

Mothers' Backgrounds in Child Abuse Cases Where Public Health Nurses Are Involved: Their Support in Borderline Cases of Child Abuse

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Purpose

This research is aimed to clarify mothers' backgrounds in borderline cases of child abuse in which public health nurses are involved in order to provide appropriate support for the prevention of child abuse.

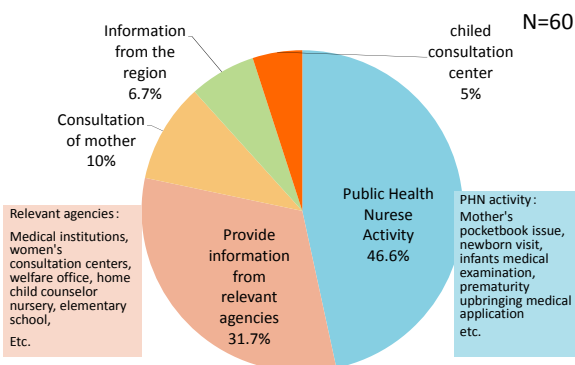
Methods

- Subjects were public health nurses who had experienced the support for abused children for more than four times, and experience more than five years of public health nurse
- Survey period July 2011 to February 2012.
- We hear each two cases using the interview guide.
- They were asked about the ages and family structure of abused children, signals that made them know the possibility of child abuse, and the content of support.
- This research was approved and conducted under the guidance of the Ethics Committee of University of the Ryukyus.

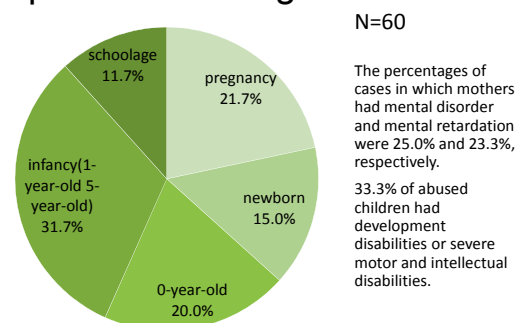
General characteristic of the subjects

Characteristics		N=30
		N(%)
Gender	Male	0
	Female	30(100)
Average years of PHNs experience		18 years
Average Age		43-year-old
experienced the support of abused children (including the suspected cases)	9 cases below	7(23.3)
	more than 9 cases	23 (76.7)
Place of work	Municipality	7(23.3)
	Public Health center of Prefecture	22(73.3)
	other	1(3.3)

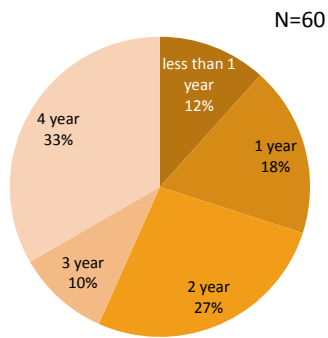
Subjects recognized abused cases



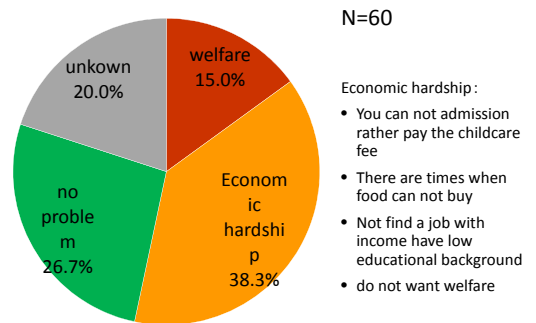
Public health nurses recognized the problems during



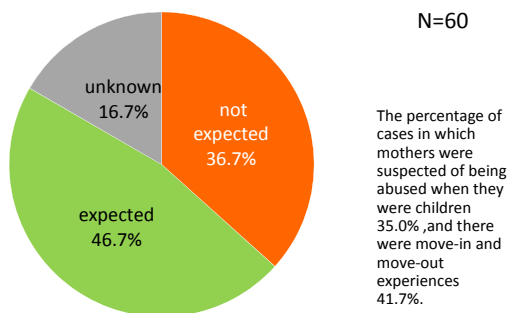
The years of support



Economic conditions



Support from mother's parents



Discussion

- It is considered that public health nurses support child-rearing of mothers who are difficult in getting a support from their parents and relatives due to mental disorder, mental retardation, and battered experience.
- It is thought that public health nurses support them by taking care of their livelihood and child-rearing for long periods of time.