

1/19/2010 Ji'an City Social Welfare Institution Interview Report

1. Background Information

- a) **Institution Director:** Director Huang (黄院长)
- b) **Head of Foster Care:** Peng Ying (彭英)
- c) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** Institution staff visit foster families and administer vaccines to children who need them on the 15th and 30th of every month. They also administer a physical exam to every foster child on the 30th of every month.
- d) **Number of Children:** Over 50 children reside at the Institution (mostly children with cerebral palsy and other disabilities). Amity sponsors 8 children for foster care; the Institution sponsors 2 for foster care.

2. Overall Impression

The Ji'an Social Welfare Institution is building a new Child Welfare Institute. The land for the new building has already been acquired, but construction has not yet begun.

3. Interviews

- a) Interviewed 8 foster children and their foster families. Individual reports, with a photo, will be sent to their sponsors.
- b) Interviewed 5 Amity Grandmas.



Grandma Zhou Huixia looks after and teaches the children at the Institution. She also administers physical therapy to the disabled children. She replaced Grandma Zhou Guilian, who could not continue due to poor health, in July 2009. Grandma Zhou is herself returning to Amity Grandma work after a hiatus. Grandma Zhou is a very experienced worker who knows exactly which children need therapy, which children need extra teaching, and how to go about it. She takes the children outside to play games when the weather is nice.



Grandma Guo Yuanlian, a retired doctor, began as an Amity Grandma in 2002 and, like Grandma Zhou Huixia, has returned from a hiatus. Grandma Guo is a very kind person. She plays with the children and talks with them in addition to administering therapy and teaching.



Grandma Luo Taolian (also a retired doctor and a “Hugging Granny” since 2002) looks after and teaches the children at the Institution. She also administers physical therapy to the disabled children. The day we visited her, Grandma Luo was reviewing some words with a group of disabled children. The two children shown in the picture below recognized all the words on the blackboard. The child in yellow on the left can now sing a few songs and recite Tang poetry thanks to Grandma Luo’s instruction. The child in red on the right can write a few simple characters (and writes them quite neatly). Grandma Luo walks the children stroke by stroke through writing the more difficult characters.



Grandma Cai Cihua looks after and teaches the children at the Institution. She also administers physical therapy to the disabled children. She and several other Grandmas work together as a team, and they take turns coming to the Institution. On the day we visited, Grandma Cai was working with a girl with cerebral palsy. This girl suffers from very tight muscles in her legs and club feet. Grandma Cai regularly massages both her feet and legs. The girl's legs have relaxed somewhat under Grandma Cai's care, although her feet haven't seen as much improvement. But Grandma Cai believes that she will get better as long as she keeps massaging her legs and feet every day.



Grandma Yao Huaying just replaced Grandma Ceng Yanzhen this month (Grandma Ceng resigned in January due to matters at home). Grandma Yao's main responsibility at present is to look after, teach, and play with the disabled children. She does not administer physical therapy, as she is new and is unfamiliar with therapy techniques. The other Grandmas are currently teaching her how.

4. Follow-up

The solar-powered water heater for which the Institution applied has been installed; it is now very convenient for the children to shower (see pictures below).

