

Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers

Overview Overview of the Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers

Welfare volunteers prescribed in the Commissioned Welfare Volunteers Law shall enhance social welfare with the spirit of social service, by providing consultation always from the people's viewpoints and giving necessary assistances; and by cooperating with works of government-affiliated organizations such as welfare office and like.

And the Welfare Volunteers shall double as the Child Welfare Volunteers provided for in the Commissioned Welfare Volunteers Law. The Welfare Volunteers shall grasp an appropriate perception of the environment surrounding and the lives of those people such as children in the communities, pregnant women and fatherless families. In the case children needing supports are found, Welfare Volunteers shall try to solve their problems by consultation and advice on the available service system.

Detailed Information 1 The number of Welfare Volunteers and Child Welfare Volunteers and Chief Commissioned Child Welfare Volunteers (As of March 31, 2008)

	Area volunteers	Chief child welfare volunteers	Total
Male	88,526	3,729	92,255
Female	117,790	17,242	135,032
Total	206,316	20,971	227,287

Source: "Report on Social Welfare Administration and Services FY 2007 (Statistical Report on Welfare Administration)," Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW