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## **North Ryde and Sydney City Family Relationship Centres - Here to Help Chinese Families -**

Family Relationship Centres were recently established in North Ryde and Sussex St in the Sydney CBD to help all kinds of families to ride the twists and turns of family life. These Centres are managed by Relationships Australia NSW and are two of 65 new Family Relationship Centres supported by the Federal government.

May Tse, a Cantonese and Mandarin speaking Family Advisor working in both Centres said: "We are here to help all families - people starting relationships, those wanting to make their relationships stronger and separating families who want to focus on the best interests of their children."

One of the services offered at the Family Relationship Centres is Family Dispute Resolution. "Family Dispute Resolution is the legal term for services, such as mediation, that help separating and divorced couples to resolve their disputes and agree on arrangements for their children without going to court", May Tse said.

Family Dispute Resolution is now a requirement before an application can be made to court for a Parenting Order. At the Family Relationship Centre individual interviews, groups and a minimum of one family dispute resolution session are provided to all families free of charge. The Family Relationship Centre can also refer you to other services including counselling, parenting and communication courses.

To make an appointment please contact: Sydney City Family Relationship Centre, 118 Sussex Street, Sydney on 02 8235 1500 or North Ryde Family Relationship Centres, Unit 1A North Ryde Link Business Park, 277 Lane Cove Road North Ryde on 02 8874 8088.

For more information you can also visit Relationships Australia at <http://www.relationships.com.au> or the Attorney-General's Department at [www.ag.gov.au](http://www.ag.gov.au)

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