

An Action Research for Enhancing Community Capacity

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Abstract

Although community work is a helping professional method for promoting community capacity and ability enhance, the papers relative to the practical experience and effects in community work are rare. This paper is an action research program based on the practical experience of an action program which executed by author in 2011. The action program is a sub-project of flagship project supported by Ministry of the Interior. The research data materials include survey data, conference records and work records. Several practice issues are discussed in this paper. The discussed issues include "what community work is from community leaders' perspective", "what community leaders view themselves are", "how community could be helped", "what did the community leaders response to the action program", "the gap between goal and tool in practical community work", "what happened of action program", and "what experience is cumulated". Author expect this paper might bring practical experience sharing among practical community workers.

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