

# The Problems and Prospects of the Current System for the Workings of those with Development Disability

–Investigation of persons concerned at a research society in Nara–

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People with development disabilities with high general performance have not been recognized as persons with disabilities because of high ability within society. This study is exploring what is necessary for each person with a development disability to live independently in the future. For this, people involved with such disabled persons were interviewed. Then, semi-structured interviews were conducted with three developmentally disabled people who attended facilities of higher education, and the resulting transcripts were analyzed using M-GTA. As a result, 18 concepts were extracted. These were summarized into five categories and nine subcategories. Unique opinions were observed; there are existing circumstances in the outside world that can cause stress in the everyday lives of people who are developmentally disabled. These people also had a need to take an IQ test and received understanding from their parents and teachers at school. The interviewees wanted to receive appropriated support based on developmentally disabled diagnosis. It is difficult to understand their characteristics, which can cause the creation of one's own obstacles. It is expected that social understanding for persons with development disabilities will advance and that investigations to revolutionize related systems are continued, and therefore, we hope to continue looking for necessary means in the future.