

Children's Rainbow Center Newsletter

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FY2013 Child Abuse Cases Handled at Children's Guidance Centers & Cases of Suspension of Parental Authority

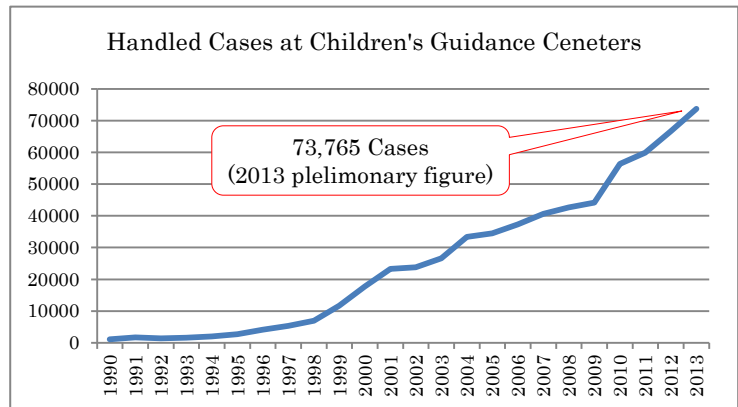
The number of child abuse cases handled at Children's Guidance Centers in FY2013 was announced on August 4th. There were 73,765 cases (preliminary figures), which is up 10.6% from the previous year and is the largest number ever. The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare considers that the increase may be of rise in the report of exposure to domestic violence and enhancement of sibling safety assurance besides the concern of increase of child abuse itself.

The suspension of parental authority was added in the 2012 revision of Civil Code. Twenty three cases were filed in 16 municipalities in FY2013. In 9 cases the court issued order to suspend parental authority, one case was dismissed, 4 cases are under judgment and 9 cases were withdrawn. The court ordered suspension in cases such as: medical neglect case which the parents refused to give blood transfusion to the child because of their religious belief, case of refused registration to the organ transplant network, case of sexual abuse by a father who was

sentenced to prison, and case of interrupted independence of the child by the guardian. The court ordered loss of parental authority or right of administration of property for 7 cases in 6 municipalities.

<Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Japanese): <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou/0000052785.html>>

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In Memory of Ms. Kazuyo Tanase, Ph.D.

Clinical Psychologist, Research and Care for Abused Children

Clinical psychologist Ms. Tanase has passed away on May 21st. Starting as a crisis-call counselor, she worked as a member mediation committee of domestic relations, counselor in universities and education centers, lecturer in 4 universities, and became a professor at Kobe Shinwa Women's University.

Her main interest was in parent-child relationship and care for children following parental divorce. She has published many books including "Psychological Trauma Following Abuse and Divorce (2001, Toki Shobou)".

In 2013, she opened her own counseling office in Shinjyuku, Tokyo. She provided play therapy for children suffering from parental divorce, couple's therapy for couples to review their relationship, and bonding therapy to support rebuilding family relationship and attachment. Divorce or separation is an energy consuming event for the child as well as the parents. Ms. Tanase supported the family with both the parents' and child's point of view.

Ms. Tanase has given lecture on "Divorce and Children" for CRC's thematic training "Supporting the Family" in 2013. The video record (DVD, Japanese) is available at CRC. We are planning to publish her lecture on The Bulletin of Children's Rainbow Center Japan Vol.12. The lecture is certainly worth listening.

The XXth ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse & Neglect

September 14-17, 2014

Nagoya Congress Center, Japan

The main theme:

Towards child-centered societies: Learn from the past, act for the future

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<http://www.ispcancongress2014.org/>



CRC will be opening a booth, and our staff will be presenting posters at the congress.

We hope to see you there!!

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