

Protection system against child abuse in communities

- Although old protection measures against child abuse was the system to cope with child abuse in only Child Guidance Center, "municipalities" has been added by revised act in 2001 so that they can receive notice. Therefore, it has become the system to cope with child abuse with dual structure of "municipalities" and "Child Guidance Center."
- Establishment of local network to protect children (regional council of countermeasures for Children Requiring Aid) has been ongoing at each municipality (as of April 1, 2008, established in 94% municipalities (including the child abuse prevention network of voluntary establishment)).
- According to the Revised Child Welfare Act of 2008, children, who need child-raising support grasped by home visiting business for all families with infants, and pregnant women, who especially need to take supports even before birth, have been added to support objects of the council since April, 2009.

