

Children's Rainbow Center Newsletter

# Rainbow Times

## Introduction of FY2011 Training Schedule

### Training for Local Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Supervisors

This is a program to train trainers who plan and produce local training on child abuse and neglect. Starting from the objective, they will learn the essential points in planning and producing a training program including how to construct and what can be a useful content. The special feature of this program is the "lecture video distribution". Part of this training program you participated will be distributed online (ID registry required). You may plan a "video lecture distributed online+ exercise facilitated by you" program.

### Joint Training for Staffs of School and Children's Guidance Center(CGC)

The importance of cooperation between schools and CGCs has been urged. CRC held the training this year as a "special training". Next year (FY2011), we will extend this to a three day program, enriching the content. School and CGC will learn each others roll and strengthen their connection through the lecture and group discussion.

### Open Lecture

CRC hold an open lecture every year. Next year (FY2011) on October 11<sup>th</sup>, we invited will invite Mr. Frank Putnam from (US) to give a lecture on "Understanding and Managing the Dissociative Symptom of School-aged Children in Child Welfare Institutes". Mr. Putnam is the specialist of dissociation and the pioneer of child abuse and neglect in the United States. Don't worry! there will be translation in Japanese!! (This open lecture is free.) (Minamiyama)



## Have you heard about the "Apartments with childrearing support"?

Recently, companies started to pay attention to childrearing support. One of the projects is apartments with safety equipment and services for childrearing. They have attached services like daycare nursery and local support agencies, and they also are constructed with function like barrier-free and soundproof. Some of them have day care for sick child. Sumida-ku, Tokyo was the first to get approved by the government in 2003. It is gradually being spread out to other areas since then

A commerce facility in Yokohama established a counseling room for mothers, right next to the children's clothes sales floor. It's said that lots of mothers comes to get advised by a midwife. Some commerce facility holds events cooperated by child care NPOs.

Childbirth rate is seriously declining in Japan. I hope that these movements will create a better environment to raise children. (Minamiyama)

## GPS on sex offenders in Japan !?

The sexual offender act, so called "Megan's Law" was first enacted in New jersey 1994. **The United States** is the only nation which has the sex offender's name, photo, and their address open to public. **Canada** and **The United Kingdom** requires registry, but does not open information to public. In **Scotland**, parents are able to ask the police if a sex offender has access to their children. **European Union** seems to have conflict between the idea of sharing the sex offender database, and the act of European Convention of Human Rights.

In **Korea**, the "electric anklet law" was enforced in 2008. People who repeated sexual offence and people who were convicted of sexual crime against children under 13 are required to wear an anklet with GPS. In 2009, the maximum term was extended to 30 years.

And in **Japan**...the draft ordinance proposing required GPS equipment of sex offenders was presented at Miyagi prefectural assembly. This could improve child community safety. However, some says that this is against human rights of persons who served out one's sentence, and should reinforce reformatory programs instead. This discussion is going on ... (Yamabe)

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