

10/13/2009 FengCheng City Social Welfare Institution Interview

Report

1. Background Information:

1. Institution Director: Mr. Zhou Shaoyun (周绍云)

2、 Institution Vice-Director(s): Ms. Ding Meirong (丁美蓉), in charge of adoption procedures; Ms. Jin Wen (金文), head of the Children's Department.

3、 Number of Children: 100 children in foster care, about 20 children live at the Institution itself (this number also often fluctuates).

2. Overall Impression:

The FengCheng City Social Welfare Institution cares for over 120 children, 100 of whom are currently in foster care. Many are physically disabled; there are children with congenital heart disease, hare lips, cleft palates, and so on. These disabled children receive very good care in their foster homes. The children living at the Institution have several patient, kind-hearted aunties who care for them. Conditions at the Institution are good and the children seem to enjoy a comfortable quality of life.

3. Playroom in the Children's Department:

The playroom in the Children's Department was completed two months ago and is now filled with children every day. The kids just love the murals on the walls; some will reach out and stroke the drawings while others play on the slide or rocking horse. (Pictures 1-6)

Two children are playing in the playroom. One has a hare lip and cleft palate; the other has congenital heart disease. Both of these children love coming to the playroom to play. They beg their aunties every day to bring them to the playroom, and are most unhappy if not brought. Their faces light up every time they step inside. (Pictures 7-10)



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3



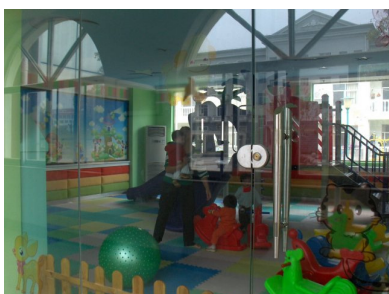
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Picture 8



Picture 9



Picture 10

4. Follow-Up on Last Year's Milk formula's support:

All of the infants under milk formula's sponsorship are special-needs children who live at the Institution. Their conditions include congenital heart disease, hare lip, cleft palate, premature birth, immunodeficiency, and malnourishment. These infants are drinking Nestle milk powder formula (picture 11). Every child's health has improved considerably under the watchful eye and careful feeding of the Institution aunties. They are all now physically stronger and no longer so susceptible to illness.



Picture 11

For example for some children in the Institution's Infant Unit:

(1) Twin sisters were both born with congenital heart disease. One girl's condition is slightly milder than her sister's. She has a quiet, gentle disposition and is the more lovable of the twins. The other's condition is more severe. She is shy, afraid of strangers, and will cry if she doesn't get her way. They are mainly on a diet of formula (5 meals a day, 250ml per meal) supplemented by small quantities of noodles and rice porridge. (Picture 12)

(2) Another little girl suffered from undernourishment. She is now about 7 months old, but her physical development lags behind those of other children her age. She can stand upright if supported under the arms, but her two feet will turn in on each other. She is mainly on a diet of formula (4-5 meals a day, 240ml per meal) supplemented by small quantities of noodles and rice porridge. (Picture 13)



Picture 12



Picture 13