

The 2nd Term **Yokohama Child/Child-rearing**
Support Services Plan

(Abridged Version)

Planning Period: FY2020 - FY2024

Yokohama Child/Child-rearing Support Services Plan

- Based on the Child/Child-rearing Support Law and Act on Advancement of Measures to Support Raising Next-Generation Children, Yokohama is establishing basic principles related to policies for children and youth, the goals and directionality of each policy, etc. as planned legal provisions to promote ongoing, comprehensive support beginning before birth and continuing through adolescence.
- The plan will be implemented over 5 years, from FY2020 to FY2024.
- It focuses on children and youth from before birth through infancy and adolescence, generally until age 20, as well as their families. However, a flexible approach and wide latitude will be taken as necessary with respect to the targeted age and according to policy content. For instance, support that fosters young people's independence is available up to age 39.

Current Situation Surrounding Children, Young People and Families Raising Children in the City



1. Population and declining birth rate

- The birth rate is still falling with the number of births declining and the total fertility rate shifting lower than the nation as a whole.

2. Family circumstances

- **Changes in households:** The percentage of households with children is declining, and household size is shrinking due to factors such as an increase in nuclear families.
- **Changes in employment:** There is a growing percentage of mothers working full-time and a rise in the percentage of dual-income households.
- **Anxiety/perceived burden over child-rearing:** The number of people feeling satisfied with their current lifestyle raising children has been increasing these past 10 years, but a greater percentage of people are anxious and no longer feel confident about raising a child, particularly during pregnancy and the first 6 months after birth.

3. Community/societal circumstances

- **Weakened community ties:** The percentage of people who have a relatively close relationship with their neighbors is decreasing, but because those who have a close relationship tend to be more satisfied with parenting, creating community parenting ties is also becoming important.
- **Progression of an information-oriented society:** Various problems have been noted along with the acceleration of children's use of the internet. They include trouble with social media and disruption to lifestyle habits.
- **Globalization and multicultural coexistence:** The growing non-Japanese population in Yokohama surpassed 100,000 in 2019, and perspectives on multicultural coexistence are also becoming important in the development of child and child-rearing support.

Yokohama's Goals and Basic Perspective

● Goals

Yokohama strives to be a city that fosters the abilities of each child and youth who shapes the future to demonstrate their excellence and potential in order to create a rich, happy way of life and pleasant society.

● Basic perspectives for projects being promoted

Support oriented toward children and youth

Support for all children and youth

Steady support that values continuity in child-rearing according to each development stage

Support that draws out children's innate abilities

Support that enhances household child-rearing capabilities

Society-wide support from various persons providing supporter —Self-aid/mutual aid/public aid—

Policy system

Based on the targeted vision and a basic perspective for promoting the plan, development will be carried out through 3 policy areas and 9 basic policies to bolster support for children and youth, support for families raising children, and community wide support.

Policy area 1 Create an environment that nurtures the health and diverse abilities of children/youth (support for children and youth).

- **Basic policy 1** Improve childcare/education for infants and provide ongoing support until school age.
- **Basic policy 2** Promote child-rearing policies for children and youth from school age through adolescence.
- **Basic policy 3** Improve policies supporting the independence of young people.
- **Basic policy 4** Improve support for children with disabilities.

Policy area 2 Create an environment enabling everyone to have and raise children with peace of mind (support for families raising children).

- **Basic policy 5** Improve continuous support from before birth through infancy.
- **Basic policy 6** Improve community support for raising children.
- **Basic policy 7** Support single-parent household independence/counter and prevent domestic violence (DV) from spouses, etc.

Policy area 3 Create an environment for nurturing children and youth as a society (community-wide support)

- **Basic policy 8** Improve measures to prevent child abuse and the social care system.
- **Basic policy 9** Promote community development that values work-life balance and children/youth.

Basic policy 1

Improve childcare/education for infants and provide ongoing support until school age

Policy overview

Yokohama is cohesively tackling ensuring and improving the quality of childcare/preschool education, securing sites by developing childcare centers, etc., and securing human resources for childcare/preschool education by hiring childcare workers and assisting in their retention. It is also comprehensively promoting the core creation of childcare/preschool education, including responding to diversifying childcare needs.

Aims/directionality

1. Ensure/improve the quality of childcare/preschool education that supports the enriched nurturing of children.
2. Smoothly link nursery schools, kindergartens, certified childcare centers, etc. to elementary schools.
3. Ensure childcare/preschool education sites.
4. Secure human resources for childcare/preschool education.
5. Improve and respond to diverse childcare/education needs.

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Number of children on the waiting list for a nursery school	46 *As of April, 2019	0 *April, every year
● Rate of nursery schools that had leader training in the school	20% (total)	51% (total)

Major projects/initiatives

- Promoting training and research at facilities
- Visiting and surveying childcare/education facilities
- Securing childcare/preschool education sites



Current state and issues

- It is important to carefully concentrate appropriate nurturing according to each child's development during infancy when the foundation of character formation is built.
- All facilities must implement high-quality childcare/education to infants since free preschool education/childcare will be offered at various childcare/education facilities.
- From a long-term perspective, additionally guaranteeing continuity/consistency from elementary school based on the nurturing and education provided up to that point is also required that looks forward through the growth process.
- The need for childcare centers, etc. continues to grow, but in some communities there is a shortfall in enrollment due to factors including an increase in employees taking childcare leave and a drop in the number of preschool children. Thus, initiatives are needed that meet changing needs.
- As demand for childcare increases, securing human resources in childcare/preschool education, such as childcare workers, is becoming an urgent issue.
- Support is being sought for children requiring particular attention, such as disabilities, foreign nationality, and allergies.

- Smoothly linking nursery schools, kindergartens, certified childcare centers, etc. to elementary schools
- Project to subsidize housing for childcare workers
- Project for job interview sessions and visiting childcare centers
- Temporary childcare at nursery schools, etc.
- Childcare project for sick children/children recovering from illness
- Childcare/education concierge projects, etc.

Basic policy 2

Promote child-rearing policies for children and youth from school age through adolescence

Policy overview

- Yokohama is establishing safe and secure afterschool sites for children, and working to maintain and improve their quality.
- The city aims to enhance opportunities for hands-on activities and provide places for children so that all children and youth can grow in a healthy manner while interacting with society. The creation of environments in communities that watch over and support their growth is being promoted.

Aims/directionality

1. Create even better afterschool sites for elementary school children.
2. Create a foundation that supports the growth of children and youth.
3. Create an environment leading to early discovery/early support for children dealing with issues.
4. Create a community that watches over and supports the growth of all children and youth.

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Rate of offices that had After-school Child Care Business Human Resource Development Training	76%	100% *every fiscal year
● Total number of users of youth related facilities /projects and participants of experience activities, etc.	676,360 persons/year	692,323 persons/year

Major projects/initiatives

- Project for nurturing children afterschool
- Project to create community activity centers for youth
- Promoting hands-on activities for children and youth

Current state and issues

- It is important to nurture the creativity/independence/sociability of children and youth by creating opportunities for various interactions and experiences outside of school and home.
- Ensuring safe and secure afterschool sites for children is necessary for parents to continue working or begin working after their child enters elementary school.
- Places where elementary school children can acquire sociability and carry out independent activities after school according to developmental stage are necessary. Employee expertise is also required to accommodate the rise in children needing particular considerations.
- With the aim of improving quality going forward, reassessment of the ability to offer a gathering place open until 19:00 for children who would otherwise return to empty homes through the establishment of afterschool kids' clubs at all schools is necessary to accommodate needs and project objectives.
- Community-wide awareness toward watching over children and youth must be fostered by building networks linking regional resources, and striving to build an environment that can link to preventive and early support when issues emerge.

- Play park support project
- Initiatives such as cultivating human resources for nurturing youth
- Implementing publicity and education related to nurturing youth

Improve policies supporting the independence of young people

Policy overview

The city is promoting initiatives for early discovery and early support to help young people facing difficulties, such as social withdrawal, become independent. Continuous, step-by-step support is being offered that leads to further improvement according to an individual's situation.

Aims/directionality

1. Improve assistance through organizations that support young people's independence, etc.
2. Create a community-wide environment that watches over young people.



Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Number of youth who showed improvement in self-support in youth support organizations	1,038 persons/year	1,800 persons/year
● Number of children who showed improvement in lifestyle habit due to the use of snuggle-type life support project	160 persons (total)	1,830 persons (total)

Major projects /initiatives

- Youth counseling center project
- Community youth plaza project
- Youth support station project
- Counseling support project for young people in financial need
- Yokohama School for Young People's Independence
- Proactive well-being support project
- Proactive learning support project
- Implementing counseling, etc. for nearby communities
- Human resource cultivation involving supporting youth independence, support from relevant organizations, building networks.....etc.

Improve support for children with disabilities

Policy overview

- The city is enhancing support centering on regional rehabilitation centers and maintaining and improving the quality of services for day care support for disabled children so that they can receive early support for conditions such as developmental disorders that are on the rise.
- Yokohama is striving to build and improve comprehensive counseling systems for medical/welfare/educational areas that are necessary so that severely disabled children receiving medical care can live at home.

Aims/directionality

1. Improve support hinging on regional rehabilitation centers.
2. Provide ongoing support through collaboration between rehabilitation and education, etc.
3. Improve support for school-age children with disabilities.
4. Boost home assistance functions and development of facilities for children with disabilities.
5. Improve support for at-home life for severely disabled children receiving medical care and severely mentally and physically handicapped children.
6. Promote understanding about disabilities

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Waiting period for initial diagnosis of Community Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities	3.9 months	2.6 months
● Total number of users of child development support project (including Community Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities)	245,283 persons/year	318,310 persons/year
● Total number of users of day services in after school, etc.	772,894 persons/year	1,080,000 persons/year

Major projects /initiatives

- Project for operating regional rehabilitation centers
- Maintaining/improving the quality of services for day care support for disabled children, etc.
- Expanding the support project for older school age children with disabilities
- Redeveloping residential care facilities for disabled children
- Developing the project to promote support for severely disabled children/persons receiving medical care, etc.
- Promoting the medical short stay project
- Encouraging residents' understanding of disabilities.....etc.

Current state and issues

- There is a notable increase in children with mild intellectual disabilities and children that have developmental disorders without intellectual delays. There is also a rise in new users of regional rehabilitation centers. Of them, approx. 70% are children with developmental disorders.
- The number of day care facilities for disabled children is growing, and maintaining and improving the quality of their services is becoming an issue.
- Due to a shortage in support and counseling facilities for disabled children, establishing a support system enabling people to choose utilization of services required by disabled children is becoming an issue.
- There is a rise in severely disabled children receiving medical care and severely mentally and physically handicapped children, and the construction of a system that comprehensively coordinates support in medical/welfare/educational areas is required.
- Enhancing support according to disability state and characteristics through collaboration between rehabilitation and education, and continuous, ongoing support is necessary.
- Deepening understanding of disabilities by encountering and connecting with people who have had a disability since infancy or school age is important.

Improve continuous support from before birth through infancy



Policy overview

- Yokohama is improving continuous support from pregnancy to childbirth and child-raising so that all pregnant women and households with children can have and raise children with peace of mind.
- The city is maintaining and promoting the health of mothers and children by boosting the counseling system to enable parents to receive necessary support from pregnancy through birth and infancy, which is a time when it is easy to become physically and mentally anxious.

Aims/directionality

1. Improve counseling support and public awareness of accurate information on pregnancy/childbirth/infertility.
2. Improve obstetric and pediatric medical care for safe and secure pregnancy/childbirth.
3. Improve continuous support from pregnancy.
4. Improve healthcare measures for healthy nurturing of infants.

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Rate of interviews conducted among women who have submitted a notification of pregnancy	96.2%	98.7%
● Medical examination rate of expectant and nursing mothers	78.7%	89.0%

Major projects/initiatives

- Infertility counseling and treatment subsidy project
- Pregnancy and childbirth counseling support project
- Project to provide medical check-ups for pregnant women
- Enhancing support through the Yokohama City Comprehensive Parenting Support Center
- Conducting interviews when submitting the pregnancy notification form (mother/child health coordinator)
- Perinatal mother-and-child care project
- “Hello Baby” home-visit project
- Perinatal medical check-up project

Improve community support for raising children

Policy overview

To ensure safe childbirth and child-rearing, the city is expanding opportunities and places to provide parenting support in the community and moving ahead with endeavors that support the healthy nurturing of children, such as enhancing information provision and counseling on parenting, and creating an environment that warmly watches over parenting as a community.

Aims/directionality

1. Improve support from pregnancy and opportunities and places for parents and children to gather.
2. Create an environment that warmly watches over parenting as a community.
3. Improve the quality of parenting support in the community.
4. Improve opportunities enabling temporary childcare.

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Rate of parents and children who use child-care support	44.2%	50.0%*FY2023

Major projects/initiatives

- Regional parenting support center project
- Project to support of regional parenting support center users
- Project to provide parent-child gathering places
- Enhancing support through the Yokohama City Comprehensive Parenting Support Center
- Nursery School Childcare Play Space, Kindergarten Hamakko Play Space
- Cultivating regional childcare support staff
- Project to support families raising children (Nickname: Hamahug)
- Temporary infant childcare project
- Yokohama Child-rearing Support System project.....etc.

Current state and issues

- There is a need to create nearby places capable of readily providing counseling and solutions to minor questions and problems about parenting that are felt daily.
- The percentage of parents and children using places in communities providing support for raising children is on the rise. Many use them to interact with other parents, and there is a need to support making friends from pregnancy as an aspect of parenting support.
- People of various generations and standing in the community must focus on households with children and promote the creation of a community that warmly watches over parenting.
- The number of people seeking advice from regional parenting support centers is rising. There is a need to boost the skills of persons providing supporter and the quality through collaboration among them. Further, new support methods must be considered so that people who have not yet used community support can do so.
- Improving childcare sites that can alleviate the physical and mental burden of parenting by meeting the need for temporary childcare is needed.

Support single-parent household independence/counter and prevent domestic violence (DV) from spouses, etc.

Policy overview

- Yokohama is moving forward with comprehensive support for independence that includes support for children and support for parenting/living/employment suited to each family in order to improve/stabilize single-parent households.
- To prevent DV, the city is conducting publicity/education and enhancing continuous support for victims of DV, etc. that includes counseling, protection, and actions for independence.

Aims/directionality

1. Provide comprehensive support for single-parent household independence and assistance to children.
2. Provide support for independence and ensure the safety/security of DV victims, women facing difficulties, and their children.
3. Improve the qualifications of staff involved in supporting DV victims, etc., strengthen systems, educate the public, etc.

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Number of single parents who got a job thanks to support	460 persons/year	2,300 persons (5 years)
● Number of users of independence support projects for single parents, etc.	4,971 persons/year	6,000 persons/year

Major projects/initiatives

- Project to support single-parent household independence
- Daily living support project (helper dispatch)
- Project to subsidize support for mother-child/father-child household independence
- Coordination agreement on supporting single-parent independence
- Counseling and protection project for women
- Supporting DV victims
- Subsidy project for temporary emergency protective care facilities for women
- Project for temporary emergency protective care at mother-child living support facilities

Improve measures to prevent child abuse and the social care system



Policy overview

- To protect children's lives and rights, Yokohama is further reinforcing initiatives to prevent child abuse and broadly promoting child abuse prevention measures such as strengthening child guidance center and ward office functions, improving staff expertise, and boosting cooperation between communities and relevant organizations.
- The city is improving the social care system so that children unable to live with their families for various reasons can live in a family-like environment with foster parents, etc.

Aims/directionality

1. Comprehensively promote child abuse prevention measures.
2. Improve support measures that address child abuse.
3. Improve the social care system.
4. Cultivate and secure human resources for staff, etc. involved in child abuse response and fostering.

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Eradication of deaths caused by abuse	0 person	0 person *every fiscal year
● Number of children newly consigned to foster parents, etc.	32 persons/year	170 persons (5 years)

Major projects/initiatives

- Strengthening functions of Regional Ward Councils of Countermeasures for Children Requiring Support
- Examining the functions of comprehensive child and family support centers
- Publicizing and educating people on child abuse prevention
- Improving counseling and support measures at child guidance centers and cultivating human resources
- Home visit project to support caring for children
- Short-term parenting support project
- Promoting child entrustment such as foster parenting
- Cultivating human resources in ward offices.....etc.

Promote community development that values work-life balance and children/youth

Policy overview

- Yokohama is helping companies, etc. to promote work-life balance and various flexible workstyles, and is providing education, etc. so that both men and women can tackle housework and parenting.
- The city is striving to develop community-wide momentum that values and watches over children, and aims for community development that ensures safe and secure living through efforts to protect children from accidents/incidents and promotes environmental improvements that are favorable to families with children.

Aims/directionality

1. Create an environment enabling work-life balance and various flexible workstyles to be achieved.
2. Develop community momentum that values children.
3. Develop safe and secure communities.

Indexes

Indexes	Most recent data (FY2018)	Target values (FY2024)
● Number of offices that were certified Yokohama Good Balance Award	139 offices/year	1,170 offices (5 years)
● Rate of men's taking child-care leave at the offices in Yokohama	7.2% *FY2017	13%

Major projects/initiatives

- Yokohama Good Balance Award, a certification system for companies, etc.
- Implementing seminars, etc. for companies
- Support for carrying out housework and parenting together
- Support for grandfathers/grandmothers nurturing grandchildren
- Public awareness project to prevent accidents involving children
- Project to support community crime prevention activities

Current state and issues

- Amid an increase in dual-income households and the tendency for men raising children to work long hours, there is a need to promote the creation of an environment making it easy for men and women to work and undertake parenting in the desired manner.
- While many think positively of men taking childcare leave, the percentage of those who do remains low.
- It is important to continuously conduct and support actions that promote work-life balance for companies. There is also a need for public awareness among residents and the creation of opportunities to tackle both work and life outside of work.
- There is an uptick in the percentage of people who are often anxious and no longer feel confident about parenting. Fostering social momentum that assists child-rearing is needed so that parents can raise their children in communities with peace of mind.
- Young children are dying due to accidental deaths and accidents/incidents that occur while commuting to school and engaging in activities outside of school. To live safely in the community, promoting public awareness, etc. and endeavors to protect children from danger are necessary.

- Promoting the Totsukitoka YOKOHAMA project
- Support for creating places where children in the community can spend time



Quantitative estimates and securement policies for childcare/education and regional child/child-rearing support programs

Based on the Child/Child-rearing Support Law, and founded on the results of a survey conducted in FY2018 to grasp utilization needs related to childcare/education and regional child/child-rearing support programs, the city has determined 5-year quantitative estimates (quantity of utilization needs) and securement policies (securing quantity in response to quantitative estimates and implementation period).

Facilities/programs for childcare/education

(Unit: person)

Fiscal Year		FY2020				FY2021					
Education/childcare benefits approval classification (*1)		Division 3	Division 2	Division 1	Division 3	Division 2	Division 1	Division 3	Division 2	Division 1	
Age		0	1-2	3-5	3-5	0	1-2	3-5	3-5	3-5	
Quantitative estimates		6,856	25,354	45,381	45,546	7,131	26,020	46,456	43,796		
Childcare use rate of children younger than 3 years old (Quantitative estimates/No. of 0-2-year-old children)		39.0%				40.9%					
Securement policies	Authorized nurseries/kindergartens/industry-sponsored childcare business	6,030	21,948	45,183	22,696	6,266	22,588	46,303	24,223		
	Unconfirmed kindergartens (*2)				25,938					21,007	
	Regional nurseries/Yokohama nursery rooms	826	3,406	198		865	3,432	153			
	Total	6,856	25,354	45,381	48,634	7,131	26,020	46,456	45,230		

Fiscal Year		FY2022				FY2023					
Education/childcare benefits approval classification (*1)		Division 3	Division 2	Division 1	Division 3	Division 2	Division 1	Division 3	Division 2	Division 1	
Age		0	1-2	3-5	3-5	0	1-2	3-5	3-5	3-5	
Quantitative estimates		7,406	26,686	47,531	40,526	7,681	27,352	48,606	37,621		
Childcare use rate of children younger than 3 years old (Quantitative estimates/No. of 0-2-year-old children)		42.6%				44.2%					
Securement policies	Authorized nurseries/kindergartens/industry-sponsored childcare business	6,484	23,097	47,398	23,855	6,719	23,780	48,518	22,980		
	Unconfirmed kindergartens (*2)				17,971					15,442	
	Regional nurseries/Yokohama nursery rooms	922	3,589	133		962	3,572	88			
	Total	7,406	26,686	47,531	41,826	7,681	27,352	48,606	38,422		

Fiscal Year		FY2024			
Education/childcare benefits approval classification (*1)		Division 3	Division 2	Division 1	Division 1
Age		0	1-2	3-5	3-5
Quantitative estimates		7,941	28,007	49,683	35,014
Childcare use rate of children younger than 3 years old (Quantitative estimates/No. of 0-2-year-old children)		45.7%			
Securement policies	Authorized nurseries/kindergartens/industry-sponsored childcare business	6,911	24,229	49,595	21,717
	Unconfirmed kindergartens (*2)				13,297
	Regional nurseries/Yokohama nursery rooms	1,030	3,778	88	
	Total	7,941	28,007	49,683	35,014

*1 Education/childcare benefits approval classification

Division 1: Facilities/programs for children from age 3 that have not entered elementary school and do not require childcare

Division 2: Facilities/programs for children from age 3 that have not entered elementary school and require childcare

Division 3: Facilities/programs for children under age 3 requiring childcare

*2 Unconfirmed kindergartens: Kindergartens that operate through financial aid to private educational institutions

Regional child/child-rearing support programs

Project division based on the Child/Childrearing Support Law	Yokohama City's projects	Unit	Upper column: expected volume, Lower column: ensuring measures					
			FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	
Project of conducting medical checkup for expected mothers	Expected Mother Medical Checkup Project	Total number of consultation (times/year)	332,291	330,662	329,029	327,396	325,766	
			332,291	330,662	329,029	327,396	325,766	
Visit all households with infants project	Hello Baby Visit Project	Number of visit (cases/year)	25,117	24,872	24,728	24,642	24,579	
			25,117	24,872	24,728	24,642	24,579	
		Rate of visit (%)	94.7%	95.0%	95.4%	95.8%	96.1%	
Child-rearing short-term support project	Short stay	Total number of users (persons/year)	773	802	831	860	889	
			773	802	831	860	889	
	Twilight stay	Total number of users (persons/year)	5,918	6,390	6,863	7,336	7,809	
			5,918	6,390	6,863	7,336	7,809	
	Mother-and-child Life Support Facilities Emergency Temporary Protection Project	Total number of users of households (household/year)	92	92	92	92	92	
		92	92	92	92	92		
Child-rearing Support Home Visit Project and Aid-requiring Children Support Project by Regional Council for Aid-requiring Children and others	Child-rearing Support Home Visit Project	Home visit	Total number of execution (times/year)	4,072	4,280	4,528	4,784	5,088
			4,072	4,280	4,528	4,784	5,088	
	Helpers	Total number of execution (times/year)	2,418	2,572	2,731	2,857	2,952	
			2,418	2,572	2,731	2,857	2,952	
	Visiting homes that need child-rearing support project	Home visit	Total number of execution (times/year)	3,730	4,040	4,349	4,659	4,968
			3,730	4,040	4,349	4,659	4,968	
	Helpers	Total number of execution (times/year)	8,256	8,946	9,639	10,323	11,016	
			8,256	8,946	9,639	10,323	11,016	
Regional Council for Aid-requiring Children	Number of review meetings (cases/year)	1,848	1,905	1,954	2,013	2,067		
		1,848	1,905	1,954	2,013	2,067		
Sick Childcare Project	Sick Childcare Project	Number of execution (places)	29	29	29	29	29	
			26	29	29	29	29	
User Support Related Projects	Yokohama Child-rearing partners	Number of execution (places)	27	27	27	27	27	
			23	24	25	26	27	
	Childcare/Education Concierges	Number of execution (places)	18	18	18	18	18	
			18	18	18	18	18	
Maternal and child health coordinators	Number of execution (places)	18	18	18	18	18		
		18	18	18	18	18		
Overtime Childcare Project	Overtime Childcare project (extended to evening)	Number of users (persons/month)	6,816	7,190	7,563	7,937	8,310	
			6,816	7,190	7,563	7,937	8,310	
After-school children sound upbringing project	After-school Kids Club (Partly), After-school Children Club	Number of registered children	26,260	27,338	28,416	29,494	30,563	
		Fixed number	26,260	27,338	28,416	29,494	30,563	
Regional Child-rearing Support Base Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Child-rearing Support Base Parent-child Gathering Square Nursery Child-rearing Square, Kindergarten Hamakko Square Others (Non-permanent places for parents-children: Child-rearing supporters, Nursery Child-rearing Square (non-permanent), Kindergarten Hamakko Square (non-permanent), Child-rearing salons) 	Total number of users (persons/month)	70,381	74,157	77,933	81,709	85,485	
			70,381	74,157	77,933	81,709	85,485	
Temporary Childcare Project, Child-rearing Support Activity Support Project	Childcare at kindergartens (Division 1)	Total number of users (persons/year)	287,548	287,717	287,887	288,057	288,227	
			287,548	287,717	287,887	288,057	288,227	
	Childcare at kindergartens (Division 2)	Total number of users (persons/year)	1,306,372	1,333,674	1,360,976	1,388,278	1,415,580	
			1,306,372	1,333,674	1,360,976	1,388,278	1,415,580	
	Others	Total number of users (persons/year)	331,169	348,006	364,843	381,680	398,517	
			331,169	348,006	364,843	381,680	398,517	

Chapter

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System for plan development, etc.

1. Check/evaluate plan

- Yokohama has established the Yokohama Child/Child-rearing Committee comprised of persons such as academic experts, persons engaged in child-rearing, supporters, and persons in childcare/education. This committee is cast as a place to study and deliberate the implementation state, etc. of necessary matters and measures related to the comprehensive/systematic promotion of child/parenting support measures.
- To steadily move forward with child/child-rearing support, each fiscal year the plan's implementation state is checked and evaluated by the Yokohama Child/Child-rearing Committee.



2. Promote the plan using various organizations

- The city values the self-aid, mutual aid, and public aid approach and is promoting the plan while collaborating and cooperating with residents and relevant persons so that various leaders view child/child-rearing support and nurturing youth as community-wide issues and strive to develop endeavors.

3. Promote securing/cultivating human resources engaged in child/parenting support

- While promoting the plan, the city works to further enhance initiatives and provide greater support together with securing and improving the expertise/qualifications of community leaders and employees that undertake child/child-rearing support.

4. Promote transmission and sharing of information on child/child-rearing support

- To bring necessary information and support to the people who need it, in addition to improving the various programs, the city is also moving ahead with the plan from the perspective of information transmission and information sharing.



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