



PROJECT:

Assistance to families with victims of sexual assault

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China Sexual Assault Prevention Web (Spring Breeze Web, www.858.org.cn)



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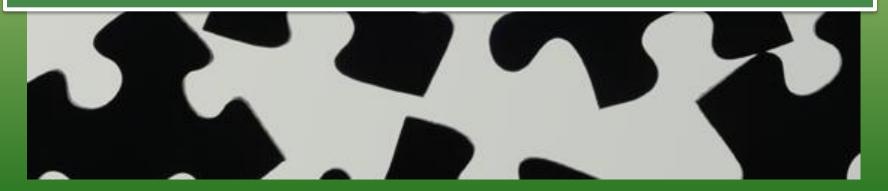
Prospects



Sexual assault is a serious public health and social problem in many countries, including China.^[1]

1 BACK GROUND

The incidence of rape has been in the top three of criminal cases in Chinese mainland.^[1]



[1]肖建国,姚建龙.女性性犯罪与性受害.2002



If lack of effective social intervention:

Victims'
psychological
and social
function will be
damaged in
the long term

Problems are caused such as substance abuse, endangering public security, self-mutilation, suicide

It will **not only** affect the victims themselves, but will also affect their families, and the society at large

It is a very important issue to study!



What intervention pattern for sexual assault trauma can fit China situation?

Mystery



Aims:

- A. Explore an intervention pattern for sexual assault trauma that fits China situation.
- B. Assist families or partners of the victims of sexual assault to pull through the crisis together with the victims.
- C. Help them to obtain accessible resources.



Related theories and hypothesis

- Sexual assault trauma response is not only isolated symptoms, but also associates with specific living situations.
- ◆ The female's response to sexual assault is not only confined by the boundaries of the Chinese cultural script, but also by a set of historic family relations and obligations that require the subordination of her own feelings, thereby protecting the collective^[1]



On this basis, we assume that various needs for sexual assault trauma victims could be achieved by corresponding interventions; And it calls for every organization to co-ordinate smoothly.



PTSD's social and psychological intervention^[1,2]

The intervention project

Family flexibility/ resilience angles^[8,9]

Family system theory

Family stress theory (the family's adjustment and adaptation reaction mode) [3,4]

Gender perspective^[5-7]

- [1,2] Foa, et al. 2000; Hembree & Foa, 2003
- [3,4] McCubbin & Patterson, 1983; Patterson, 1989
- [5-7] Rosenblatt, 1994; Steinglass, 1987; Minuchin et al, 1998
- [8,9] Walsh, 1998; Patterson, 2002







2.1 methods of intervention

The target group:

 Victims of sexual assault and their families or partners

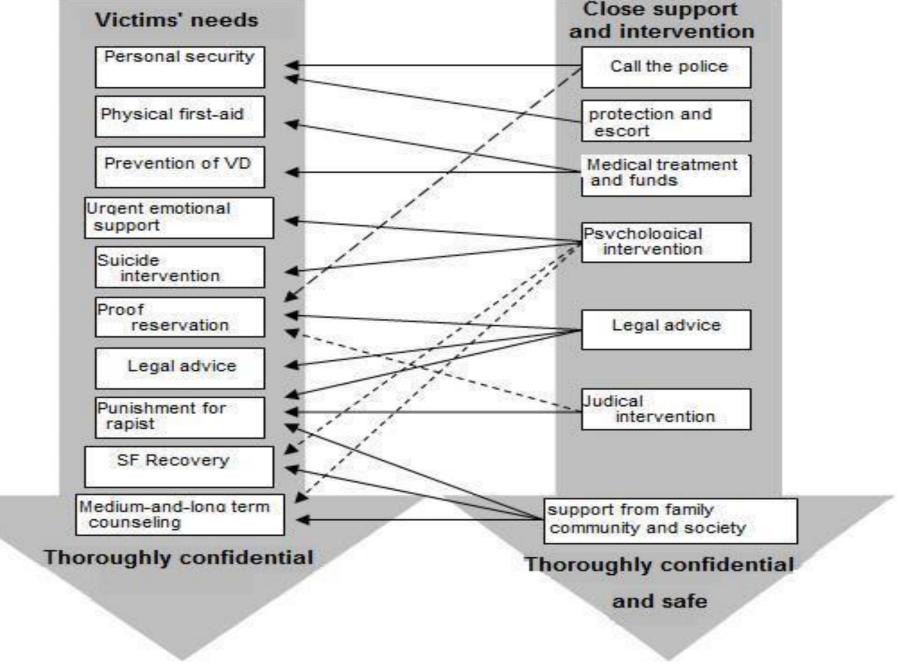


Fig 1 The needs and the intervention procedure for victims of Sexual Assualt

Fig.2 The four levels of intervention which we provided Individual

Level
Mentality, Law
medical treatment.
protection, escort

Family I aval

On the basis theory of previous, we explored the trauma intervention methods of sexual assault in China mainland from various aspects, such as the four levels of individuals, families, communities and society.

Provision of skill training needed and incoming supervision for volunteers

Social Level

Educational guidance, organizations collaboration, mechanism establishment



2.2 Evaluation of intervention effects

2.2.1 Qualitative research method

2.2.2 Quantitative research method



2.2.2 Quantitative research method

Evaluation intervention Evaluation

Analysis the data from the evaluation before and after intervention. (including Anxiety, Depression, PTSD, Coping style, Social supports, etc.)







Provided the direct psychological or legal services for victims for more than 500 times, the prevention and coping training more than 1000 times.





Established and launched the "China Sexual Assault Prevention Web" (Spring Breeze Website)





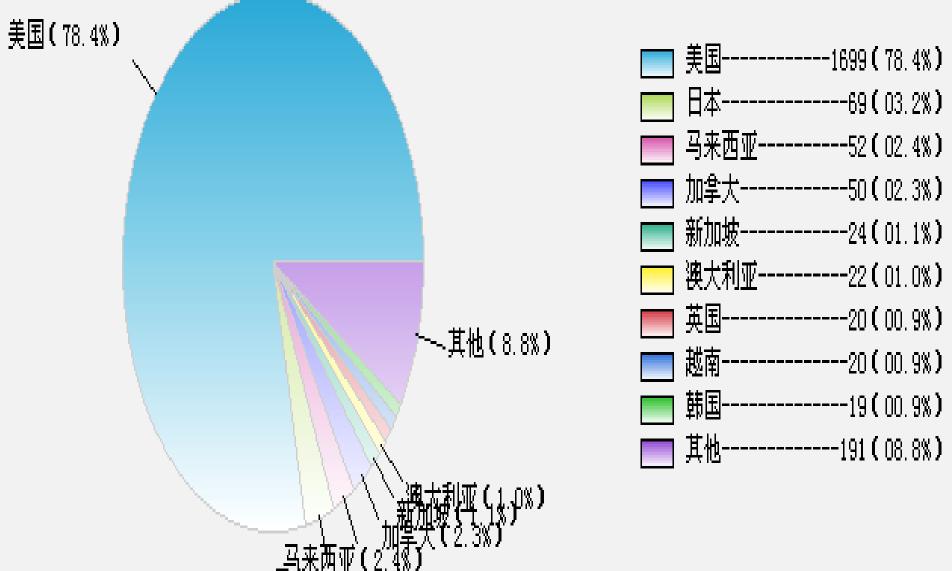
Established the first public assistant system in China mainland that multiple services are provided including psychological education, multiple professional assistance and social support enhancement for sexual assault victims.

Chart 1 Evaluation of intervention effect from service users, service providers, society and related overseas organizations



Source of information		Positive		Negative		To	Total	
		Person time	%	Person time	%	Person time	In total feedback%	
service users	During service	428	98.85%	5	1.15%	482	80.07%	
	After service	49	100%	0	0			
service providers		18	100%	0	0	18	2.99%	
society		78	92.86%	6	7.14%	84	13.95%	
related overseas organizations		18	100%	0	0	18	2.99%	
total		591	98.17%	11	1.83%	602	100.00%	





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- Perfecting pattern in practice by evaluation and self-improvement.
- Promotion intervention pattern in a wider range – through corporation and training.
- Help more families with victim in need to access to relevant resource – via publicizing and guiding.



A real story





One night in 2009, a birthday party was being held in a building among three young guys and a young girl, who met each other online.





The night was filled with dark, when a guy had an evil thought toward the girl.





The nineteenth-year-old girl was desperate to escape, Eventually, she fell from the seventh floor and got seriously injured.



Before



after

















When her parents, who came from a village from another province,

saw the unconscious kid covered with plasters all through the mother fainted at once.



her father was astonished in front of the huge medical expenses. "What should we do?" "What should we do?" "What should we do?"



 The families of the girl found the Spring Breeze web.

So, the volunteers of Spring Breeze were coming.







Experts of psychology, law, medicare lend every efforts to help her.
Internet volunteers spread the news through websites, instant message groups and e-mails.

The warm-hearted people in every field came to help he

- In this way, cares and donation contributed a lot.
 - 2010年春节前, 尚鑫一家收到宝安慈善会 5000元过年费, 民政部门 1000元+500元;
 - 2009年10月7日 石岩基督教会毛小姐捐赠人民币500元整
 - 10月5日,于小姐为少女周鑫送来排骨汤、奶糖等食物和衣物、浴巾;
 - 10月4日,于小姐为少女周鑫送来肯德基食品、水果、饮料等;



- ▶ 7月7日,七十八岁的刘恩珍老人捐助周鑫人民币300元。
- 7月1日,深圳市石岩街道办民政办救助款人民币5000元。
- 2009年6月13日,深圳市宝安公安分局塘头派出所干警捐助款人民币4051元。





Love creates a miracle of life.

After one month' s persevere and endeavor,
the conscious mind broke the blockade of coma.





The girl's life was still in danger and her cognition has not yet completed. Now, she found herself handicapped and cannot control her emotion.





In the ward, the spring breeze psychological volunteers shared a story with her.





An inexperienced mussel Who wanders and swats her shells, was curious about the outside world that is exciting and breathtaking.





One day the small mussel encountered a simmering swirl with rolling sands.

Fighting and fighting,

it faints.



When she wakes up, she finds herself sinking to the underwater.

Sand stones submerge into her pretty shells and one sand embeds into her flesh.

At that case, she is too painful to walk.





She twists and rolls in order to move the sand away. Again and again, she is worn out and faints. But as long as she wakes up, she continues to struggle with pain.





Day after day, she stays in the deep sea in this way and do not going anywhere and seeing anyone, concentrating on the pain and struggling desperately.





Until one day,
the spring girl comes to her
to take good care of her.
She begins to care about
her merits
and focuses on the outside
world
and her bright future.





Day after day, that sand which is wrapped with layers of the flesh has had her meaning -becoming a peal.





Since then, the girl has her new name -pearl girl.





Although she is unable to walk, she has opened her dream door by herself. She is learning to do cross embroidery and will embroider her bright future.



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