Interpretation of the Localization Development of Community Correction Social Work

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Abstract: In our country, social work and community correction are still in the initial stage. People have not yet realized its importance, which needs to be improved. In practice and theory, community correction work is inevitably linked with social work. In community correction work, social work has certain advantages. It is beneficial to enhance the public awareness of social work by adding social work. This paper mainly introduces the difficulties existing in the development of the localization of community correction social work in China, and puts forward relevant suggestions, hoping to provide some help for the development of related work.

1. Concept and Methods of Correction Social Work

1.1 Value Concept

Social work mainly regards others as the center and scientific knowledge as the premise. Its basic purpose is to provide services and help others. Correction social work is the application of professional skills and theories by professionals to correct the behavior of the corresponding prisoners during probation and trial, as well as to provide psychological guidance, ideological education and care in life, so that the prisoners’ criminal psychological structure can be eliminated, the behavioral patterns can be amended and become more adaptable to society.

As the basic concept of correction social work, helping others and self-help regard people as the center, respect people and care about people. It is believed that people have certain plasticity and potential. As long as they are given opportunities, they will be well integrated into society. There are great differences between this value concept and penalty. It is implemented from different perspectives and provides different ways of service. Correction social work is a more humane mode of work. It not only refuses to judge, but also pursues acceptance and understanding. Because the staff’s attitude towards everyone is the same, the correction object will experience the feeling of being respected, which is very beneficial to the establishment of their self-confidence, so as to make them actively make changes and achieve the actual effect of helping others.

1.2 Working Methods

1.2.1 Case correction social work

In the method of case correction social work, the staff can use different working methods according to different correction objects, discuss and think with them, and finally find solutions to the problems. In the process of work, both sides will create a cooperative relationship with each other and increase mutual trust with the correction object by using face-to-face communication method. It is very helpful for staff to mobilize their enthusiasm and potential, so as to achieve the goal of changing their cognition.

1.2.2 Group correction social work

Group correction social work provides a group for correction objects. In this group, members have similar experiences, which makes it easier to close the distance between them. They can open their hearts and tell each other about their experiences, relieving psychological pressure and giving vent to their emotions. In addition, targeted group activities enhance the social function of
correction objects, make them establish new values and outlook on life, and better integrate into society.

1.2.3 Community correction social work

The key content of community correction social work is to cultivate the ability to serve the society and public welfare awareness of the correction objects and at the same time, help them create social support networks. Among them, resource support and family support are the key contents of support network. Correction staff contact and coordinate all sectors of society and the government, arrange employment posts, mediate families, strive for social security policies and so on, so as to re-establish a connection between the correction objects and the community, society and family. In this way, the correction objects are able to enter the social network and gradually return to society.

2. Difficulties in the Localization Development of Community Correction Social Work in China

2.1 Policy and Regulation Dilemma

2.1.1 Subject “dislocation”

There are many penalty systems in our country, and community correction is one of them. The government and state organs are the main implementing subjects. It is a kind of work system which is mainly based on the community correction system in order to enable the corresponding community prisoners to change their understanding, behavior and psychology, to restore their social functions, and to provide them with help. However, due to the small number of community correction staff and the large amount of community prisoners, some community correction social workers also have to undertake community correction law enforcement work, making themselves from assistants to practitioners.

2.1.2 Lack of special policies and regulations

China’s community correction has developed for many years, and there are many related laws and regulations. However, in the aspect of the guidance and management of community correction social workers, there is still a lack of corresponding policy support. In 2014, the state promulgated the first community correction law, which clearly stipulates the responsibilities of community correction social workers, but there are still no corresponding provisions in its assessment, management and protection of rights and interests. In the absence of laws and regulations, people and community prisoners always question the legitimate status of community correction social workers. Meanwhile, it is very unfavorable to the creation of their team.

2.2 Unscientific Team Structure of Community Correction Social Workers

At present, the requirements of community correction social workers are relatively low. There are no relevant requirements in terms of professional and academic qualifications. Many of them are graduates from colleges or technical secondary schools, and their majors are not a good match. In addition, in order to alleviate the pressure of employment, some provinces and municipalities regard community correction social work as a caring position. The employees are usually those who have difficulties in employment or middle-aged or elderly people. Therefore, as a whole, the community correction social work team stays in a relatively low educational level and is not professional enough, which greatly reduces its service ability.

2.3 Cultural Dilemma

2.3.1 Conflict between cultural exclusion and acceptance

Because of the traditional thoughts in our country that good people have good rewards, while evil people will have bad results after all. People who destroy society and threaten the safety of others are deeply disgusted. As a result, it is often difficult for people to accept those serving
sentences in the community. However, community correction social work emphasizes the people-oriented concept of work, and helps those social prisoners find their own advantages, so that they can return to society as soon as possible. This situation leads to a certain contradiction, which greatly increases the difficulty of community prisoners returning to society at an early date.

2.3.2 Educational research needs to be deepened

At present, community correction and social work are on the way of localization, and further research on community correction social work is needed. Although researchers have paid more attention to this work, there are few books in this field, which can not satisfy the teaching and practical guidance.

3. Relevant Measures to Realize the Localization Development of Community Correction Social Work

In view of the characteristics and difficulties of community correction social work in China, in order to promote its localization, it is essential to start from the following aspects.

3.1 Establishment of Regulations of Community Correction Social Work

At present, community correction social work is developing continuously, and it coincides with the time when the legislation of community correction is established. Under such circumstances, it is very important to create regulations for community correction social work. On the one hand, the laws and regulations created should play a guiding role in community correction social work. As far as the current situation is concerned, social work has become an important force in community correction. The government and the industry need to stress community correction social work when they establish community correction legislation. In the law, the duty-holders and law-enforcement personnel in community correction shall be clearly defined, and the rights and responsibilities of different subjects should be stipulated, so that staff members can have relevant laws and regulations as the basis in their work. On the other hand, special laws and regulations with objectives need to be created. Community prisoners are the focus of community corrections. Their unstable behavior and psychological characteristics pose a threat to community correction social workers. In the process of compiling community correction laws and regulations, it is necessary to establish relevant protection laws and regulations. Our country’s community correction work started relatively late, so we should sum up the practical experience of community correction social work according to the actual situation in our country, draw lessons from some of the more perfect national working models, laws and regulations in this respect, and realize the localization development of community correction social work. It is also an inevitable trend of development.

3.2 Establishment of Professionalization of Community Correction Social Work

Colleges and governments are required to attach attention to the training of relevant professionals. The government should vigorously help colleges, and encourage more practitioners and scholars to study social work. In terms of service concept and theoretical knowledge of community correction social workers, it is needed to intensify training efforts and strengthen supervision over the establishment of community correction social work institutions. Moreover, for colleges, they are expected to vigorously recruit relevant professionals, study relevant textbooks, publicize and expand enrollment, strengthen training efforts, and provide human support for community correction social work.

3.3 Establishment of the Professional Team of Community Correction Social Work

It is essential to upgrade the entry criteria of community correction social worker team, improve the training and management system, establish professional community correction social worker team, and ensure that community prisoners can return to society as soon as possible. On the one hand, community correction social workers should make strict demands on themselves and constantly learn relevant knowledge. Because the needs of community prisoners are changing,
community correction social workers must not meet the status quo, but to constantly improve their professional skills, so that their ability can meet the needs of community correction social work. At the same time, in the process of community correction, it is necessary to always take the values of social work as the guidance of work, and accept prisoners from the bottom of heart, so as to better serve them. On the other hand, when social institutions are established, it is required to strengthen the professionalism of the institutions and handle the relationship between the government and the community well. Firstly, open up the source of funds, try not rely on the government, and create a talent training system and talent introduction program, so as to enhance the management and professional ability of the organization itself. Secondly, advocate the concept of social work to the government, so that the society and the government can support and understand it. At the same time, institutions should help each other so that regional problems will not become obstacles. Sharing among institutions will increase the mobility of professional social work talents, so that the utilization rate of talents can be improved. In order to avoid detours, more experienced community correction social work institutions can better support emerging institutions. Finally, the relevant government departments are expected to establish the relevant laws and regulations on supervision, management and training of community correction social workers. Only in this way can a more professional community correction social work team be created.

4. Conclusion

From the above discussion, we can see that there are some difficulties in the localization development of community correction social work in China. In order to solve these problems, it is important to do a good job in the establishment of community correction social work professionalization, professional team, laws and regulations. Only in this way can the localization development of community correction social work be better realized, so as to better serve prisoners and make them return to society as soon as possible.

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