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We'd like to send our deepest empathy to all the victims of the earthquake.

We hope that restoration would be achieved as soon as possible.

Cases handled at Children's Guidance Centers - 55.152 cases , FY2010

On July 20th, the Ministry of Health & Labor released the number of cases handled by Children's Guidance Centers in FY2010. Due to the 3.11 earthquake, the data was collected excluding Miyagi prefecture, Fukushima prefecture, and Sendai city.

The total was 55.152 cases which is 28% growth from last year. People points out that child abuse came into the limelight by some serious cases last year, for instance, the Osaka case, which the mother left her 3years old daughter and 1years old son alone in her apartment to death.

The Child Abuse Death Review (7th report) was announced at the same time. There was 77cases, 88victims in FY2010. Though the number of victim decreased since the last report (107cases, 128 victims), it shows that there are 1.8children per week dying due to child abuse. Some of you might have a moment of poignancy every time you hear the news. It makes us re-recognize the urgent need of preventive measures... How do you take these reports?

Source: Ministry of Health and Labor

<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou/2r985200001j1q1.html>

http://www.mhlw.go.jp/bunya/kodomo/dv37/index_7.html

(Minamiyama)

[Child Abuse News from Japan]



2y old boy starved to death!?

On May 26th 2011, a mother of 2y10m old boy called 119 (ambulance) saying that her son is not breathing. The boy was 74cm and weighed 12.8 pounds. A typical Japanese boy of his age is about 85cm and weighs about 23pounds. The parents were arrested in charge of Abandonment of a Person Responsible for Protection causing Death.

The boy had 3 older sisters. The youngest have deceased 2007 when she was 3 months old. The 6ys old sister had no health problem, but the 5ys old sister had malnutrition. The father says that the boy had eating disorder and could only absorb some fruits and milk. Autopsy report shows his bowel full of paper and plastic, which seemingly was causing him not eating.

The mother attended only 2 out of 14 medical examinations when she was pregnant with the boy. Local authority has made 4 home visits, but was refused to see the children by the father. Beside the children's malnutrition, it seemed that the parents were taking care of them. The authority was not able to predict the boy's death. (Yamabe)

New books in the library

Now CRC library has the complete 1st to 5th edition of "The Battered Child" by Henry Kempe, who first identified *Child Abuse* in the medical field, and Ray Helfer, the pioneer of child abuse and neglect prevention.



Donated Books



The Association for Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect in Osaka has donated total of 130 journal issues: 「Child Abuse and Neglect , The International Journal」, 「Child Abuse Review」, 「Aggression and Violent behavior」.

Children's Guidance Center in Shiga has donated 「Child Welfare Manual (1951)」 etc. As you can see, they are very old books.



Not only old books, but booklets such as newsletters and bulletins are also difficult to obtain. CRC keeps every publication as valuable information, enables it for reading when needed.

Let us know if you have any books you can donate.

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