
ABSTRACT

The role of clinical psychologists cooperating with other professionals in the provision of regional childcare support

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This study took a systems approach to analyzing the role of clinical psychologists in the provision of regional childcare support. The aims were specifically to examine the interview process between clients experiencing child-rearing difficulties and clinical psychologists, and then to clarify the role and assignments of the clinical psychologists with other professionals work in regional childcare support. We clarified the process by which problems were solved, while also ascertaining that systems such as the social system, individual system, mother-child system, and marital system influence each other. We recommend that clinical psychologists take the following four roles in regional childcare support: provide support throughout the life stage, provide family assessment and intervention from a systemic viewpoint, provide a secure base that maintains ties for clients among support networks, consultation for clients and their support teams, and advocacy for clients.

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