

***'Love, Begins with Me'***  
**Anti-violence promotion to  
raise awareness about violence**  
**Taichung City, Taiwan**

Taichung Center : Violence Prevention Service  
-Serviced 4140 people in 2016



Violence Prevention Service  
Outcome Picture---  
Anti-Violence Promotion in  
the streets to raise  
awareness and sensibility  
about violence



## Background

The Good Shepherd Foundation started to provide services in the north of Taiwan in 1987 and added shelter services for victims of violence in Taichung City, Taiwan in 1998. Since then, it has successfully provided protection and counselling services for victims of violence. Taichung City has accumulated 20 years of practical experience. However, service experience has also made us aware of the social costs and remedial methods which need to be invested after the violence. It still cannot keep up with the speed of violence. At the same time, the violence extends from the family to the campus and to sexual relationships. Facing this violence, besides seeking help and follow-up services, we started from front-end education and prevention. We tried to educate children's attitudes towards respecting both sexes from childhood, and to raise the awareness of the general public about violence. We highlighted the fact that violence prevention is everyone's responsibility.

## Program for Social Needs

In view of the fact that violence prevention education is the fundamental way to eliminate violence, the Good Shepherd Foundation Taichung District has been conducting education programs in Taichung since August, 2014. The four directors of the Taichung District initiated and established a service plan which the Taichung Center has been responsible for promoting the prevention program for violence education - "Love, Begins with Me".

## Service objectives

### **1. Educate students in the value of respect, equality and anti-violence.**

Provide violence prevention programs such as workshops, anti-violence drama shows and entering all levels of school to establish a concept of life without violence.

### **2. Raise awareness of anti-violence and self-help.**

Conduct community outreach activities such as awareness campaigns and game-related activities.

Overall, this program upholds the service concept of respect, equality, and anti-violence. It is hoped that the spirit of anti-violence can cause awakening of the public. Education in violence prevention is a deep energising work that awakens consciousness and takes root. It changes individuals, affects the public, and transmits the anti-violence peace concept. We are convinced that this work is important and influential and can fulfill the mission of Good Shepherd Social Welfare Organization.