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Current Conditions and Challenges of Foster Care Services: A Survey of Foster Parents on Coworking, Multiple Foster Children Placement, and Admissions Care

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This paper reports on coworking foster parents, multiple foster child care, and admissions care, based on an analysis of a questionnaire survey of registered foster parents and conducted in the Kanto and neighboring prefectures, Japan. This is because it is expected that if foster care is popularized by prioritizing foster care over institutional care, more working couples will be entrusted with foster children and more foster parents will be entrusted with more than one foster child. In such cases, inadequate consideration of placement and communication before and after the placement may lead to unfavorable results. Against this background, this paper reports on a survey conducted with a focus on foster parents' coworking, multiple foster children care, and admissions care.

The survey results showed that, like most families, the majority of foster families had experienced working together after their foster children were entrusted to them. However, foster parents were burdened with work adjustment and temporarily giving up their regular jobs. Therefore, the national government, local governments, and child guidance centers need to reform their systems, for example, by establishing a system that allows foster parents to take childcare leave or parental leave regardless of the age of the child.