

Social Service Provisions in Mainland China

Professor Law Koon-chui, Agnes
Sun Yat-sen University.

Founder and Director General,
Qi Chuang Social Work Services Centers, GZ
ylkc48@yahoo.com

New Policy Initiatives

- Past: State Dominant Model prevailed that the government adopts a 'do it all' approach in planning, financing, implementing and evaluating social services for all ages, in the community and institutional environment.

- Present: Social management reform /innovation

Since 2006

- Reposition the respective roles of the government and the civil society in the provision of social services

- Create a congenial environment where NGOs can develop and grow

Pilots Schemes

- 2006-7 Shenzhen,
- 2008 Guangzhou,
- 2009 Dongguang, Shunde, Nanhai, Zhongshan,....

GZ "one-plus-five" policy paper

- "A suggestion to speed up the promotion of social work and the development of human resources".

5 major issues

- design and organization of professional social work posts, their remunerations and conditions of service;
- funding of social work service development;
- evaluation, assessment and implementation of a sourcing procedure for social services in the public sector;
- development of social work organizations in the community; and
- establishing a professional social work registration and management system

2011 Development

- More than 80 NGOs registered in GZ
- To establish 121 integrated family service centers covering all districts in the city
- To fund other specialized services like community rehabilitation for drug addicts, youth development, etc.

Concerns

- How to maintain the balance of NGOs and government organs, eg, district offices, Women Federations, in service provisions?
- How to assess and control the work of social workers and NGOs?
 - How effective could social work services be in combating rising and complicated community problems?