

Independence Support Measures for Fatherless Families

Overview

Outline of Independence Support Measures for Fatherless Families

- The revision of the Act on Welfare for Mothers with Dependents and Widows and Child Rearing Allowance Act, etc. that took place in 2002 reinforced measures to use to provide “comprehensive support toward employment/independence”.
- More concretely, four measures have been promoted, namely “child rearing/living support measures”, “employment support measures”, “measures for securing child care expenses”, and “financial support measures”.

Promotion Plans for Independence of Fatherless families and widows
(formulated by local governments but with the basic policies of the government taken into consideration)



Child rearing and living support

- ◎ Legal provision of priority admission to day-care centers
- ◎ Implementation of child rearing and living support measures through dispatched helpers, etc.
- Enhancement of functions of Maternal and Child Living Support Facilities, including establishment of satellite-type facilities, etc.

Employment support

- Promotion of Employment and Independence Support Centers for Fatherless Families, etc. services
- ◆ Formulation of independence support programs for fatherless families according to the actual situation of the individual family in cooperation with Hello Works, etc.
- Provision of benefits for the ability development, etc. of fatherless families
- Implementation of vocational training with preparatory lectures, etc.

Securing child care expenses

- ◎ Creation of support centers for consultations on childcare expenses
- ◎ Legal establishment of the obligation to make the effort to pay child care expenses
- ◎ Distribution of “handbook on child care expenses” and leaflets
- ◎ Promotion of ensured execution thorough revision of the civil execution system

Financial support

- ◎ Provision of child rearing allowance
- Enhancement of welfare loans for fatherless families and widows from the point of view of supporting their independence

* Measures indicated with ◎ also apply to motherless families.

Measures indicated with ○ partially apply also to motherless families.

Measures indicated with ◆ also apply to motherless families in the FY2011 budget.

Outline of Welfare Measures for Fatherless Families, etc.

Income security	Provision of child rearing allowance	Fatherless families with parents being divorced (refer to detailed data)	Recipients: 986,042 (persons) End of 2009 Eligible children: 1,513,245 (persons) End of 2009	Measures for independence	Independence support projects	Priority to establish stores in public facilities, etc. Priority to receive permission for tobacco retailers	Stores: 1,390 (*3 cases) Permissions: 1,624 (*3 cases)
		Pension for fatherless families	Recipients: 39 (*2 cases)		Housing measures	Special consideration for public housing	
		Survivor's basic pension	Recipients: 106,315 (*2 cases)		Livelihood guidance, etc.	[1] Fatherless family daily living support facilities [2] Maternal and child welfare centers [3] Rest homes for fatherless families [4] Counselors for independence of families [5] Daily living support services for families [6] Day-care measures (priority enrollment)	Facilities: 272 (*1) Facilities: 59 (*4) Facilities: 3 (*4) Counselors: 1,557 (*1) Cases: 4,820 (*1)
		Survivor's pension (for spouses and children)	Recipients: 4,690,742 (*2 persons)				
Taxation	Loans of welfare funds for mothers with dependent children	Low or no-interest loans to fatherless (widow) households	Loans 49,923 (*1 cases)	Taxation	Tax measures	Income deduction for fatherless families, etc. System of deducting interest from taxable income	Widow's deduction Widower's deduction Income tax Resident tax
	Loans of welfare funds for widows		Loans 1,247 (*1 cases)				

Source: Equal Employment, Children and Families Bureau, MHLW

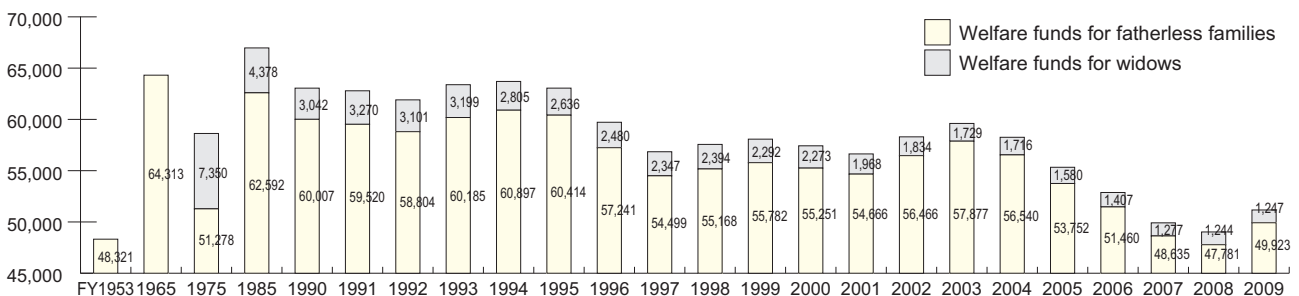
(Note) The figures indicated with *1 are as of the end of FY2009, *2 as of the end of FY2007, *3 as of the end of FY1999, and *4 as of October 1, 2009.

Detailed Data 1 Child Rearing Allowance

Purpose	The promotion of child welfare by contributing to the stable lives of fatherless families resulting from divorce, etc. and their independence (allowance also provided to motherless families from August 2010 on)																					
Recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mothers with custody of, or other guardians (grandparents, etc.), who are caring for their children (* prior to the first March 31 after their 18th birthday or with specific disabilities younger than 20; hereinafter the same) but who receive no living expenses from the fathers due to divorce of their parents, etc. Fathers with custody of and sharing living expenses with children that do not receive living expenses with the mothers due to the divorce of their parents, etc. 																					
Monthly amount of allowance	One child: ¥41,550 Two children: ¥46,550 Additional amount per child for the third child on: ¥3,000																					
Income limit	The annual income of recipients of the previous year must be less than ¥1.30 million (2-person households) An annual income of ¥1.30 million or more but less than ¥3.65 million results in the amount of the allowance being reduced by ¥10 up to ¥31,740 in units of ¥10 and according to the income. With guardians rearing orphans, etc. the annual income of the previous year must be less than ¥6.10 million (6-person households).																					
Methods of provision	Anyone qualified to receive the allowance applies for it and then the prefectural governor or the mayor or head of a town/villages with a welfare office authorizes it and the allowance is then provided via financial institutions 3 times a year (in April, August, and December).																					
Provision status (as of the end of FY2009)	Number of recipients: 986,042 persons Breakdown of recipients by reason: <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Separated</td> <td>{</td> <td>Divorced: 860,789 persons</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>{</td> <td>Other: 1,469 persons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Widowed:</td> <td></td> <td>8,525 persons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unmarried mother:</td> <td></td> <td>81,880 persons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Disabled father:</td> <td></td> <td>2,619 persons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deserted:</td> <td></td> <td>4,019 persons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other:</td> <td></td> <td>26,741 persons</td> </tr> </table>	Separated	{	Divorced: 860,789 persons		{	Other: 1,469 persons	Widowed:		8,525 persons	Unmarried mother:		81,880 persons	Disabled father:		2,619 persons	Deserted:		4,019 persons	Other:		26,741 persons
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Detailed Data 2 Changes in Number of Loans from Welfare Funds for Fatherless Families and Widows



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