Community Study and Daily Living Support for Only Children

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It has been shown that poverty in children causes a scholastic ability gap. In addition, it has been revealed that there is a negative effect on children that grow up in a single-parent family. Single-parent family children face not only a stressful life at home and at school, but also poverty and a scholastic ability gap. This study shows ways to support single-parent family children in the community. At first, the relationship of poverty and scholastic gap based on previous studies is elucidated, and the difficult situation of single-parent families is analyzed. Then, specific methods are stated that support children's study and daily life based on the examples of Sapporo City and Nagaokakyo City. To support communities, staff, learning tools, places, and funds are necessary. It is necessary that not only support for studying at school but also a place for spending time and having fun is needed. Moreover, a place where single-parents can talk at ease about child-raising is also required. The layer of individual support by volunteers can raise up a child's life skills. The problem now for support in the community is to gather a wider age group.