

Social Welfare Corporation JHC Itabashi
Community Activity Support Center “Space Peer”

Anshin Tenant Support Project

"Anshin (Reassurance) Tenant Support Project" provides various kinds of supports concerning housing such as accompanying a person who is looking for a room, attending a meeting for complicated procedures to rent a room, and providing assistance for reassured living after renting a room. This Project is founded by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport in 2006 for elderly people, persons with disabilities, families rearing children, and foreigners to live in private rented rooms or houses and to realize a reassured and fulfilled living. The Project asks owners of rented rooms or houses and real estate agents to register for "Anshin Rented Houses" or register as "Cooperating Agents." And the supporting organizations like JHC provide assistance. Thus the Project provides supports for the living of those who wish to rent a room or house. JHC Itabashi was consigned this Project from Itabashi Ward Government as a supporting organization for persons with mental disabilities, and has been supporting 10 people so far.

Project for Promotion of Discharge-from-Hospital

It is said that currently there are 70,000 inpatients of so-called social hospitalization. Aiming at solving this problem, each Prefectural government conducts "Project for Promotion of Discharge-from-Hospital." This Project provides supports to facilitate the shift to reassured living in a local community to the inpatients who can be discharged from hospital if the conditions in the community are arranged.

The targets of this Project are those who: are in a mental hospital for one year or more; have recommendation from his/her hospital; and wish to be discharged from the hospital. A coordinator who is a staff member of this Project visits a hospital. Listening to the requests of an inpatient, the coordinator facilitates the collaboration with various social resources in a local community. Cooperating with peer supporters, who used to be hospitalized and are currently living in the local community, the coordinator thus provides supports to realize the discharge of the inpatient from

hospital and their living in a community after the discharge.

For those who are worried about leaving from a hospital, the Project is taking measures to reduce their worries and to let them have hopes for their life after the discharge from a hospital. For this purpose, coordinators and peer supporters visit hospitals to provide information on the situation of the local community and tell about the other people's experiences.

JHC Itabashi started this Project in the fiscal year 2007, consigned from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and is currently providing various supports to 3 users of the Project.