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Composition of Child Safety Task Force

[Citizen groups, etc. 6 members] Council of Social Welfare and Child Welfare Officers (1) PTA Federation (1) Council for Promotion of Healthy Development of Youth (1) Federation for Development of Children's Associations (1) Bureau of Tourism and Exchange Promotion (1) Association of Koriyama City Child and Childcare Supporting Companies (1) [Governmental agencies 4 members] Child and Family Support Section Total 15 members (1)Child Education Section (1) Board of Education, General Affairs Section (1) School Education Promotion Section (1)[Childcare and Education related agencies 5 members] Association of Approved Nursery School Directors (1) Private Approved Nursery School Liaison Council (1) Private Nursery School Liaison Council (1) Federation of Private Kindergartens and Approved

Childcare Facilities (1)

Association of Elementary School Principals (1)

Background of Child Safety Task Force

Background (1) The number of children is declining yearly.

Fig. 1 Koriyama City population by age group (as of January 1, 2022)

Population 319,702 people (Female: 162,802 people, Male: 157,727 people)



Source: Koriyama City Basic Resident Register

Background (2) The number of emergency transports for newborns to preschool children has not decreased significantly

Fig. 2-1 Number of people transported by ambulance for traffic accidents or general injuries nationally and in Koriyama City

* Per 100,000 population for newborns and preschool children (0-6 y.o.); National figures are for up to FY2020



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Background (2) The number of emergency transports for newborns to preschoolers has not decreased significantly

Fig. 2-2 Number of people transported by ambulance for traffic accidents or general injuries nationally and in Koriyama City

* Per 100,000 population for youth (7 to 17 y.o.); National figures are for up to FY2020



Source: Source: Fire and Disaster Management Agency "White Paper on Fire Fighting", Koriyama Regional Fire-Fighting Union "Emergency transport data (National table)"

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Background (3) Emergency transports for general injuries are most common for newborns to preschool children (0-6 y.o.) and traffic accidents for youth (7-17 y.o.).

Fig. 3-1 Types of injuries or accidents sustained by children requiring emergency transport (cumulative total for FY2014 to 2021)



Source: Koriyama Fire Department "2014 to 2021 Emergency Transport Data (Details)"

Background (3) Emergency transports for general injuries are most common for newborns to preschool children (0-6 y.o.) and traffic accidents for youth (7-17 y.o.).

Fig. 3-2 Place from where child is transported by ambulance (cumulative total for FY2014 to 2021)



Source: Koriyama Fire Department "2014 to 2021 Emergency Transport Data (Details)"

History of Activities

times	Date		Purpose	Outline of activities
24		May 22	Initiatives after designation	 Discussion on how to conduct programs which haven't been conducted
25	2018	July 24	About community	Discussion on information to be collected by community diagnosis
26	2	Oct. 3	diagnosis	 Finalize information to be collected by the community diagnosis
27		Nov. 28	About abuse prevention	Discussion on programs for abuse prevention at the taskforce committee
28		Jan. 22	Explanation of SC Festa	Explanation of SC Festa
29		May 14	今までの取組の説明	Review activities with new members
30	6	ວ June 7 Study actual measures	Study traffic accidents prevention and school commute	
31	July 17			safety
32		Sep. 6	Study actual measures	 Review of programs upon the revision of child abuse prevention law
33		Nov. 26	Survey research	Discussion of questionnaire on SC

History of Activities

time S	Date		Purpose	Outline of activities		
34		Jan. 21	Study actual measures	 Discussion on PR of the model room for injury prevention 		
35	2020	July. 7	Explanation of activities up to today	 Review activities with new members 		
36	20	Oct. 27	Study actual measures	Confirm current initiatives		
37		Nov. 25	Study actual measures	 Discussion on PR of injury presentation of home injury prevention 		
38		Jan. 26	Study actual measures	 Discussion on PR and contents of PR materials and questionnaire on injury prevention at home 		
39		June 2	Explanation about programs which have conducted up to today	 Review activities with new members Check of itinerary of Pre-on-site evaluation 		
40	2021	June 29	Study actual measures	 Review the opinion by the surveillance Committee and result of community diagnosis. Review of reports on home injury prevention programs 		
41	5(Jul. 27	Study actual measures	 Study contents of initiatives to prevent child abuse Study publicity activities to prevent traffic accidents 		
42		Aug. 31	Discussion on document for pre-on- site evaluation and	 Check of questions about PR of traffic injury prevention Check of results of programs above 		
43		Sep. 28	•Check and revision	 Check and revision of contents of report for pre-on- 		

History of Activities

times	Date		Purpose	Outline of activities
45		May 27	Situation of collaboration with various groups the members are affiliated with	• How to collaborate considering future challenges (Joint Task Force meeting)
46	2022	July 11	Future collaboration and initiatives	Reflecting previous discussions onto activity details
47		Aug 3	Study the metavials for the	Confirmation of onsite evaluation materials (proposal)
48		Sept 2	Study the materials for the onsite evaluation	Confirmation of onsite evaluation material revisions and additional content (held in writing)

Objective challenges based on data

Issues identified from past Safe Community activities

Characteristic (1)

The number of emergency transports for newborns to preschool children has not dropped significantly

(Source: Fig. 2-1, 2-2)

Characteristic (2)

Emergency transports for general injuries are most common for newborns to preschool children (0-6 y.o.) and traffic accidents for youth (7-17 y.o.). (Trends of injuries remain unchanged) (Source: Fig. 3-1, 3-2)

Characteristic (3) Trends of emergency transports for newborns to preschool children

Fig. 4 Percentage of pre-school children injured by type



Source: The 5th Koriyama City Safe Community Survey of Citizen Awareness

Characteristic (4) Trends of emergency transports for youth

Fig. 5 Number and percentage of locations where preschool children were injured



Source: The 5th Koriyama City Safe Community Survey of Citizen Awareness

Characteristic (5) Cases of child abuse in Koriyama City are unchanged to declining.



Source: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare "Number of child abuse consultations handled by Child Counseling Services from FY2014 to FY2020"

Koriyama City Child and Home Counseling Center "Number of cases handled from FY2014 to FY2021"

Characteristic (6): Cases of child abuse are not declining.



Source: Koriyama City Child and Home Counseling Center "Number of cases handled from FY2014 to FY2019"

Characteristic (6): Cases of child abuse are not declining.

Fig. 8 Changes in consultations, reports, and cases handled by the Child and Home Counseling Center



Selection of priority challenges (continued)



Current programs enforced by the national government, prefecture, police, city, and community (continued)

Fig. 10		Nation, Prefecture, Police	City	Community
Challenge 1	Improve environment	Improvement of road environment		
There are many traffic accidents involving youth ages	Rules and penalties			
7 to 17 (elementary to senior high school students)	Education and awareness- promotion	Training for malicious offenders	Traffic safety class	Instruction of school route safety Challenge 1 Program (1)
Challenge (2)	Improve environment	Improvement of parenting suppo	rt and childcare facility functions	Mimamori-watching activities
Cases of child abuse are not	Rules and penalties	Stiffer penalties	Report and	notification
declining	Education and awareness-promotion	Awareness-raising, promot	tion of counseling services	Challenge (3) Program (1), (2)
Challange (2)	Improve environment	Improvement of facilities, optimi	zation of the number of workers	
Challenge (3) Preschool children (0-6 y.o.) are often	Rules and penalties			
injured at home, near their home,	Education and awareness-		Development of bodie	es resistant to injuries
and kindergarten or nursery school	promotion	Prom	otion	Challenge (3) Program (1), (3)
		Sharing of information on	net, TV, and parenting magazi accidents through exchanges ring generations	

Existing programs

(National government, prefecture, city) [Improvement of road environment] Safety along school routes is inspected in cooperation with the national government, prefecture, city, police, schools, and community groups





(City) [Education and promotion of counseling services]LINE Child and parenting counseling

(City) [Education and promotion of counseling services] Street campaigns calling for the prevention of child abuse





Existing programs

(City) [Promotion]

Opening of "Accident prevention model room," which re-enacts situations in which injuries and accidents occur easily





[Development of bodies resistant to injuries] Exercise and play for improving children's physical strength and motor abilities





Existing programs

Maintenance of playgrounds for improving children's physical strength and motor abilities



Direction of priority challenges, and priority targets



Programs for priority challenges



<u>Challenge 1</u>: There are many traffic accidents involving youth ages 7 to 17 (elementary school to high students)

Program (1) Distribution of "Traffic Accident Hotspot Map"

Details

The "Traffic Accident Hotspot Map" is handed out to parents (who may be drivers) at elementary, junior high, and senior high in cooperation with the Traffic Safety Task Force.

Direction

2. Create an environment to prevent accidents

Target

(2) Drivers

Organizers

Child Safety Task Force Traffic Safety Task Force

Activity

Number of facilities distributing leaflet: 9 facilities Number of copies distributed: approx. 2000 copies (Results from FY2021 and 2022)





Learned places where many accidents occur (after distribution)

Challenge 2 Cases of child abuse are not declining

Program (1) Support lending of awareness-raising DVD on preventing child abuse

Details

The Task Force will collaborate with the Koriyama City program to lend out an educational DVD on the situation of child abuse and the difference between "discipline" and "abuse" to groups involved with childcare and welfare.

Direction

(1) Reduce abuse

Target

(2) Community residents (Mainly targeting organizations involved with children)

Organizers

Koriyama City

Activity

No. of times DVD was lent out, No. of viewers (starting from FY2022)



Challenge 2 Cases of child abuse are not declining

Program (2) Support community-visits to groups and companies to conduct lecture on abuse

Details

Add the "Let's Protect Children's Future" lecture on child abuse prevention to the community-visit lectures conducted by Koriyama City. Make use of the collaboration with the Task Force to hold lectures for parents and local residents at organizations, companies, etc., and raise awareness.



1. Reduce abuse

Target

(1) Parents(2) Community residents(presuming mostly groups involved with children)

Organizers

Koriyama City

Activity

No. of sessions held: 1 session (approx. 3 times a year) No. of participants: 20 people



<u>Challenge 3:</u> Preschool children (0-6 y.o.) are often injured at home, near their home, and kindergarten or nursery school

Program (1) Distribution of leaflet outlining prevention of accidents in the home and promoting accident prevention model room

Details

A leaflet with a checklist on preventing accidents in the home and information on the "Accident Prevention Model Room" at the City's childcare support facility "Niko Niko Kodomo Hall(Smiling Children Center)" was distributed to parents of children attending nursery school and kindergarten.

Direction

(1) Reduce injuries in the home and nursery school, etc.

Target

(3) Parents

Organizers

Child Safety Task Force

Activity indicator

Leaflets distributed at: 155 facilities Number of copies distributed: approx. 14,000 copies(2021)



<u>Challenge 3:</u> Preschool children (0-6 y.o.) are often injured at home, near their home, and kindergarten or nursery school

Program (1) Distribution of leaflet outlining prevention of accidents in the home and promoting accident prevention model room

Verification of effect Verification of effect Surveys were conducted before and after the leaflet on preventing children's injuries and accidents was distributed. (Before: February 9 to 26, 2021, After: March 9 to 31, 2021)

Fig. 18 Rate of people who implemented measures to prevent children's accidents in the home

Fig. 19 Rate of people who are considering implementing measures to prevent accidents in the home



□ Implemented □ Not implemented



 $0\% \ 20\% \ 40\% \ 60\% \ 80\% \ 100\%$

Considering

□ Not considering

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Program (1) Distribution of leaflet outlining prevention of accidents in the home and promoting accident prevention model room



Challenge 3: Preschool children (0-6 y.o.) are often injured at home, near their home, and kindergarten or nursery school

Program (2) Seminars on preventing accidents in the home

Details

This program is held in cooperation with Koriyama Regional Fire-Fighting Union. Paramedics give seminars about preventing injuries and accidents and on hazard spots in the home at the "Accident Prevention Model Room." This program increases awareness on preventing children's injuries and accidents.

Direction

(1) Reduce injuries in the home and nursery school, etc.

Target

(1) Children ages 0-6 (3) Parents

Organizers

Koriyama City Koriyama Regional Fire-Fighting Union

Activity

No. of sessions: 1 session scheduled No. of participants: about 40 people

[Current situation of program]

• The program was held until FY2019, but was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- Plan to conduct in FY2022 with sufficient infectionpreventing measures
- In addition to lectures, consider awareness-raising activities for parents who visit the Niko Niko Kodomo-kan, where the accident prevention model room is located, for group medical checks, etc.

Program performance indicators

Challenge	Initiative	Short-term indicator	Mid-term indicator	Long-term indicator
There are many traffic accidents involving youth ages 7 to 17	Distribution of Traffic Accident Hotspot Map 9 facilities Approx. 2,000 copies (2021)	Increase in awareness of accident hotspots Before distribution: 55.5% ↓ After distribution: 89.1% (2021)	Increase in awareness of traffic safety awareness People who responded that awareness "Increased": 87.1% (2021)	Decrease in number of traffic accidents involving children 92 people (2016) ↓ 54 people (2021)

Program performance indicators

Challenge	Initiative	Short-term indicator	Mid-term indicator	Long-term indicator
Cases of child abuse are not declining	Support lending of educational DVD on preventing child abuse Support of community-visit lectures No. of sessions held: 1 session Scheduled: 3 sessions	Increase in recognition of behavior considered to be child abuse Awareness survey planned	Increase in awareness of child abuse prevention	Increase in number of consultations regarding child abuse 88 cases (2016) ↓ 32 cases (2021)

Program performance indicators

Challenge	Initiative	Short-term indicator	Mid-term indicator	Long-term indicator
Children (0-6 y.o.) are often injured at home, near their home, and	Distribute leaflet on preventing children's injuries, etc.Raise awareness of accident prevention model room.155 facilities Approx.Before distribution: 20.1%14,000 copies (2021)↓ After distribution: 50.7%(2021)	Increase the rate of people who implement measures to prevent accidents in the home Before distribution:	Reduce injuries sustained in the home, near their home, and kindergarten or nursery school 106 people	
kindergarten or nursery school	Accident prevention seminars	Increase awareness of hazard spots in the home	Before distribution: 61.2% ↓ After distribution: 58.1%(2021)	(2016) ↓ 82 people (2021) 33

Changes after programs and problem points

Priority challenge	Changes after programs	Current problem points	
There are many traffic accidents involving youth ages 7 to 17	Recognition of traffic accident hotspots increased. Awareness of traffic safety increased.	A surprisingly large number of people are unaware of accident hotspots, and both hardware and software countermeasures are needed.	
Cases of child abuse are not declining	Awareness of child abuse prevention increased.	While the number of consultations on child abuse has leveled off to a declining trend, consultations and notifications that do not lead to abuse and the number of cases handled have increased.	
Children (0-6 y.o.) are often injured at home, near their home, and kindergarten or nursery school	The percentage of people who are aware of preventing accidents in the home has not changed. Recognition of the accident prevention model room increased.	The percentage of people who have taken measures to prevent child accidents in the home has not changed. The percentage of people who visited the accident prevention model room has not increased, and awareness-raising activities were canceled during the Covid-19 pandemic.	

Future goals based on current problems

Challenge	Current problem points	Future goals
There are many traffic accidents involving youth ages 7 to 17	A surprisingly large number of people are unaware of accident hotspots, and both hardware and software countermeasures are needed.	Improve methods of promoting traffic accident hotspots Incorporate the opinions of children and parents, who are likely to be involved in an accident, and study how to disseminate information to reach them.
Cases of child abuse are not declining	While the number of consultations on child abuse has leveled off to a declining trend, consultations and notifications that do not lead to abuse and the number of cases handled have increased.	Considering the change in the trend of consultations, expand the scope of awareness-raising to include consultations that do not lead to abuse, with the goal of preventing abuse before it occurs.
Children (0-6 y.o.) are often injured at home, near their home, and kindergarten or nursery school	The percentage of people who have taken measures to prevent child accidents in the home has not changed. The percentage of people who have actually visited the accident prevention model room has not increased, and the awareness-raising activities were canceled during the Covid-19 pandemic.	Program that leads to the first step of taking accident prevention measures in the home. Program to encourage Niko Niko Kodomo-kan visitors to stop by the accident prevention model room

Future direction seen through the SC activities

Details

Through the joint task force meetings, etc., we have seen more opportunities to connect with the other task forces in areas other than the priority challenges. We will continue to reinforce our collaboration and work to increase safety for children.

Direction

- (1) Reinforcement of current programs through collaboration with other Task Forces
- (2) Development of new initiatives through joint activities

By linking the resources of the organizations and facilities participating in this committee with the solutions to issues being addressed by other committees, we may be able to implement more efficient measures and reach a wider audience.

Situation of main collaborations

Participating organizations and facilities	Details of collaboration	Collaborator
Nursery school, certified	Evacuation drills (joint evacuation drills held in community units, and response at evacuation centers)	Disaster Prevention and Environment Safety Task Force → Support care and temporary custody of general evacuator's children
childcare center	Joint inspection of school routes	Police, local neighborhood association, administrative authority
	Mimamori-watching of children who are futoko (school refusers)	Suicide Prevention Task Force
School	Participation in children's community events	Organizations for the elderly

Thank you for listening.

