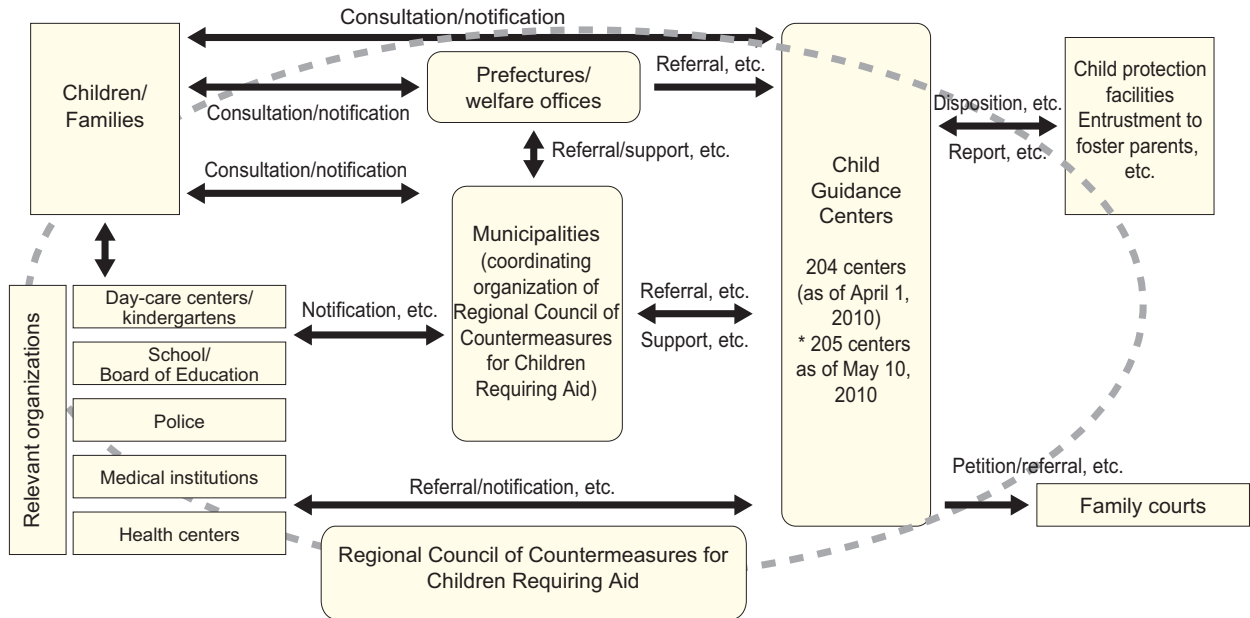


Child Abuse Prevention Measures

Overview

Child Abuse Prevention System in Regions

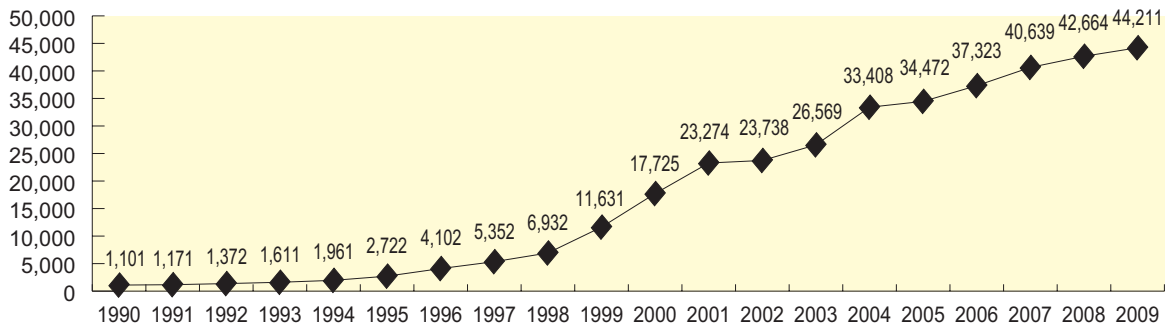
- The conventional child abuse prevention measures had child guidance centers as the only entity that handled child abuse cases. The 2004 revision of the Child Abuse Prevention Act, etc., however, added “municipalities” to the entities that are notified of any child abuse in thereby establishing a dual-layer structure system consisting of “municipalities” and “child guidance centers”.
- Number of child abuse consultations handled by municipalities
40,222 cases in FY2005 → 56,606 cases in FY2009
- The establishment of Regional Council of Countermeasures for Children Requiring Aid has been making progress in respective municipalities (established in 95.6% of municipalities (98.7% with voluntarily established child abuse prevention networks included) as of April 1, 2010)
- The 2008 revision of Child Welfare Act enabled any children requiring child care support identified via home visit services for all families with infants, etc. and pregnant women in particular need of support before childbirth, in addition to children requiring protection, to be included as subjects for support provided by the Council from April 2009 on.



Detailed Data

Changes in Number of Child Abuse Consultations and Cases of Deaths from Child Abuse

- The number of child abuse consultations handled at child guidance centers nationwide had increased by 380% in FY2009 from FY1999 (before the Child Abuse Prevention Act).



- The number of cases of deaths due to child abuse (excluding double suicide cases) remains at a high level.

	The First Report (2003.7.1-2003.12.31)			The Second Report (2004.1.1-2004.12.31)			The Third Report (2005.1.1-2005.12.31)			The Fourth Report (2006.1.1-2006.12.31)			The Fifth Report (2007.1.1-2008.3.31)			The Sixth Report (2008.4.1-2009.3.31)		
	Non-suicide	Suicide	Total	Non-suicide	Suicide	Total	Non-suicide	Suicide	Total	Non-suicide	Suicide	Total	Non-suicide	Suicide	Total	Non-suicide	Suicide	Total
Cases	24	-	24	48	5	53	51	19	70	52	48	100	73	42	115	64	43	107
Persons	25	-	25	50	8	58	56	30	86	61	65	126	78	64	142	67	61	128

* The figures were taken from the results of verifying any cases of death due to child abuse in the First through to the Sixth Report