

Family Council

“Strengthening Family Cohesion and Solidarity” Family Education Videos — Overcoming Hurdles with Love HUEN Chun-man and CHUI Man-wah

CHUI : Actually
Man-wah they are no different from normal children
(Mrs HUEN) They are just more anxious and need help
HUEN : For children with autism or special educational needs (SEN)
Chun-man sufficient public awareness
(Mr HUEN) would be very helpful
Say, seeing a child shouting in the street suddenly
yet refraining from making any reaction
is already doing the child a big favour

A uniquely different child

Mrs HUEN : When our child was around 2
a neurologist saw him
and noticed he was different from his peers
in actions and behaviour
He had mood swings
and was unwilling to follow the doctor’s instructions
Since he was still little back then
the doctor could at best assume that he had autism

Alternative way to raise a child

Mr HUEN : When we learned the doctor’s diagnosis
of course our hearts sank
My first thought was about
what exactly we could do
to help him
Mrs HUEN : We have only one belief
as long as our child can learn to speak
look after himself and make friends, that will do
We’ll relatively lower our expectations for him
because it really takes more time to help an autistic child

Overcoming hurdles with love

Mrs HUEN : Since our child came into our lives
we've seen each other's transformation
and realised that both of us would make sacrifices

Mr HUEN : When Wui-hoi was hospitalised for a fever
it was, I think, quite tough for us both
particularly for my wife
because she stayed at the hospital most of the time to take care of him

Mrs HUEN : It was agonizing
I cried and sometimes I felt I couldn't take it anymore
Every time my husband would let me rest
and come to my help
It is because of our child
that we're able to realise the things we do for each other
are appreciated in return

Appreciation for the other half's love

Mr HUEN : I'm very thankful to my wife
She has given Wui-hoi her all
She has to look for lots of information
and take care of him in different ways
She also has to bear the strange looks that people give to SEN children
I am very grateful to my wife
for braving all of this

Mrs HUEN : I'm very happy that
my husband has never made me worry about livelihood problems
providing whatever our child needs
He has been working very hard
so that we can maintain a family with sufficient resources to support our child

Keen support from family

Mr HUEN : I'm very thankful to my family
When my parents found out that Wui-hoi had autism
they went ahead and asked me what kind of support we needed
and shared useful information with us
Their support is also a source of motivation for us

Mrs HUEN : When our family learned from us
how our child should be trained

they all knew how to dovetail their efforts with ours
For example, whenever they see Wui-hoi
they know what to say
and what not to say

Encouragement for others in the same boat

Mr HUEN : I believe that for parents or carers of SEN children
life is definitely not easy
But what matters the most is attitude
Take on it positively, for sure

Mrs HUEN : I hope that people facing these problems
will realise that they're not alone
As long as they embrace their own child bravely and light-heartedly
and plan well for the child's direction of development
someday
the child will make himself useful
and will become what you expect of a perfect child

Words for Wui-hoi

Mr HUEN : If possible
I hope that he'll offer help to others
This is our development goal
and expectation for him
Wui-hoi, I hope you will grow up happily
Don't worry
as your parents
we will support you all

Mrs HUEN : Hello, Wui-hoi
Perhaps it'll take many years
for you to finally get what Mum and Dad have said in this video
But we've always believed that
you're capable of understanding yourself more

Mr HUEN : Thank you for giving us an extraordinary journey

Mrs HUEN : and joining our family