Social service hubs to help needy will be round the corner

The hubs will facilitate joint effort by social workers, government agencies and local community members to work with the families, because sometimes families may not respond so well when they see... Photo: TANWINN TECHNOSOCKS/ST FILE PHOTO

Minister for Social and Family Development Desmond Lee addressing graduates of Nanyang Technological University's School of Social Sciences at their convocation ceremony yesterday, where he announced the setting up of social service hubs.

The move is part of the Social and Family Development Ministry's efforts to boost coordination and data-sharing between the various agencies and stakeholders in the social service sector, to help needy families more effectively.

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Mr Lee noted that some challenges are a result of choices made, socio-cultural circumstances, "but a lot of them, I think, are the result of a family, they get very hard." These hubs will facilitate social support from the community to the head start up - you斧湘 of the urban poor - to the most vulnerable, to tackling the country's social challenges.

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