
Abstract**A Study on the Significance and Issues of Community Transition and Support for People with Disabilities: Focusing on the Word “Freedo” Described in Questionnaires for People with Disabilities****TAMURA Ayako**

A questionnaire survey was conducted on the degree of satisfaction with life of people with disabilities living in community, and responses were obtained from 1,068 persons with disabilities. 701 free comments on “what was good about the transition” from 805 people (75.4%) who experienced the transition were analyzed. The most common description was “freedom”: respondents enjoyed hobbies and preferences and a wide range of freedom, both physical and mental, as they secured their personal space and time. It can be inferred that self-affirmation through independent actions increased and physiological needs were satisfied. We can surmise that by regaining self-identity in the process of enjoying life, expanding the range of activities, and interacting with others, strength of the residents’ self-will and their sense of independence are drawn out. Providing timely and appropriate support and services ensures this sense of well-being, one enhanced as time passes after making the transition to the community.