The Research on the Role of “Three Social Linkage” in the Service of the Lost Only Family

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Abstract. As a result of the loss of the only child, the only child group is facing many difficulties like insufficient economic support, lack of the life care and spiritual comfort. This essay, based on the analysis of the realistic needs of the loss of only child family, put forward the concept that the “three social linkage” engaging in the service of those families, which is in support of government policy, through the linkage of community, social organizations and social workers, integrating social resources and reconstructing social support systems, in order to reach the effective solution to the pension issues of the families, which holds important practical significance.

Introduction

Since family planning has become the basic national policy of our country in 1980, the number of only child family is increasing. With the rapid development of modern society, there are more and more hidden dangers of life safety, which leads to the continuous growth of the number of the loss of only child family. According to the 2010 Chinese Health Statistics Yearbook issued by the Ministry of Health, by the estimation of the population disease mortality of age groups, China’s mortality of the age group of 15-30 years old is at least 40/100000, which estimates that China’s annual death toll of the single child aged 15-30 is at least 76000. Even in the full liberalization of two-child policy implementation, by 2050 expected, the total number of the cumulative death at the age of 10 and above will exceed 10 million. The problem of the loss of the only child has become an increasingly prominent social problem.

1. The Living Situation of the Urban Loss of the Only Child

By operating the “warm heart and service of life” project in the recent two years since 2014, as well as the usage of a large number of telephone interviews, home visits, seminars, case service work etc. On the study and analysis of the loss only child families, there are mainly 4 points of the loss only child problems.

No reliance—older age, poor living conditions, enhancing dependence of support. The economic situation is not good, and some families’ income can’t afford the expense (50% of the poverty due to the loss). The annual income of 65.6% families is 10000-30000RMB, 90% of total household expenditure is 10000-30000RMB, therefore, most families that lost only child could not increase the existing savings, spending is even more than income, it is not hard to see that the economic situation is generally not good.

No joy—emotional distress, lack of spiritual comfort. Negative emotions: helpless 72.7%, depression 68.2%, anxiety 45.5%, depression 40.9%, the negative emotions are widespread. 39% feel that life does not make sense, 33.9% bad mood, and emotion easily out of control, 39% life is out of order, and sleep disorders. They need effective communications.

Demand for support—the pension issue is prominent. 67% poor families has entered the age of retirement, their own pension problem, and especially the demand of those who lost self-care ability, and the living alone poor elderly is significantly strong.
Demand for medical care—hospitalization and nursing problems. Once hospitalized, they would probably face problems like no signatures and no nursing care and some families could not afford the large amount of the medical expenditure.

2. The Model Design of the “Three Social Linkage” Engaging in the Family Service of the Loss Only Child

The “three social linkage” refers to the guidance of the government, introducing social work professional team, ideas, skills and methods into the community, constructing the community management model that takes professional social organization as the carrier, social work talent as the support, the community as the linkage mechanism for the coordination of the work platform, and the three deep integration of community, social organizations, social workers.

2.1 Governmental improvement of the relevant system

Loss only - one child families made great sacrifices in response to the national family planning policy, the government has the obligation to help them solve the problem of life and other derivatives. Therefore, in the process of “three social linkage”, the government is mainly responsible for the formulation and implementation of the policies and regulations, the promotion of the relevant rights, establishing and perfecting the guarantee system, supporting the coordination of the subjects and the inspection, maintenance and supply of the economic support.

The government can improve the level of economic assistance according to the demand of the loss one child family, adjust the standard of the pension given out according to the local economic and consumptive situation, and establish the material aid system for the families; enhance the pension security, establish and formulate reasonable care mechanism as soon as possible giving the families a reliable guarantee from daily life to endowment insurance; establish long-term aid system and spiritual comfort for the families; improve the medical system, providing allowance for hospitality and medical insurance; organize regular body check if condition allows.

2.2 The community provides support platform

Community is a reliable place for the old, a platform built for the loss one child families, providing a fundamental guide service for the social organization and social workers and, its service scope and content need to be further expanded.

In the process of the “three social linkage” engaging in the family service, the community can provide diversified services, integrate resources, and provide convenience according to the psychological characteristics of the family and the realistic demand. For example, to carry out targeted psychological counseling, spiritual comfort and social communication services; building community culture, by regularly carry out leisure and entertainment health seminars, community activities, assisting lost independence groups to better integrate into the community atmosphere, talking to each other, providing comfort each other communication platform for the loss of one child elderly.

2.3 Social organizations provide support service

The social organization is an important link between the government and the society, which can provide the direct service to the community service demand, and integrate the social workers and social resources. It is more professional and effective to take care of the life and spirit of the lost one child through the operation of the social organization.

In the process of the “three social linkage” engaging in the family service, on one hand, social organizations can be reasonable to undertake the transfer of government functions and participate in the loss one child for the elderly through helping to carry out various forms of service activities promoting the enthusiasm of the loss one child for the elderly, improving the physical and mental outlook; through donations to carry out activities to mobilize community the power of the parties to help the lost family alone, to meet the material needs of the family poverty. On the other hand, we can contact the loss family services related to the integration of social organizations into a network of
services, coordinating different social organization resources, playing the advantages of the organization, helping to improve the sustainability and quality of service.

2.4 Social works provide professional assistance

Social works are the professional strength of the “three clubs linkage”, which can improve the lifestyle of the loss elderly, improving the quality of life of them. Social works and social organizations cooperating with the community for the loss elderly to provide professional and targeted quality services, is the implementation and delivery of community services. On one hand, social workers and their professional knowledge can be involved in helping the loss elderly service, solving the loss family members generally psychological comfort needs and individual service demand, and encourage them to help each other, to form of self-help and social support network. On the other hand, social workers can combine the majority of the volunteer team, which will be classified as social workers volunteer team, led by volunteers to carry out the professional services, and establish a long-term service mechanism, so that the loss of single family can get all kinds of volunteer service continuity.

3. The Analysis of the Effect of “Three Social Linkage” Engaging in the Family Service

Since the implementation of the “three social linkage” model, a large number of loss elderly obtained benefit from it, out of the psychological shadow of the loss of only child. The following is the main assessment of the effectiveness of the loss by the baseline assessment of the elderly. Baseline evaluation is a social worker in the intervention at the beginning of the service object of measurement, establishing a baseline as standard to evaluate the effect of intervention, changes before and after the intervention, and to judge the degree of realizing the goal of intervention.

3.1 Establish a baseline

Establishing a baseline is a basis and premise of the baseline assessment. It is composed of three parts: determine the goal of intervention, select the tools to measure accurately, and record the results. The first is to choose the intervening objects. It is necessary to classify the problems of them, and picks up one of the most need being solved measurable specific problem as the goal. For the lost only-one child man, they will be always in a bad mood. It is more possible for them to own negative emotions, resulting in the emergence of social hatred, self closed situation, the social interaction between them become more and more narrow, thus forming a vicious spiral. This process will cause greater damage to mental health and the skills of social communication of them.

The next step is to select the measurement tolls. Based on the analysis above, it is much more specific and measurable to determine the intervention goal as the frequency of their being angry and their close friends. At last, we measure the two standard indices. Social workers asked for the lost only-one child man to recall the number of negative emotions appearances and the number of close friends in the first three months, which is regarded as a baseline period.

Due to the quantity of lost only-one child man is great, we sum average all of frequency of negative emotions appearance and the number of close friends. According to all measurement of the lost only-one child man, the average of frequency of bad mood appearance in the first three months is 46 times, 39 times, 50 times, the average number of friends in the first three months is 1.23, 1.39, 1.11. As is shown in the following figures:
3.2 The measurement of intervention period

Intervention measurement is the key step of baseline assessment. In this process, we need to carry out our work and record the main changes of clients. There are two points we need to attach more importance to, one is to maintain the consistency of measurement tools before and after intervention, the other is to maintain the identity of the target before and after intervention. By joining in the collective activity and related services, the person who has lost an only child changes the concept gradually. The quantity of their friends has risen up, and the frequency of their bad mood appearance goes down. According to the measurement, they have bad motions for 42 times in the fourth month, 41 times in the fifth month, 35 times in the sixth month, 28 times in the seventh month, 25 times in the eighth month, 20 times in the ninth month. Meanwhile, the average quantity of friends of them begin to increase, the average quantity is 1.5 in fourth month, 1.62 in fifth month, 1.65 in sixth month, 1.8 in seventh month, 1.92 in eighth month, 2.03 in ninth month. As is shown in the following figure:
Figure 3. The measurement of bad motion appearance of the lost only-one child man in the intervention period.

Figure 4. The quantity of friends of lost only-one child man in the intervention period.

3.3 comparison and analysis

Comparison and analysis are the last and most important step in the baseline assessment. It’s mainly divided into two kinds: one is the statistical analysis and comparison; the other is the visual comparison and analysis. The two methods can be used to identify the difference between the baseline data and the intervening data, and find out the rules behind the change of the subject and the correlation between the data before and after the intervention.

First, we take statistical analysis and comparison. Through statistical analysis, we found that in the baseline survey period, the number of negative mood of the loss was 45 times every month, the average number of friends was about 1.24. After intervention, the number of times during the intervention period, the loss elderly appeared to reduce the number of bad mood to 31.83 times/month, the average number of friends to increase to 1.75.

Second, we take visual comparison and analysis. We compared baseline and intervention data and observed trends after intervention. Through the visual comparison and analysis, we found that the number of negative emotions in the elderly during the intervention period was declining, while the number of contacts was rising.
As a special vulnerable group, the loss family is facing many difficulties, such as lack of material, difficulty in seeking medical treatment, lack of support for the elderly, and so on. It still needs the continuous concern of the government, society and academia. The society needs to understand their real needs, in line with the actual situation of the government to take measures, public participation, making them a sense of support and dependent. Under the support of the government, the “three social linkage” mechanism is introduced into the social support system of the loss family, which is helpful to promote the effective solution of the problem of the pension for the families who have lost their only child, and innovate the new mode of social support system.

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