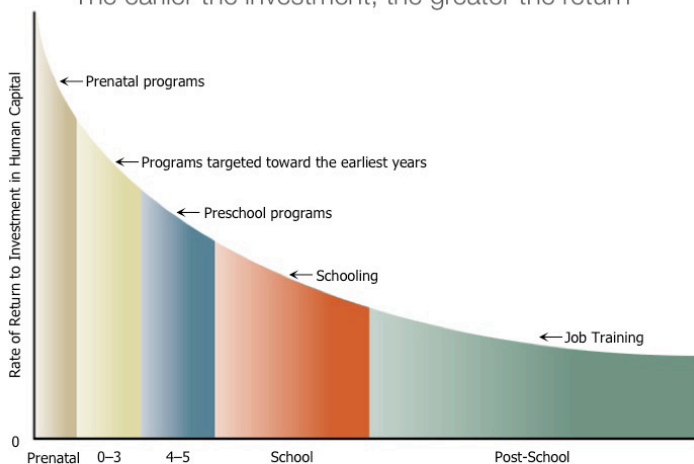
Your Investment Matters

250 MILLION

children under five years old fail to reach healthy developmental milestones every year

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IS A SMART INVESTMENT

The earlier the investment, the greater the return



Source: James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

**FIRST
1000 DAYS**

The care children receive during their first three years determines much about the trajectory of their

ENTIRE LIVES

More than

1 MILLION

new neural connections are formed in a baby's brain every second; to survive they need to be stimulated

High quality early childhood education programs for disadvantaged children can deliver a

13%

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

- increased earnings and educational outcomes
- reduced special education, welfare, and crime costs
- better health outcomes

TRANSFORMING EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE IN VIETNAM

Following a request from the Vietnamese government to scale the OneSky Approach to **19 additional provinces**, OneSky's programs team spent much of the first part of 2019 preparing for this exciting expansion. **This fall, we'll begin to scale our home-based daycare provider training to two new provinces.**

In Da Nang, the year started with the launch of parenting workshops and a new **training cohort of 240 home-based daycare providers**. Positive feedback about the OneSky caregiver training program from the first cohort of trainees traveled quickly throughout the community and we had no trouble recruiting our next group of students.

The OneSky Early Learning Center held a book-making contest for teachers. The response was amazing with 41 teachers creating 43 books! "I wanted to make this book so that children could use it to tell their own stories. **I am delighted to see how it is firing up their imagination,**" said Miss Huong, who won the first place prize.



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241
children &

58 teachers
in our model Early
Learning Center



180
parents
attending
Parenting Training



240
home daycare
providers trained,

reaching more than

6,960 children



A factory worker proudly showing off her daughter in their tight living quarters. In Vietnam, migrant workers usually take their children with them when they move in search of work. Yet they often don't have the resources for quality care for their children during long work days. **"I was deeply touched by how this mom gives all she can and has such high hopes for her child, despite their many obstacles,"** said photographer Richard Bowen.

RESTORING COMMUNITIES & BOOSTING LITERACY IN CHINA'S RURAL VILLAGES

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14,348

caregivers trained



12,618

children reached

We are delighted to share news about the growth of our work in rural villages in China. In addition to extending our reach to more villages in the county where we began our pilot program, we are also **expanding our work to a neighboring designated poverty area with a high population of children and families in need**. Government officials are committed to improving the local communities and have expressed their full support for OneSky's efforts.

Moreover, our government partners have asked us to expand the scope of our training. Over the coming year, we **will train Child Welfare Directors in 50 additional villages** beyond the ones where we currently work. After these trainings, OneSky's impact will have reached a total of **91 villages**, benefitting more than **80,000 villagers**.

Our Village Family Skills Training program for caregivers was recognized as a noteworthy project by the Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood.

A new program, Reading through Play, engages both the caregiver and the child in playful activities designed to develop literacy and social-emotional and cognitive skills in a creative and fun setting. **"Already at a disadvantage in so many ways, addressing this need in the early years can go a long way towards bridging the school achievement gap for left-behind children,"** said Dr. Wen Zhao, OneSky's Chief Quality Officer.



QUALITY EARLY LEARNING FOR ALL

We continue to receive requests for training from an increasing number of orphanages across China. **In the first six months of the year, we partnered with seven new institutions to implement OneSky programs.** Programs vary with the specific needs of each institution – but many **benefit from special needs programs.**

Sadly, there does not appear to be any significant decrease in the number of abandoned children with special needs in orphanages across China. Our project **piloting an Inclusive Education approach in Nanjing** produced great results and we have now integrated it into our Training of Trainers and initial development training for institutions new to OneSky. **The model promotes inclusion of children with special needs into regular classrooms** and the formation of an interdisciplinary team that creates and follows an **Individual Education Plan for each child.**

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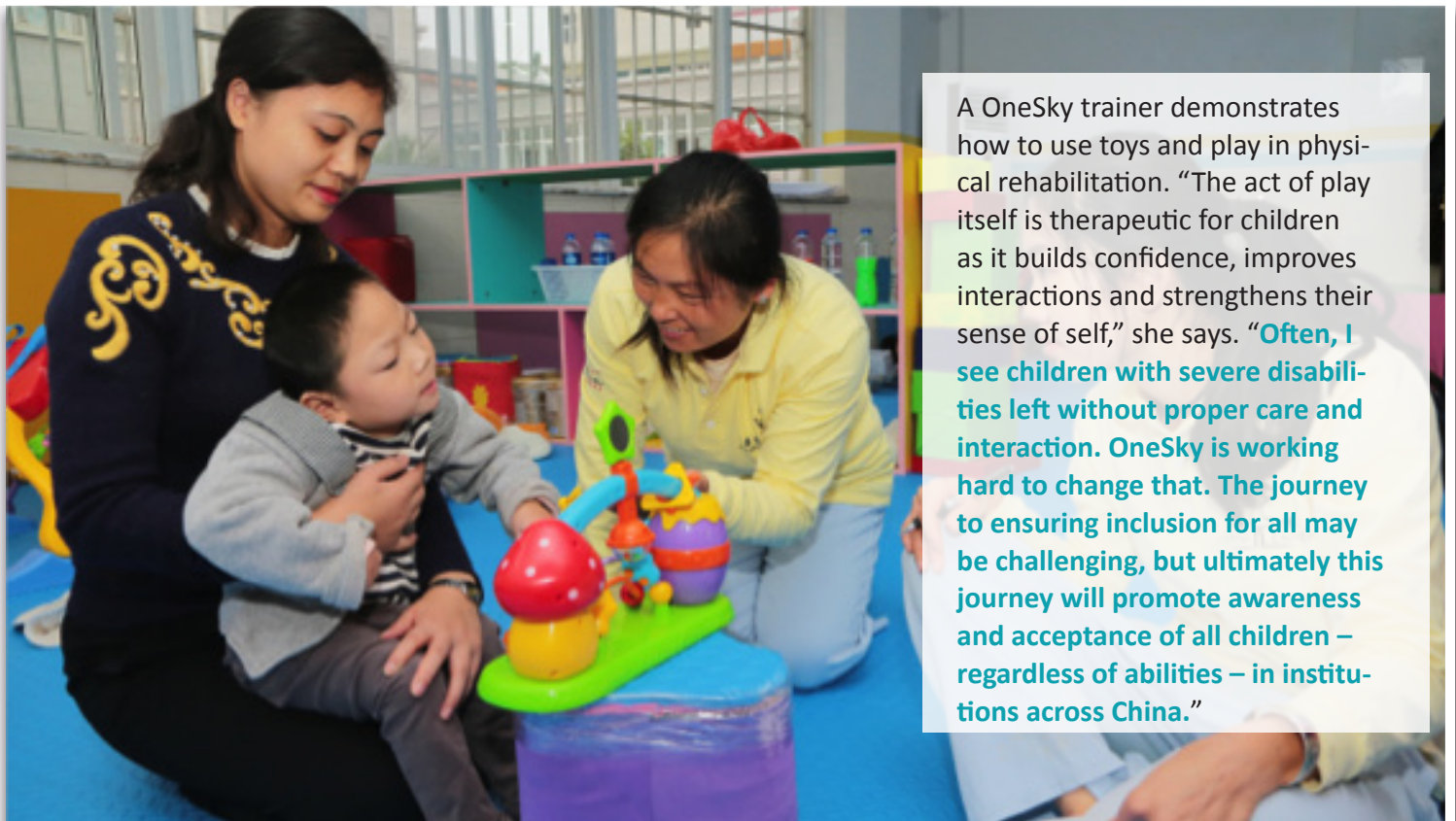
1,225

caregivers trained



4,551

children reached



A OneSky trainer demonstrates how to use toys and play in physical rehabilitation. “The act of play itself is therapeutic for children as it builds confidence, improves interactions and strengthens their sense of self,” she says. “**Often, I see children with severe disabilities left without proper care and interaction. OneSky is working hard to change that. The journey to ensuring inclusion for all may be challenging, but ultimately this journey will promote awareness and acceptance of all children – regardless of abilities – in institutions across China.**”

THE ONE SKY FORECAST



OneSky is now developing and planning a larger long-term project in Mongolia to begin in 2020. We began our first small program in Ulaanbaatar last year and concluded with an evaluation of the program's effectiveness. The assessment indicated substantial improvements in all target areas after a seven-month training and support intervention. Caregivers' skills and attitudes improved significantly. **"We observed a dramatic transformation in the way these women approach children in their care,"** said Alice Wong, OneSky's Senior Director, Global Programs. **"They now have a much better understanding of their own critical role in the early years of children and are enthusiastic about applying responsive caregiving skills to ensure that the little ones in their care thrive."**

With our Chinese partner, Chunhui Children, we're opening a new medical care home in Shanghai.

Children in need of critical medical procedures will be able to have a safe and child-centered place to stay under the loving care of OneSky caregivers.

"Some of these children have to travel long distances and the Care Home in Beijing was not enough," says Rachel Xing, COO of OneSky's programs in China. **"We are grateful that we now have another much needed location that will ease the burden."**



ONESKY'S NEW TRAINING HUB IN HONG KONG

This year is shaping up to be a seminal one for OneSky, as we prepare to open the doors of the **P.C. LEE ONESKY GLOBAL CENTRE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT** in Hong Kong.

The center will provide high quality early childhood care and education services for vulnerable young children in Hong Kong's Sham Shui Po district as well as serve as OneSky's hub for caregiver training programs across the city and the region.



Pictured here is the incredible team of women that oversees OneSky's programs in Vietnam, Hong Kong, and Mongolia, standing in the future home of our Global Center in the Sham Shui Po community. From left to right: Alice Wong, PhD, Senior Director, Global Programs; Maya Bowen, Global Programs Coordinator; Virginia Wilson, Chief Operations Officer, Global; Annie Leung, Director, Global Programs; Sandra Mak, Director, Global Programs.



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