

09/11/2010 Wanzai County Social Welfare Institute Report

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1. Basic Information

- a) **Institution Director:** Li Longhui (李龙晖)
- b) **Institution Vice-Directors:** Xin Xiaoping (辛小平), Zeng Duanfa (曾端发),
Vice-Director Wu (吴院长).
- c) **Head(s) of the Amity Foster Care Project:** Vice-Director Wu and Tan Mei (谭梅)
make visits to foster families, sometimes visiting 2-3 times a month. They do not keep official records of their visits, though they keep their own notes of any special circumstances. They also give foster children physical exams in their foster homes once every month.
- d) **Number of Children:** Amity sponsors 6 children for foster care while the Institute sponsors more than 20 children. Nine children reside at the Institute itself.

2. General impression

There are 9 children in the Wanzai Institute, most of them are disabled, they are very young (between 0-1 year old). Mostly they are there to closely observe their physical health. When they are felt to be strong and healthy enough they are transitioned to a foster family. Below are some photos of the babies living in the Institute.





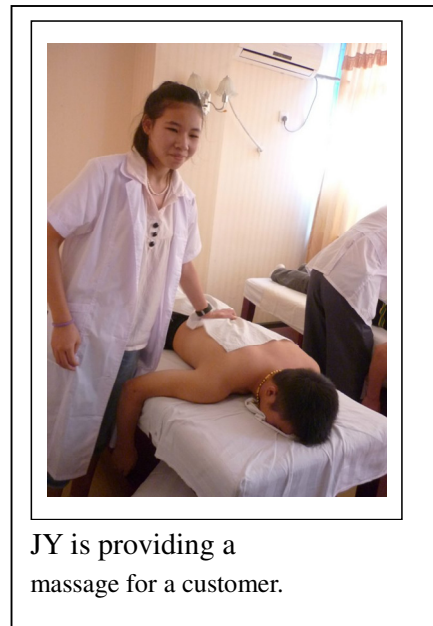
2. Visiting

- a) Interviewed 6 foster children and their foster families.
- b) Interviewed 2 scholarship children (Wan JY and Wan JG). Now both are graduated and back at the institute (see below).

We met JY at the center of the massage. The Wanzai institute helped her to get this training opportunity as this was the job JY said she wanted before she graduated from school. She has practiced for more than one month there. The food and shelter there are free for her, and she has a great job there. Her customers like her very much, JY is very happy that she could earn money from this work.



The first one on the right of the massage namelist is JY



On the day we visited we met Wan JG at the children's department of the institute which is where she always is since she graduated from the school. She often walks around there or sometimes listens to the radio in her room, sometimes she likes singing songs very much, her favorite thing is to sing songs in her room loudly. Leaders of the institute wanted her to go to the massage center to have training but she is not willing to go there. She said she does not like to do that and the institute has to respect her decision.



3. Pictures below are about distributing the gifts for children we visited.

