

Childrearing and Childcare Support in Japan

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In this paper, Japan's current issues concerning childcare support are discussed, through the statistical analyses on detailed conditions of childrearing and usage of childcare supports among couples with babies and little children.

The data used for those analyses is the fourteenth Japanese National Fertility survey conducted in 2010, that designed questionnaires for investigating childrearing and usage of childcare supports, meanwhile mainly for monitoring trends of childbearing among couples.

In current Japan, daily or intensive help by mothers of couples with babies is quite norm, in the meantime, the use of maternity leaves and childcare center are used exclusively by couples among working mother at the rather minority sectors.

This paper emphasize that universal support system that qualified to be used by every parent regarding working conditions are supposed to be fulfilled in terms of expansion of beneficiary and understanding on childcare support.