

# **The Prospect and Progress of Community Empowerment Centers in Taiwan**

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## **Abstract**

The Emergence of Community Empowerment Center would be seemed as an important milestone in the way toward professional development for community work. We believe that Community Empowerment Center provides the practical opportunities for professional community workers and platform for accumulating professional experience professional for forming professional consensus and culture. This article starts at the concept of Community Empowerment, following to the discussion of the evolution of professional community work in Taiwan, and describes the Progress of the Community Empowerment center. Than the existing eight Community Empowerment centers were described in Taiwan. Finally, the author proposes five professional themes for community workers from the view of the professional Community Empowerment Center development. They are defined and professional community work field, processes and procedures for community work, working models and methods, professional skills and technical expertise, and ethics.

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