

***Agnes Chia***

Agnes graduated with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Economics and a Masters of Social Sciences (Social Work) from the National University of Singapore. After spending three years in the communications sector, she began her career in the social services since 2000 and joined Care Corner in 2001. It was then she started working with families, groups and micro-communities. Agnes is Senior Group Director at Care Corner Singapore overseeing its family, youth, children and community services. She is passionate about locality development and community organization and had implemented several community programmes and local self-help initiatives. Having worked with families who faced challenges relating to poverty, single parenthood, homelessness and addictions among others, Agnes' research interests lie in the impact of asset-poverty on child development and family development. More recently in the past decade, she has also furthered her practice in the areas of early childhood development and family violence. In particular, she championed the setting up of the third family violence specialist centre in 2011 and has since then been highly vested in the family protection work.

Agnes is also well-versed in social leadership, social administration and organizational development for the non-profits. She has been serving in the Singapore Association of Social Worker since 2011 undertaking several positions over the years. She is currently Vice-President to the association and also volunteers her time in several other boards and committees in the social and health sectors.