



# COMCARE



## July 2008 Enhancements to the ComCare Schemes

### SelfReliance

#### ComCare Transitions

- New scheme providing assistance for those temporarily unable to work.

### Grow

#### Centre-based Financial Assistance Scheme for Childcare (CFAC)/ Kindergarten Financial Assistance Scheme (KiFAS)

- Increase in subsidies for childcare by up to \$20/month.
- Eligibility criteria to include new income tier of \$1,501-\$1,800.
- Subsidies extended to nursery programmes.

### EnAble

#### Public Assistance

- From May 2008: rates revised upwards.
- An elderly recipient living alone now gets \$330/month.
- PA recipients also receive free medical treatment, subsidized rentals, utilities and service & conservancy charges rebates. They also receive help from the community such as free meals, hongbaos etc.
- From July 2008: eligibility criteria to include those with children who are unable to support them.

## Key Statistics

ComCare budget for FY 08 is

**\$63.7 million.**

Additional budget on supporting VWOs to provide services is

**\$104.3 million.**

**34% increase** in ComCare budget for FY 08.

Changes to ComCare Schemes

expected to benefit **10,500** more needy cases,

making a total of about **27,200** cases.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.mcys.gov.sg/MCDSFiles/Press/Articles/15-2008.pdf>

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