

**Social Welfare Corporation "Samegawa Welfare Association"
SAMEGAWA TAMPOPO-NO-IE (SAMEGAWA House of Dandelion)**



1. Overview

Name: Social Welfare Corporation "Samegawa Welfare Association"
Location: 59-1 Aza-Okada, Oaza-Akasaka-Nishino, Samegawa Village,
Higashi-Shiragawa-gun, Fukushima Prefecture
Date of Establishment: February 25, 2003

2. History

We, "Samegawa Tampopo-no-ie," had remodeled the building of the Maternal and Child Health Center of Samegawa Village, rented it for free, and opened in April 2003. We started with a total of 20 users including 17 users from the inside of Samegawa. The building was made of wood and constructed 46 years ago, and the site of the facility was designated as a steep-slope dangerous zone by Fukushima Prefecture. When we had a bad weather or an earthquake, we were often seized with anxiety. We were strongly

requested to move the facility in instructions and inspection by the Prefetural Government. However, it was not long since the Corporation was founded and the financial situation was severe. Therefore, we could not afford to move the facility.

The Law for Supporting Independence of Persons with Disabilities was put into effect in April 2006 and the emphasis is being put on the support for the facility users to acquire their jobs. We aimed to secure the places for the users to work by making the facility more like business entity. In spite of the severe financial situation, we decided to construct a new facility equipped with modernized facilities. The national and prefectural subsidy was provided for three quarters of the construction cost, and the Samegawa Village Government provided ten million Japanese Yen as its subsidy. The rest of the construction cost was procured by our own finance and a loan from an independent administrative medical corporation. The new facility was completed on October 1, 2007.

3. Projects

Name of the Facility for Projects: Samegawa Tampopo-No-Ie

Multi-Functional Project Facility: Assistance for Transition to Employment

Assistance for Continued Employment Type-B

Training for Independence (Training for Daily Living)

Opening Date: February 1, 2008

Target Area: Samegawa Village and its neighboring cities, towns, and villages

Capacity: 25 persons

(1) Project of Assistance for Transition to Employment

<Target group>

Persons with intellectual disabilities

Capacity: 10 persons (Actual number: 8 persons)

<Purpose>

To provide opportunities of work and production activities for which the users commute from their home, and aim at letting the users obtain the knowledge necessary to acquire ordinary jobs in open labor market. To supports those who have obtained high abilities in their transition to open labor market.

<Staff Members>

- 1 manager (also acting for other projects)
- 1 service management chief (also acting for other projects)
- 1 staff for living support
- 3 vocational instructors
- 1 staff for employment support

<Contents of Services Provided>

Consultation and assistance	To grasp the way of living which a user and his/her family members want to have, the physical and mental state of the user, and to provide proper consultation, advice, support, etc.
Assistance for transition to employment	<p>To provide supports for improvement of production abilities and the basic physical strength, and mastering the knowledge, manners, etc., which are all necessary for acquiring a job in open labor market. To provide supports towards acquiring a job in open labor market, such as the support for employment outside the facility (including on the job training and trial employment).</p> <p><u>To Provide Opportunities for Production Activities</u></p> <p>[1] Noodle factory [2] Production of processed products (salad dressing, jams) [3] Madeini-ya (a Udon (Japanese noodle) restaurant in the shopping mall in Shirakawa</p> <p><Payment of Wages></p> <p>The wage is paid to the users who are engaged in the production activities. The wage corresponds to the amount obtained by subtracting the necessary expenses from the operational income by the above production activities.</p>
On the Job Training and Support for Job Acquisition Activity, etc.	To carry out on the job training, trial employment and supports for job seeking activity, and to provide supports for settlement to workplaces, through cooperation with relevant institutions such as Hello Work (Public Employment Security Office).
Health Care	To check vital signs and medication necessary for the daily living. To conduct other necessary supervision and recording. To provide appropriate supports for maintaining the health through communication with cooperating medical institutions.

(2) Project of Assistance for Continued Employment Type-B

<Target group>

Persons with intellectual disabilities

Capacity: 10 persons (Actual number: 5 persons)

<Purpose>

To provide opportunities for employment and production activities for which the users commute from their home, as well as to provide supports to improve the knowledge and the abilities necessary to acquire a job in open labor market.

<Staff Members>

1 manager (also acting for other projects)

1 service management chief (also acting for other projects)

1 staff for living support

1 vocational instructor

<Contents of Services Provided>

Consultation and Support	Same as above.
Training	To provide training necessary for improvement of the knowledge and the abilities necessary for acquiring a job in open labor market. To provide other services appropriately and effectively.
Production Activity	To provide opportunities for production activities. [1] Subcontract work [2] Agricultural work (including processing and sales) <Payment of Wages> Same as above.
Health Care	Same as above.

(3) Project of Training for Independence (Training for Daily Living)

<Target group>

Persons with intellectual disabilities

Capacity: 15 persons (Actual number: 16 persons)

<Purpose>

To provide supports for the persons with disabilities to lead an independent daily life or social life. To provide training in order to improve their abilities to lead daily life and their sociability (such as meals and house keeping, improvement of their physical strength, creative activities, production activities) and, thereby, to provide supports for them to lead their life in their local community.

<Staff Members>

- 1 manager (also acting for other projects)
- 1 service management chief (also acting for other projects)
- 3 staff for living support
- 1 vocational instructor

<Contents of Services Provided>

Consultation and Support	Same as above.
Training	To provide training for improving the abilities to lead daily life such as meals and house keeping as well as creative activities and production activities, in order to improve and maintain the abilities to live. (Training of daily life, training of social adaptation, etc.)
Health Care	Same as above.