**What is it?**

Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) is a factory-based facility that provides a safe environment for the children of workers to play, access learning opportunities, develop social skills through interactions with other kids, and participate in joint activities with their parents.

CFS responds to an urgent need to provide childcare when children are out of school. Every summer, the number of children on production floors or left unsupervised in dorms spike dramatically when school is not in session.

**How big is the problem?**

24% of parents who migrated with their children leave them unattended at home.

18% of parents who migrated without their children take them to work during school breaks.

CFS serves an important function of keeping children away from production areas or unsupervised dorms, and allow parents to put their minds at ease during shifts. 38% of parents admitted to making mistakes at work due to worries about their children.

CFS operates during the summer but can also run on a year-round basis.

**CFS in numbers**

44 factories have implemented CFS to date.

2000+ children have attended CFS to date.

**Impact so far**

CCR CSR measures the impact of each CFS project through pre-assessment and post-evaluation surveys. According to an assessment of 16 factories in China in 2018, we found that the project brought long-term benefits to parent workers, their children, and factories. Here’s what we found:

**Impact on children**

- 60% of parents say children became more active and thoughtful.
- 71% are less worried about their children.
- 94% got to spend more time with their children & got closer.

**Impact on parents**

- 53% increase in workers believing the factory understands their challenges as workers.
- 62% increase in workers reporting higher trust in management.
- 30% increase in workers feeling satisfied with their factory.

**Impact on factories**

- 103% increase in workers who would strongly recommend the factory to other workers.
- 37% participating parents report that they are more efficient at work.
- 15% increase in parents planning to stay at the factory for 2 years or more.
How does it work?

Info Session
To create awareness around the programme and confirm participation

Pre-Assessment
To determine the appropriate location, activities & services to be delivered

Staff Training
Training in essential child care and CFS facilitation

Set-up Support
To provide information and support with the set-up process

Impact Assessment
Rigorous quantitative analysis to track impact and assess sustainability of programme

Our programme

What’s Included?

- Visit to the factory to identify the right space and set-up modalities
- Three-day face-to-face training and detailed guideline on all elements concerning the CFS (legal, safety, child protection, curriculum etc.)
- Remote and on-site implementation support including CFS safety assessment
- On-site visit for impact assessment
- Report card documenting program impact

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““The safety of my youngest child has always been my biggest concern…….Thanks to the CFS, my daughter can have a safe place to stay, making me feel so assured at work.”

A mother of a 6-year-old girl who attended a CFS in 2018.

How can you get involved as a brand/buyer?
Brands/buyers can nominate their factories and invite them to the information session. They can also support their suppliers with the external costs of the project.

Who pays for this?
Participating brands support the external costs (training, set up support and monitoring), while in most cases factories cover their internal costs such as the necessary renovations and staff salary.

How to get going?
1. If you know of a factory with a need for CFS, nominate them to join the programme by contacting info@ccrcsr.com
2. Ask your factories to join CCR CSR’s CFS webinars where the programme is explained in detail

Want to learn more?
Click here to watch a short film about a boy’s happy summer at CFS in 2018.