

Chika Matsudaira MS, HPS

Educational background

After finishing the bachelor degree at Kyoto University of Foreign Studies, Chika started her professional research for Social Work at Bukkyo University Master course of Social Welfare. Chika studied at Bukkyo University Doctorial Course after finishing her Masters. In year 2011, Chika became a qualified Hospital play Specialist due to her professional studies at Stevenson College Edinburgh, and Placement at Royal children's hospital of Leister. Chika has always kept her strong interest in How to help other people who are in pain or in trouble and also education of professionals to help them.

Social Interest and profession

Chika started her career as an educationalist at 1992 at a small college in Kitakyushu City. Since then she has been training nursery nurses, care workers and social workers at colleges, junior universities, and universities.

In 2007, University of Shizuoka Junior College which Chika and her colleges are now working was granted by the minister of education on the proposal for starting the first Hospital Play Specialists education course in Japan. Now in Japan there are 115 HPSs who have been trained in Shizuoka, each working with high passion to change the method of caring for the sick children in Japanese society.

Chika is very proud of the outcome but still works hard to make a better education program for the HPSs. To do this Chika will travel abroad and attend advance courses which have been helping children under stress and bring the method back to Japan.

Future Plans

Chika would like to see more professional methods used in Japan to help children under strong stress. Every Child Matters is the HPSs motto in Japan and they will keep promoting the importance of Play for children under this pray.

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