

# Intimate relationship violence prevention services

## *Let's work together to heal the wounded soul*

- **1. Service scale**

In 2023, 11 full-time social workers and 2 part-time social workers will be hired to use the perspectives of gender and power control as the theoretical basis of services.

Provide professional services to victims of intimate relationship violence (including cohabiting and non-cohabiting intimate relationship violence victims) living in New Taipei City who have suffered from current or former intimate relationship violence. The main services include: (1) consultation, (2) interviews, (3) accompanying in court, (4) Other accompanying services, (5) Legal consultation/support, (6) Government subsidy application, (7) Private subsidy/resource link, (8) Psychological consultation, (9) Referral witnessing service, (10) Education notification, (11) adult/child protection notification, (12) asylum placement, (13) suicide notification, (14) referral to relative services, (15) referral to community mental patients, (16) other referrals  
Waiting for service.

- **2. Service results and service effectiveness**

(1) Case services for victims of intimate relationship violence

A total of 2,112 violent cases were served in 2023, of which 81.4% were new cases (1,719 cases) and old cases accounted for 18.6% (393 cases); among the new cases, men accounted for 21.3% (366 cases), and women accounted for 78.7% (1,353 cases). In 2023, 710 new cases will receive case opening services, 670 will receive brief services, 205 will not be settled, and 134 will be tracked and evaluated. The total number of service visits reached 23,795 (as shown in the table below), of which 21,791 were consulted, followed by 6,460 interviews and support, and 460 were provided with legal consultation/assistance.

In 2023, a total of 1,353 service cases were closed after reaching the completion target. 51% of the cases were closed because the violence slowed down or was suspended, and 42% were because the service goals have been achieved and there is no need to provide relevant services for the time being. 7% lost contact due to cases, moved to other counties and cities for services, moved to other countries, were imprisoned, or died.

- **3. Group work services**

1. Women's groups and women's lectures

Victims of marital violence often have no one to talk to about the practical difficulties they face in life (such as litigation, parent-child relationships, unresolved violence crises, etc.).

Therefore, support groups are used to provide a safe environment for victims of marital violence and to share and exchange common experiences. , and through the experience of

others and the guidance of group leaders, we can gain new inspiration for the current situation and achieve the dual functions of education and support.

In 2023, a total of 8 women's groups and 8 women's lectures were held, serving a total of 169 people.

## 2. Children's one-day trip

Compared with ordinary families, domestic violence families need more opportunities for parent-child interaction and psychological pressure relief, because in turbulent domestic violence families, family members must face and endure the crises and insecurities of life. Many parents are in the process of judicial proceedings, burdened with financial burdens and parenting responsibilities at the same time, and are under great psychological pressure alone. They rarely have the opportunity to communicate closely with other families, and are unable to support each other and share experiences. By organizing parent-child activities to witness children and children, we can help parents and children understand each other's interactive relationship.

In 2023, a total of 1 parent-child one-day tour will be held, serving 8 families with a total of 19 people.

## 3. Year-end Thanksgiving Party

For the victims we serve and the children they have witnessed, we organize a gathering at the end of the year that combines experience exchange and promotion of parent-child relationships to encourage victims to review the past and look forward to the future, strengthen victims' self-affirmation and create opportunities for parent-child communication.

A year-end thanksgiving party will be held in 2023, serving a total of 8 households and 21 people.

## ● 4. Future outlook

TWRF has entered its seventh year of serving victims of intimate relationship violence in New Taipei City. As Taiwan is about to enter a super-aging society, we have found that in the issue of intimate relationship violence among the elderly, the causes of violence not only stem from the imbalance and rigidity of gender power, but also Factors such as various diseases associated with aging and caregiving pressure among family members make service resource delivery more demanding across network resources. Based on our long-term experience in intimate relationship violence services, we will focus on developing services related to police and long-term services. The cooperation mechanism of care and community networks to reduce the risks and difficulties of intimate relationship violence among the elderly is another goal of future work.

# Services for children who witness domestic violence

*Let's work hand in hand to welcome every stage of growth*

- **1. Service scale**

In 2023, five social workers will be hired to provide services for children and children who have witnessed domestic violence in the greater Taipei area, using attachment and needs theory, strengths and resilience as service theoretical foundations.

Service content includes: (1) individual interviews (telephone consultation/face visit/home visit), (2) personal safety assessment or crisis management, (3) violence cognitive counseling, (4) trauma recovery services, (5) interpersonal issue assessment and related treatment, (6) behavioral issue assessment and related treatment, (7) physical and mental status assessment or medical assistance, (8) schooling assistance or adaptation counseling, (9) referral of the treatment of children who witness domestic violence in school, (10) Referral for psychological counseling or group counseling, (11) Legal consultation or accompanying court services, (12) Economic assessment or related resource links, (13) Economic assessment or related resource links, (14) Assessment of parenting issues Or counseling, (15) family relationship changes or related adaptation counseling, (16) support system assessment and related resource links, (17) holding relevant case discussion meetings, (18) network cooperation or information exchange and other services.

- **2. Service results and service effectiveness**

(1) Case services

In 2023, a total of 244 children and teenagers who witnessed domestic violence were served, and the total number of service visits reached 8,152. Among them, new cases accounted for 42.2%, a total of 103 people, and old cases accounted for 57.8%, a total of 141 people. There are 80 new cases in Taipei City and 23 in New Taipei City. Among the cases, men account for 43.7%, a total of 45 cases, and women account for 56.3%, a total of 58 cases.

In 2023, the service cases reached the completion target and a total of 103 cases were closed. 68% of the cases were closed due to the personal safety situation, the impact of witnessing, internal resilience, parental ability, and parent-child care after assistance from social workers. Relationships, having a correct understanding of violence, and learning how to seek help by oneself are all improved, while the impact of witnessing is reduced. 23% of parents refused services or the cases were closed because they were unwilling to accept them. The remaining 8% were closed due to other factors such as moving, living in shelters, etc.

- **3. Group work services**

1. Groups for children who witness violence

Educational counseling and support groups designed with the focus on witnessing domestic violence issues, stabilizing children through the construction of safe games and play spaces, and expression methods that children are familiar with and good at, such as games, art creation, picture books, picture cards, etc. A sense of inner peace.

In 2012, 21 children's groups were held, serving a total of 109 people.

## 2. Children's one-day trip

Use parent-child expressive media and shared play activities to create positive parent-child interactive experiences and strengthen the positive parent-child relationship. It then helps parents who have been victims of violence improve their parenting functions, enhance positive emotional connections with their children, and promote children's physical and mental healing and healthy development, as well as feelings of self-worth and self-confidence.

In 2023, 5 parent-child play groups will be held, serving a total of 39 people.

## 3. Year-end Thanksgiving Party

For the children and parents who have witnessed domestic violence that our association serves, we organize year-end party activities that take into account both physical and mental relief and the promotion of parent-child relationships. In addition to the design of parent-child outings, we also plan parent-child gratitude time to review the past and look forward to the future, so as to enhance Mutual relationship and increase the positive experience of parent-child communication, and achieve the purpose of physical and mental relaxation.

In 2023, a year-end gratitude event will be held, serving a total of 28 people.

## • 4.Future outlook

TWRF has witnessed domestic violence for children and children for more than 20 years. We are committed to helping children and children improve their self-protection abilities. During the service process, social workers accompany and discuss violence cognition, emotional recognition and adjustment abilities through social worker accompaniment and interviews, so that children and children can Grow more resilience. In the future, we hope that in addition to being more committed to deepening the professional services for children who have witnessed domestic violence, we can also publicize the knowledge and abilities of children who have witnessed domestic violence. Through publicity, we can make the public more aware of the importance of services and help for those who have witnessed violence. Consult information and encourage more children or families in need to seek help.

# Services for adult victims of childhood domestic violence

## *Let us accompany you to grow*

- **1. Service scale**

In 2023, a social worker will be hired to provide services to adult victims of childhood domestic violence trauma nationwide based on gender perspective and empowerment theory.

Service content includes (1) case management, (2) accompanying services, (3) assistance in applying for relevant subsidies and providing materials, (4) referral services, (5) telephone consultation, (6) responsibility reporting services, (7) consultation services, (8) group counseling and other services.

- **2. Service results and service effectiveness**

### (1) Case services

In 2023, a total of 60 adult victims who witnessed domestic violence in childhood were served, and the total number of service visits reached 650. Among them, new cases accounted for 60%, a total of 36 people, old cases accounted for 40%, a total of 24 people; men accounted for 31.7%, a total of 19 people, and women accounted for 68.3%, a total of 41 people.

In 2023, a total of 34 service cases reached the completion target and were closed. The reasons for the closure of 77% of the cases were that the clients' help-seeking problems were solved with the assistance of social workers, the clients' internal abilities were improved, and the clients' physical and mental status or life were stabilized. 12% of the cases were closed because the clients lost contact, and 10% were closed because the clients actively requested the case to be closed or were referred to other services.

### (2) Group work services

A total of 9 group counseling sessions were held in 2023, serving a total of 86 people. Salon-style groups combine information on trauma, self-adjustment,

Knowledge on stress management, and join members to share and support each other to heal victims of domestic violence who witnessed childhood.

### (3) Amendment to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Control Act - Include adult victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in childhood

TWRF feels that the Domestic Violence Prevention and Control Act does not include service recipients who have witnessed the trauma of domestic violence in childhood, resulting in their trauma.

When the injury affects their interpersonal relationships, employment, intimate relationships, life, etc., no assistance resources are available. So we started trying in 110

From research, service and advocacy to amend the law, the initiative was finally successful in 2012. Article 58-2, item 2, was added to the Domestic Violence Prevention Law:

If the victim's life is affected due to the traumatic experience of domestic violence or sexual assault committed by a family member when he or she is a minor, the victim shall be under direct jurisdiction.

City, county (city) governments should provide physical and mental treatment, counseling, social and psychological assessment and treatment.

(4) Amendment to the Domestic Violence Prevention and Control Act - Include adult victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in childhood

- **4.Future outlook**

One of the most exciting things in the second half of 2023 is nothing more than domestic violence. Some provisions of the Violence Prevention and Treatment Act were revised and passed, which will be of great benefit to adults who witnessed victims of childhood violence. It is undoubtedly the greatest help. Most of the cases that asked for help in the past said they had not. Formal resource channels can be consulted or have relevant legal sources or benefits. The rights can be used, and we often fall into a situation where we have no way to seek help. We have the protection of the law. After the barrier, we hope that more childhood witnessing service resources will be deployed in the future to enhance this

We will work more closely with community resources in service promotion.

# Digital sexual violence

Stop watching and listening in the online world to prevent digital sexual violence

- **1. Service scale**

In 2023, two social workers will be hired to use crisis adjustment theory and feminist social work theory to provide professional assistance to digital sexual violence victims across the country. Services include: general consultation responses, social and psychological assessment and treatment, accompanying services, judicial services, and Internet services. Lu Video removal assistance, referral services, responsibility reporting, personal safety discussions, related subsidy or material applications, resource or information provision, and other services.

- **2. Service results and service effectiveness**

**(1) Case services**

In 2023, a total of 299 victims of sexual violence were served, with 2,729 service visits. There were 272 new cases (91%) and 27 old cases (9%). Most of the service recipients were female, 244 (81%), 38 (13%) were male, and 17 (6%) were unsure of their gender. Among the cases opened for service, 21 people (40%) completed the case closure, and the reason for closing the case was mostly that the problem was solved after assistance (67%).

**(2) Group work services**

A digital sexual violence victim support group is led by a senior clinical social worker and is conducted online and anonymously to increase the victim's willingness to participate and avoid exposure of their true identity. A total of 8 groups were held in 2 phases from July to August and November to December of 2012, with a total of 9 people and 27 participants. The group is indeed effective in supporting and empowering victims. Members feedback that in the group process, they can face and talk about their past experiences of violence, support each other, and reinterpret the meaning of the experience of violence and think about how to deal with the abuse of victims. The coping method of fame can regain subjectivity, reduce self-blame, and enhance self-worth.

**(3) Network professional training and advocacy, publicity and education.**

In 2023, 4 training activities will be held in the north and south, with a total of 280 social workers, psychological or educational counselors participating. More than 90% of those who filled out the feedback questionnaire at each session said that participating in the training helped improve their understanding of digital sexual violence and their ability to deal with it. In 2023, with the micro-film "Later Youth", four versions of lesson plans will be designed for students and teachers in high schools, vocational schools and colleges, and 18 campus publicity lectures, 17 professional publicity lectures and 7 community publicity lectures will be completed. A total of 10,025 people benefited from the guided lectures.

At the same time, we are producing "The Secret of Online Dating Traps—Digital Body Boundaries, Do You/Do You Know?" 》 Animated short film to enhance public awareness of digital privacy and self-protection, and to eliminate the risk of sexual images being leaked. In 2023, a "Survey on Parents' Digital Citizenship Literacy and Children's Digital Body Privacy Education Attitudes" was conducted to understand parents' digital citizenship literacy, children's use of 3C products at home, and attitudes towards digital body privacy rights. The statistical results will serve as the basis for the Women's Aid Association in the future. Reference basis for digital body privacy education and policy initiatives. In addition, published "Following the digital trend, are you ready?" —Rethinking the Application Capabilities of Social Work Technology in the Prevention and Treatment of Digital Sexual Violence> (Community Development Quarterly), "The Meaning Behind the Data - Rethinking the Prevention and Treatment of Digital Sexual Violence" (Seminar of the Association of Social Workers), "Digital Technology on Social Work Services for Digital Sexual Violence" Opportunities and Challenges> (Shuishalian Social Work Forum).

- **4.Future outlook**

In addition to continuing to provide case services, develop victim group programs, and organize training courses to enhance the professional knowledge of cyber prevention and control personnel, 114 will also go to schools and communities to hold publicity lectures, and even take the initiative to go to remote areas to share, and promote the public's understanding of digital technology. Sexual violence and digital body boundaries. At the same time, we will continue to pay attention to the implementation of relevant laws and policies, and urge the executive and legislative bodies to improve deficiencies in order to curb the occurrence of digital violent crimes.

# Female autonomy

## You deserve to be treated well

- **1. Service scale**

In 2023, a social worker will be hired to carry out career transition consultation and resource website construction for sex trade service providers, professional training courses, and education and promotion activities to enhance women's awareness of sexual and economic autonomy and promote their rights and interests.

- **2. Service results and effectiveness**

**(1) Community campus education promotion**

A total of 6 community and campus lectures were held, focusing on topics such as digital gender violence, body boundaries, interpersonal interaction and sexual autonomy, benefiting a total of 975 people.

**(2) Female autonomous cartoon drawing**

Completed the drawing of a total of 10 comics on 5 major themes (<https://twrf.org.tw/info/category/14>), and promoted them on the association's FB and official website through PO posts. Calculated by FB posts, the total number of people reached was 5,551 visitors. The physical display part will be displayed at the Ama museum's regular exhibition and the human rights desk market stall activities from November 25, with a total of 430 visitors.

**(3) Create an anti-pornography package and place relevant online promotions**

The "Refuse to be inappropriately photographed, I can..." picture and text package was completed and promoted on the association's FB, official website, IG and other platforms, reaching a total of 10,474 people.

**(4) Establishing a "Sex Trade Service Provider Job Replacement Consultation and Resource Network"**

Although Taiwan does not yet have a legal trade area, there are still many sex trade service providers. Some of them are forced to make a living, encounter changes, or even be deceived and threatened into entering this industry. When these sex trade service providers want to exit or leave the industry, they will face many difficulties, and because they are discriminated against, it will be difficult to seek help or use resources. The Women's Aid Association has established a "Sex Trade Service Providers' Job Replacement Consultation and Resource Network", which provides telephone and online anonymous consultation services for job transfer consultation, frequently asked questions, such as questions and answers on employment, medical and other issues, and integrates relevant resources in various counties

and cities. , such as employment, childcare and other social resources, sharing of stories of sex trade service providers changing jobs, website announcements and legal news.

#### **(5) Professional training for women engaged in sex trade**

Completed two "Professional Training to Assist Sex Trafficking Service Providers in Re-employment" in "Taipei" and "Kaohsiung". The time was scheduled to be 6 hours long, and 38 and 30 people participated respectively, for a total of 68 people. More than 80% of trainees have improved their knowledge and skills in contacting service recipients.

### ● **3.Future outlook**

In 2023, the "Sex Trade Service Providers' Job Replacement Consultation Website" will continue to be operated to maintain and improve the quality of website use, and provide reference and understanding to sex trade service workers and the general public by holding a solicitation for submissions on job transition experience. International seminars will also be held to invite domestic and foreign experts and scholars, government and private sector representatives, and people who are concerned about the issue of sex trafficking service providers to discuss the development direction of related policies such as promoting job relocation and protecting rights and interests.

# Services for victims of sexual violence

Let's build a protective net together

- 1. Service scale

In recent years, TWRF has discovered that victims of sexual harassment often don't know who to turn to for help, so it provides professional consultation and services to victims of sexual harassment in the workplace, on campus, and elsewhere in Taiwan. The main questions for seeking help in 2023 are complaints, including who to complain to, complaint procedures and precautions, legal rights and interests of victims, provision of evidence, etc. If it involves sexual molestation, sexual touching, or stalking, you need to understand the criminal law and legal regulations related to stalking and harassment; if it is a case of sexual harassment in the workplace, it may involve labor and management issues, and contact the Labor Bureau for services.

- 2. Service results and effectiveness

In 2023, a total of 30 victims of sexual harassment will be served, and the total number of service visits will reach 80. The service items include: general consultation and response, social and psychological assessment and treatment, accompanying services (calling police/appearing in court/medical treatment), judicial services (legal consultation, Litigation procedures), referral services (psychological consultation/legal aid), responsibility reporting, personal safety discussions, related subsidy or material applications, resource or information provision. In 2023, the service cases reached the completion target and a total of 29 cases were closed. 82% of the cases were solved after the assistance of social workers. The reasons for the closure of 18% of the cases were that after the assistance of social workers, the patients returned to their daily routine and at least other problems were solved. question.

In addition to victim services, the Women's Aid Society participates in discussions on relevant sub-laws of the Ministry of Labor's Gender Equality Work Act, and accepts invitations from many companies to provide education and training on gender equality and sexual harassment prevention, training for sexual harassment network professionals, seminars on sexual harassment issues, etc., to engage the public and companies, network personnel know the situation of sexual harassment victims, and then provide gender-aware complaint or handling environment and measures.

- 3. Future outlook

The outbreak of the "#Me Too" craze in Taiwan has given many victims the courage to speak out. After the passage of the three sexual equality laws, many companies and people still do not know how to prevent sexual harassment and assist victims. In 2024, the Women's Aid will continue to provide victim consultation services and sexual harassment prevention education and training services required in various fields.

# Services for Victims of Human Trafficking

## Listen, Support, Rebuild

- 1. Service scale

TWRF has provided foreign human trafficking prevention and control services since 2003, and has provided services for Chinese people who have been trafficked overseas since 2022. When the victim returns to Taiwan, TWRF provides the assistance the victim needs, including care services and life reconstruction support, financial subsidies and material provision or links, legal consultation, accompanying the police, court sessions, judicial assistance links, psychological counseling and social welfare resource links, etc.

- 2. Service results and effectiveness

According to TWRF's actual assistance, the common situations of victims are mostly low salary, financial difficulties, debts and inability to repay debts. They were deceived by believing in high-paying job opportunities in job banks and online platforms, and by acquaintances advocating good work benefits.

In 2023, a total of 11 victims of human trafficking were served, of which new cases accounted for 63.6%, a total of 7 victims, and old cases accounted for 36.4%, a total of 4 victims; males accounted for 45.5%, a total of 5 victims, and females accounted for 54.5%, a total of 6 victims, with a total of 206 service visits. . In 2023, a total of 6 service cases reached the completion target and were closed, while 5 cases are still open. The reason for closing 100% of the cases is that their problems were at least solved after the assistance of social workers.

In addition to case services, many network personnel do not understand the situation, physical and mental trauma, and needs of domestic human trafficking victims, and do not know how to provide assistance. Social workers were invited by the police and social affairs to conduct 9 professional training sessions for 250 people. At the same time, actively participating in the revision of the law and relevant sub-law revision meetings after the amendment can meet the needs of Chinese victims of human trafficking who have been deceived overseas and help them stabilize their lives as soon as possible after returning to Taiwan.

- 3. Future outlook

The Human Trafficking Prevention Law was finally revised in 2023. In addition to increasing the penalties for traffickers, both Chinese and foreigners can receive resettlement, economic, medical, judicial, employment, residence and other services. Add other criminal methods to

human trafficking methods and channels, and expand the ways in which victims are trafficked. The fly in the ointment is that suspected human trafficking overseas cannot be identified due to restrictions, which affects the subsequent use of relevant rescue funds. TWRF will continue to pay attention to the issue of human trafficking and provide the services needed by victims.

# Comfort Women Memorial Museum- "Ama Museum"

## Remembering history and rescuing trauma

- **1. Service scale**

Hire 2 project staff to maintain the permanent exhibitions of Ama Museum and regularly organize two themed special exhibitions, and provide guidance and interaction for visitors. The permanent exhibition areas "Understanding Young Grandmas", "Deception and Coercion", "We Are They", and "Resilience in the Face of Discrimination" allow visitors to understand the family backgrounds of the grandmothers when they were young, how they were deceived or forced to become "Comfort Women" experience, listening to the grandmothers tell their stories, the process of healing and litigation against Japan. In addition to understanding the historical truth, visitors can also reflect on the harm and impact of war sexual violence on women, as well as gender and human rights issues. At the same time, we enter schools and communities to carry out education and publicity on gender equality and human rights issues, and promote gender violence prevention and anti-war concepts.

- **2. Service results and effectiveness**

The 2023 permanent exhibition is themed "Comfort Women"/the history of military sex slavery, and the two special exhibitions are themed "Trauma and Recovery of Victims of Sexual Violence" and "Human Trafficking". In 2023, there will be a total of 3,076 visitors and 52 group reservations. In the cultural relic preservation and collection section, a total of 526 photos were reproduced, 1 painting was restored, and 25 collections were interpreted and included in the collection.

### **(1) Special Exhibition for the First Half of the Year: Restore Your Heart - Trauma and Recovery of Victims of Sexual Violence**

This special exhibition will start from the stories of the grandmothers, explaining the recovery and reconstruction methods of accompanying victims of sexual violence, the self-care of survivors, as well as the process and works of the grandmothers participating in the mind-body workshop, so that the visiting public can learn more about grandma's trauma and recovery from sexual violence. By understanding the traumatic impact of sexual violence and the process of physical and mental recovery for victims, the public can realize that trauma recovery requires multi-faceted support and assistance, and understand how to assist victims when sexual violence occurs in their lives.

### **(2) Special Exhibition for the Second Half of the Year: Wanted for Victims of Human Trafficking - The Tragedy to End Modern Slavery**

This special exhibition explores three major sub-themes and interactive experiences: "'Comfort women' are victims of human trafficking", "Working overseas to improve the economy but becoming victims of human trafficking", and "Foreign young people are trafficked to Taiwan in

the name of sightseeing and studying" and interactive experiences The game allows visitors to understand the issue of human trafficking, thereby stopping blaming victims, improving personal vigilance and coping abilities, and hoping that the tragedy of human trafficking will never happen again.

### **(3) Special exhibition in collaboration with NATWA and Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall**

In January and February 2023, we will cooperate with NATWA to hold [Through the Time Tunnel! From Afghanistan] in Tainan and Kaohsiung. From the Grandma's Family Cultural Relics Exhibition to the Special Exhibition Reflecting on Digital Gender-based Violence], in addition to the four permanent exhibition areas of the Grandma's Family: "Getting to Know Young Grandmas", "Deception and Coercion", "We Are Them", and "Facing Discrimination" In addition to the simultaneous exhibition of "Resilience", the special exhibition "Restore Your Heart" was also combined with information on digital sexual violence prevention and control. The exhibition lasted for more than one month and attracted 1,358 visitors.

In December 2023, we will cooperate with Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall in the "Restoring Your Heart - This Time, Let Us Catch You" special exhibition, with themes such as catching "#Me Too" victims, what is sexual violence, and life Sexual violence, let us catch you, the trauma of victims of sexual violence, the recovery of victims of sexual violence, the correction and conclusion of #Me Too's three laws of sexual equality. Zuo conveyed the history of "comfort women" and issues of gender equality and gender violence. The exhibition period was from December 23, 2012 to March 18, 2013 (87 days), with 28,546 visitors.

### **(4) Gender violence and human rights salon, gender equality and anti-war lectures**

In conjunction with the International "Comfort Women" Memorial Day on August 14 every year and the World Human Rights Day in December, it is held at Grandma's House - Peace and Women's Human Rights Center, focusing on the history, physical and mental workshops and judicial justice of Taiwanese "comfort women" , which received an overall satisfaction rating of 97% from participating people; it cooperated with the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, combined with current events and referenced feedback from the participating people in the previous series, to explore gender issues in today's society more deeply and broadly, and a total of 6 gender-based violence and human rights events will be held in 2023. The salon and 5 gender equality and anti-war lectures had a total of 137 physical participants.

### **(5) Teaching Tool Box Education Promotion and Action Museum**

TWRF has developed a "Comfort Women" mini-curation teaching tool box that is like a "mobile museum", so that the concept and exhibits of Ama museum can be brought into the community and campus in a wooden box, and combined with the "Reed Blossoms" picture book, In 2023, we responded to the high expectations of educators by bringing the stories of the grandmothers to every corner of Taiwan. We revised and added 50 sets of "Comfort Women" teaching kits, and held 2 seed teacher trainings and 22 on-campus trainings. Community activities, with a total of 613 participants.

- **3.Future outlook**

In May 2023, the last grandma serving in the Women's Aid Club passed away. After that, in addition to continuing to advocate that the Japanese government has the courage to admit, apologize and compensate, it is more important to carry out root-level education so that more people can understand "comfort women"/military Sex slave history. Taiwan should face up to its own history, position the comfort women incident as a serious violation of women's human rights, and record it in national history and history books. The education department should include the comfort women/military sex slave incident in the 108 curriculum so that every student can know the historical truth and the importance of women's human rights. At the same time, the government should also establish a National Women's Human Rights Center to preserve relevant cultural relics and promote human rights education. Only in this way can we jointly protect human rights, respect gender equality, and build a better future.

# Social Initiatives and Education Promotion

Embrace love and respect, reject violence

- 1. Advocate for gender-based violence issues in diverse ways

In 2023, we invited well-known artist Li Peizhen to serve as a charity ambassador. As a mother, Pei Zhen believes that family education for children from an early age is the most important. If children can know something is not good, you can choose to turn it off or reject it. You should also know that if others have inappropriate requests, you need to report them to the teacher or parents. Pei Zhen believes that it is very important for children to have such self-awareness and emphasizes the importance of family education. She uses her influence to advocate "children's digital body boundary education starting from kindergarten." It not only draws public attention to this issue, but also promotes the Women's Aid Society's concepts, services and initiatives to a wider public.

- 2. Training and publicity related to the prevention and treatment of gender-based violence

### (1) On-the-job training

Through internal self-organized professional on-the-job training, we can increase the professional knowledge and work skills of protective social workers to improve service quality and promote social workers to provide good service results.

A total of 10 events were held in 2023, with a total of 168 participants.

### (2) Group supervision and case study

Through reading books and case discussions, we can understand the work difficulties of social workers, improve their sensitivity and understanding of violence, and then reflect on their service beliefs and values. The content includes how to cultivate and enhance the professional capabilities of social workers and supervisors, as well as how to control service quality.

In 2023, a total of 13 group supervision sessions and 5 case studies were conducted, with a total of 183 participants.

### (3) Online professional training and resource contact meetings

To promote and implement the prevention and control of gender-based violence, and enhance the professional knowledge of gender-based violence among social workers and other related professionals in related fields (such as psychology, social workers, police, justice, education and counseling personnel, etc.) , therefore, we organize professional online training in the fields of intimate relationships/domestic violence, children who have witnessed violence, and digital sexual violence to promote service delivery and subsequent resource connections.

A total of 22 games were held in 112 years, with a total of 804 participants.

#### **(4) Educational propaganda**

In order to prevent and control gender-based violence issues such as domestic violence, digital sexual violence, stalking, human trafficking, sexual violence, etc., take the initiative or be invited to enter schools, communities, institutions, etc. to conduct special lectures, publicity and initiatives on gender-based violence to implement gender-based violence First level prevention of violence. Participants include students, teachers, parents, and community members from kindergarten to graduate school, as well as personnel from social affairs, labor affairs, churches, police, justice, health and other related violence prevention networks. The content of the promotion includes the forms of gender-based violence, victims' situation and trauma awareness, prevention and response methods, relevant legal awareness, help-seeking resources, network cooperation, etc. In 112 years, various media materials developed by the association were used in several campuses, parent-child centers, institutions and communities across Taiwan. A total of 95 promotions were conducted, benefiting a total of 13,083 people.

#### **(5) Gender-based violence and human trafficking prevention graphic and online advocacy**

In order to prevent gender-based violence, break gender role stereotypes, and provide necessary services to connect women in vulnerable situations, the Association will create online lazy bags, Prize-winning quiz activities, four-panel comic strips, prevention and control animation short films, and the establishment of related resource information websites have promoted their awareness of economic independence, equal consumption rights, and sexual autonomy. In 2023, we will complete 1 lazy package and prize-winning quiz activities, 5 comic series, 1 resource website construction, and 1 prevention and control animation short film, reaching a total of 17,520 people.

#### **(6) Podcast "Women Help Your Heart 2**

Our association produces and broadcasts a new season of the program "Women Help Your Heart 2", which comprehensively upgrades the quality of visuals, sound quality, guests, content and other aspects, while sharing the history of Taiwanese "comfort women", and also explore more diverse and cross-domain themes from different aspects, including: "The story of the grandmothers - the history of blood and tears of Taiwanese "comfort women"", "After same-sex marriage? —Marriage and the journey of seeking children for same-sex couples>, "I am a boy and I support feminism!" —The significance of gender equality to men>, "The choice of "women" - the ideals and dilemmas of women's participation in politics", "From Sleeping Beauty to Wonder Woman - Gender portrayal in movies and dramas", "Shh! Here comes my "that" one! —From Taboo to Menstrual Equality> A total of 6 single episodes. We hope to increase public awareness and participation, promote the Women's Aid Association, gender equality issues, and Grandma's Peace and Women's Human Rights Center, and maximize the influence of the podcast! A total of 6 episodes were produced and broadcast in 112 years, and were released on 6 major platforms, with a total of 12,432 downloads.

## Initiative content:

Women are the main victims of digital sexual violence in the online world.

TWRF calls for everyone to have the concept of digital body privacy

According to several statistical indicators and indices in the "Gender Image 2024" issued by the Council for Gender Equality of the Executive Yuan, the status of women in my country is relatively equal compared to other countries. However, in terms of personal security and justice, women are still the main victims of gender-based violence. According to statistics from the Ministry of Health and Welfare, after the implementation of the dual sexual image law, women accounted for 60% to 70% of complaints about the distribution of sexual images of adults, children and adolescents. The number of adult complaint cases in 2023 is several times higher than that in the same period in 2022, which shows that the crime of sexually intimate images is a problem that cannot be ignored in recent years.

Among the 1,160 new sexual violence service cases served by the Women's Aid Society from 2015 to 2023, 88% of the victims were women. The majority of the respondents were former/current partners (36%), followed by 27% of netizens who had never met in person. Self-portraits (mostly deceived in the name of love, work, etc.) accounted for the most sexual images at 29%, followed by candid photography at 23%. Practical cases, whether the threat is spread or has been spread, make victims feel uneasy, because when sexual images are leaked, it is more difficult to completely remove them from the shelves and disappear.

On the other side of the Internet screen, there seems to be a group of invisible people who continue to download, upload, copy or share sexually intimate images. The continuous cycle will cause the victim to suffer lifelong harm and nightmares. The Women's Aid Society has discovered through years of practice that to reduce digital sexual violence, comprehensive education on digital body privacy rights and digital body boundaries is the fundamental way to prevent it.

- "Digital body privacy": Everyone has the right to decide how to use their body privacy/sexual images digitally/online. No one else can use technology to use their body privacy/sexual images without their consent. This is An act that violates human rights will also violate our country's laws.
- "Digital body boundaries": Each person can allow others to view or photograph the

parts and range of his or her body.

- The traffic light area of the body, an area where everyone can accept being touched and photographed.

Green light area: hands, feet, shoulders, etc., can be touched by ordinary people. You won't feel embarrassed or uncomfortable when others touch or photograph you.

Yellow light area: waist, head, cheeks, ears, nose, etc. Only close people can touch and photograph.

Red light district: Breasts, genitals, buttocks, thighs, mouth, etc. Only you and very close people can touch and photograph. (The risk of being threatened and disseminated after shooting sexual images is high, so it is not recommended to shoot sexual images)

However, it is important to note that if you are a minor (under 18 years old), no one (including yourself and your family) is allowed to take or video of your child's private parts at will, including taking nude photos or taking cool photos in underwear. , Do not touch the private parts with anything. No one (including yourself and your family) is allowed to post hidden information about children or children in chat or game groups, FB, live broadcasts, etc.

Photos or videos of private parts. Although Taiwan is relatively progressive in terms of gender equality, in the digital world, women are still the main victims of digital sexual violence. Respecting the boundaries of others' digital bodies is also the key to maintaining gender respect and safety.

## Initiative content:

**TWRF position statement: Surrogate mothers should be decoupled from artificial reproduction methods**

In recent years, the Artificial Reproduction Law has attracted the attention of legislators regardless of party affiliation, and amendments to the law are already under consideration. In addition to planning a draft revision of the Artificial Reproduction Law, the Ministry of Health and Welfare has also held public hearings. The Women's Rescue Foundation believes that the Artificial Reproduction Law and surrogate motherhood are issues in different categories, and single women and lesbian couples should be allowed to use artificial reproductive technology to protect women's reproductive rights to have their own children. Because surrogate mothers use women's uterus as a production tool for others, it will lead to the exploitation of women, especially vulnerable women. At the same time, there are risks in pregnancy, care and delivery, as well as the emotional part of the child, which are also quite harmful to the physical and mental health of the woman, and can even affect the fetus.

This involves not only human rights, but also health, law and other issues, and should not be revised together with the Artificial Reproduction Law.

A surrogate mother (surrogacy) refers to a client who is unable to conceive physically or is unwilling to conceive. The client entrusts a third-party woman (surrogate mother) to conceive and give birth to a child in the womb. The woman will carry the fetus on her behalf, and the baby will be handed over to the client after delivery. Currently, the most common artificial reproductive technology choices for surrogate mothers are "artificial insemination" and "in vitro fertilization". Artificial insemination is the process of selecting sperm with good male semen quality and motility and sending them into the uterine cavity of the surrogate mother to make the surrogate mother pregnant. From a genetic point of view, the sperm provider and the surrogate mother are related by blood. IVF is carried out through in vitro fertilization. Eggs and sperm are first fertilized outside the body and cultured into embryos, and then the embryos are implanted back into the surrogate mother. Usually the surrogate mother is not the egg provider and therefore has no biological relationship with the fetus. The surrogacy client may not necessarily have a blood relationship with the fetus, and a sperm and egg bank may provide sperm and egg donation.

Whether it is "artificial insemination" or "test tube baby", they all involve renting/borrowing the uterus from another woman. The woman's uterus is regarded as someone else's production tool, which leads to the problem of "commercialization". In practice, there is a disparity in economic and social status between the client and the surrogate mother, because the surrogacy process is not cheap and usually only wealthy people can afford to find a surrogate mother. For commercial surrogacy in the United States, the cost ranges from US\$100,000 to US\$300,000, including in vitro artificial insemination, embryo cultivation, insurance and medical expenses for the surrogate mother. Surrogate motherhood turns women's fertility into a commercial or altruistic act. Feminist ethicist Susan Sherwin 1 criticizes the commercial

The surrogate mother turns women into reproductive tools. The surrogate mother is a tool for the client to achieve goals that are not her own, instead of satisfying herself or her family's intrinsic value like traditional reproduction. The purpose of a surrogate mother's birth is not for herself or her family, but for the client, and her body becomes a tool for others to use. No matter how complete the legal procedures are, such as using qualification screening to ensure that the surrogate mother has good psychological quality and family care, it is still impossible to prevent women from being "voluntarily" surrogate mothers due to human pressure; or when women are in financial or social difficulties, You may choose to become a surrogate mother to increase your financial resources. Although the above two seem to be free choices, in fact

It is easy for the surrogate mother's autonomy to be overlooked due to the unequal status of both parties. Some surrogate mothers choose multiple embryo transfer methods to increase the chance of implantation and form multiple pregnancies, which are more risky than natural pregnancies.

In today's culture, there is still a traditional concept of "getting married and having children." It is believed that "monogamy and children" are the foundation of a complete marriage and family, which puts many unmarried or infertile heterosexual couples under pressure to get married and have children. The Women's Aid Association is committed to changing the pressure on women in traditional social culture to have children, making adoption an alternative to surrogate motherhood. Therefore, the Women's Aid Association believes that the female uterus cannot be used as a tool or commodity for others to produce. Based on the protection of women's reproductive autonomy, physical autonomy, and the risks and rights of

physical and mental harm, it does not support the legalization of surrogate motherhood.