

# **Abstract of Doctoral Thesis**

## **Basic Structure and the Developing Process of Consultation**

### **Support in the Social Welfare for People with Disability:**

#### **Focusing on Mental Health Services**

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The purpose of this study is to clarify the development process of consultation support which plays important role in disability welfare system of Japan, while by paying attention to the reforms in the entire disability welfare system since the 1990s. This study focuses on mental health services that have unique support history. Consultation support is a complex system, which consists of multiple projects with different financial resources, objectives, and responsible organization. In addition, there are many un-defined and unclear terminology related to this field. The emphasis has been put on practical value such as “quantitative expansion” and “quality improvement” in consultation support, and policy and financial issues has been overlooked. This study aims to reveal the development process of consultation support from the viewpoint of social security policy historically and comprehensively. Chapter 1 outlines the structure of consultation support that is constituted with varieties of projects and examines the issues and the validity of the solutions of each project indicated by previous research. Chapter 2 analyzes the transition of social security system since consultation support began to receive public budget in 1996 until its landmark regulation reform in 2006. Chapters 3 to 5 studies how the projects of community life support center for people with mental disorders, care management, and discharge support in psychiatric hospitals, were consolidated into consultation support. Chapter 6 studies the influence of consultation support system reorganization on municipal governments in case of Osaka City. The conclusion argues that current complexity in consultation support is a result of the accumulation of larger changes in national level in social security and fiscal policies since the 1990s.