

The Awareness and Realities of Home Life among Children engaged in Domestic Labor in Kanto District

:A Comparative Analysis of a Nationwide Survey

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Abstract

In this study, we analyzed the questionnaire survey data concerning the home life of children in Japan with purpose to improve the Home Economics Education. We examined the data concerning housework in two categories; the independence and the coexistence.

The results are as follows;

- 1) When we compared the items of independence with those of coexistence, children practiced more in terms of coexistence than independence. When boy's behaviors were compared with those of girls, the latter generally practiced more than the former.
- 2) By analyzing the relationship between the motivation toward and the practice of independence, we found that the motivation related to food and housing was higher than that of clothing.
- 3) With respect to the motivation and the practice concerning coexistence, the significant relationship was found among the items of coexistence with other persons.
- 4) Father's participation in housework influenced the boys' practice.
- 5) The type of mother's employment influenced children's practice concerning in dependence. The children whose mothers were employed full-time practiced well.

The above analyses inform us that in the future Home Economics Education, it is necessary to adopt the problem solving in order to increase children's motivation, and to create the teaching materials which are based on the differences of various home environments.

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