# What should schools do for abused children?

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#### Introduction

Child abuse has been increasing in Japan

: 90,000 cases (2014) = 80 times as many as in 1990

 $\rightarrow$  this research is

to find out specific solution of child abuse



### Reality of child abuse

Child abuse has many bad influences

Ex.) lack of self-respect and self-esteem

→ more difficult to solve as get older

**⇒** Schools may be an ideal place.

Tamai's research(2007): home visitation O

But... Is this idea realistic enough?? → No!

←increase burden of work + there are many transfers



#### Possible solution

Best solution to solve child abuse 

School Social Worker(SSWr)

**SSWr** (from 2008) :

welfare experts

→ team up with Child Guidance Center and teachers

help teachers

**Ex.)** Advice: how to talk with children parents

how to create a supportive classroom



## → better support to create a helpful environment of abused children

MEXT(2015): collaboration between teachers and SSWr

→ improve the environment of abused children

### Future objective

SSW project : short history → not well known + number of SSWr is still small

**Ex.)** in Osaka(2015): about 1,500 elementary and junior high schools

only 35 SSWr

→ need introduction of more SSWr

To find out: - how to increase school with SSWr

- how to create a team between teachers and SSWr
- how to solve the fundamental problem of child abuse