

# 81ST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

SINGAPORE'S ORAL PRESENTATION 2019

Singapore:  
**NURTURING**  
and **ENDEARING** home

Each and every child:  
**SAFE** and **SECURE**, with the  
**OPPORTUNITY** to fulfil his dreams

## A GOOD START

- **Early childhood:** Quadrupling Government spending and more than doubling full-day preschool places between 2012 and 2023
- **Education:** No Singaporean is denied schooling because of financial difficulty
- **More support for low-income:** KidSTART and UPLIFT as key interventions for young children and their families



## SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN

- **Low income:** SGD 131 million (USD 92 million) disbursed in 2017 under the ComCare fund
- **Children with developmental and special education needs:** Extension of Compulsory Education Act to children with special education needs from Jan 2019; 30% increase in spending in 2019 to enhance Early Intervention programmes
- **Children in need of care and protection:** We are working towards raising the age limit under the Children and Young Persons Act from 16 to 18 years; New offences against sexual exploitation of children and child abuse materials introduced in the Penal Code
- **Youth justice:** Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility in the Penal Code raised from 7 to 10 years



## A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT WHERE CHILDREN CAN THRIVE

- **Support for parents:** Legislated parental leave; Integrated access to resources and services through Moments of Life and Baby Bonus
- **Family bonding:** Families For Life Council; FamilyMatters!
- **Reduced school stress:** Revamped examination regime and phased removal of streaming in schools
- **Better health outcomes:** NurtureSG action plan



## PARTNERING NGOS TO CREATE STRONGER COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORT NETWORKS

- **Caring and active citizenry:** Stakeholders consulted on policy and legislative reviews; Multiple channels of feedback available
- **NGOs provide accessible and people-centric social services:** Community partners such as Family Service Centres, Child Protection and Family Violence Specialist Centres work with families

