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Quality of Life among Chinese Rural Left-Behind Children: The Role of Family Resilience

Academic Qualifications:

2021-now	PhD candidate, Department of Applied Social Sciences The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2019-2021	MSW, Department of Social Work and Social Policy Nankai University
2015-2019	LL. B, Department of Social Work Sichuan Agriculture University

Professional Qualifications:

Assistant Social Worker in Mainland China

Publications:

Zhuang, J., Deng, C., Fu, L., Ng, J. C. K., & Wu, Q. (2025). Educational Development of Chinese Rural Left-Behind Children: Promotive and Protective Factors at Multilevels. *Child & Family Social Work*, 1–19. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cfs.70016>

Deng, C., Yu, L., Shek, D. T. L., & Zhu, X. (2025). The Role of Spirituality and Beliefs in the Future in the Mental Health of Chinese Adolescents During the Pandemic. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11482-025-10466-6>

Zhou, X., Yu, L., Deng, C., Ren, Y., & Du, M. (2024). Everyone is searching for it and those who acquired it enjoy better mental health: A latent profile analysis of Chinese adolescents' meaning in life. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 15, 1480499. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2024.1480499>

Wan, G., Deng, C., & Li, C. (2023). Adverse Childhood Experiences and Depression: Do Left-Behind Families Place Children at Higher Risk in Rural China. *Journal of Family Violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-023-00580-0>

Wan, G., Zhang, L., & Deng, C. (2023). Cultural heterogeneity, family dysfunction and inadequate school support: Ethnic disparities in bullying victimization within China's multiethnic regions. *Children & Society*, chso.12808. <https://doi.org/10.1111/chso.12808>

Zhu, X., Deng, C., & Bai, W. (2023). Parental control and adolescent internet addiction: The moderating effect of parent-child relationships. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 11, 1190534. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2023.1190534>

Deng, C. (2021). The Analysis of Psychological Factor of Different Subjects in School Bullying: Based on the Perspective of Positive Psychology. *Adolescent and Children's Studies* (08), 55-60+9.

Under Review and In Preparation

Zhang, Q., Yu, L., Xu, Y., Zhang, H., Deng, C., Ren, Y., & Du, M. (2025). The Inter-generational Transmission of Parental Adverse Childhood Experiences on Children's Depression and Anxiety Symptoms: The Mediating Effect of Parenting Factors (Under Review).

Deng, C., Yu, L., Shek, D. T. L., & Zhu X. (2024). Understanding Family Resilience and Adolescent Development in Rural China: Measurement and Profile Analysis (Under Review).

Deng, C. & Yu L. (2025). Family Resilience of Chinese Rural Left-Behind Adolescents: A Latent Transition Analysis (In Preparation).

Deng, C. & Yu L. (2025). The Protective Pathway: How Positive Youth Development Mediates the Reciprocal Effects of Family Resilience on Mental Health among Chinese Rural Left-behind Adolescents (In Preparation).

Deng, C. & Yu L. (2025). Family Resilience as a Shield: How Left-Behind Adolescents Navigate Parental Separation Through Coping Strategies (In Preparation).

Deng, C., Yu L., Zhuang, J., & Fu, L. (2025). Unpacking Vulnerability: The Role of Family and Peer Risks in Shaping the Well-Being of Left-Behind Children (In Preparation).

Deng, C., Yu L., Wan, G., Ren, Y., & Du, M. (2025). The Role of Family Functioning in the Relationship between Cumulative Ecological Risk and Mental Health Problems among Chinese Rural Adolescents: The Moderated Mediation Models (In Preparation).

Conferences:

Deng, C., Yu, L., Ren, Y. (2025, Jan 15-19). From Stability to Change: Family Resilience among Chinese Rural Left-Behind Adolescents [Flash talk]. 2025 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington, United States.

- Deng, C., & Yu, L. (2024, Jun 1-3). Cumulative Ecological Risks and Mental Health Problems among Chinese Rural Adolescents: The Role of Psychological and Family Resilience [Paper presentation]. 2024 APISWEA International Conference, Chengdu, China.
- Deng, C. (2024, May 20-24). Cumulative Risk and Mental Health Problems among Chinese Rural Left-behind Adolescents: The Moderating Role of Family Resilience [Paper presentation]. IACAPAP 2024 International Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- Deng, C., Yu, L., Shek, D. T. L., & Zhu X. (2024, Jan 10-14). Family Functioning and Adolescents Behavioral Problems in Mainland China: Positive Youth Development as a Mediator [Poster presentation]. 2024 Society for Social Work and Research Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., United States.
- Deng, C., Yu, L., Zhu X., & Shek, D. T. L. (2022, Jun 22-25). Meaning in Life of Chinese Children: Its Relationships with Mental Health and Physical Exercise Hours for Primary School Students in Mainland China Before and After the Outbreak of the COVID-19 [Paper presentation]. Meaning in Life 2022 International Conference, Hong Kong SRA, China.
- Deng, C., & Yu, L. (2022, Mar 3-5). Hong Kong Secondary School Students' Participation in Violent Political Activities: Patterns and Correlates [Paper presentation]. 2022 Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, Louisiana, United States.
- Deng, C., Yu, L., & Shek, D. T. L. (2022, Jan 8). Chinese adolescents' problem behaviors before and after the outbreak of the COVID-19: Predictive effects of positive youth development attributes and family functioning [Paper presentation]. Hong Kong Sociology Association 22nd Annual Meeting, Hong Kong SRA, China.
- Deng, C. (2020, Dec 28). Analysis of the social work dilemma in child abuse intervention: A case study of children from a disadvantaged family. Postgraduate Forum of the 2020 Annual Conference of the China Association of Social Work Education, Shanghai (online), China

Visiting experiences:

- University of Chicago Chicago, The USA
Visiting Ph.D. Student, hosted by Prof. Ma Zhiying *Jan - Jun, 2023*

Internship and practice experiences:

- Children and Adolescents Social Work

2020.06-	Aiyouxu Community Cultural Development Center: Children	Social Worker
2020.09	Welfare Department (Sichuan, China)	(Intern)

2019.10- 2019.12	Investigation on the protection of minors' rights and interests in China (research about left-behind children)	Investigator
2019.03- 2019.08	Aiyouxu Community Cultural Development Center: Children Welfare Department (Sichuan, China)	Social Worker (Intern)
2018.04- 2018.06	Evaluation of One Foundation (SOF) "Safe Farmhouse" Project (Disaster Social Work)	Evaluation team members
2017.09- 2018.06	"Transformation Project" of the Social Work Department of SICAU (serving for children with intellectual disabilities)	Team Leader
2017.10- 2017.12	Social work service project after "6.24" landslide disaster in Mao County, Sichuan Province (Disaster Social Work)	Social Worker (Intern)
2017.07- 2017.08	Aldrich Bay Children and Youth Service Center, Hong Kong	Social Worker (Intern)
2016-2017	Social Worker Talent Training Project of Ya'an, Sichuan	Project assistant
2016.09- 2016.12	Investigation on Private Social Work Organizations in Sichuan Province	Investigator
2016.07- 2016.08	Chengdu First Mental Health Prevention Center (Serving for children with intellectual disabilities)	Volunteer