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Social work practice & education in China

Hopes for what social work can do for China and ambitions for the future
——Based on Shanghai experience

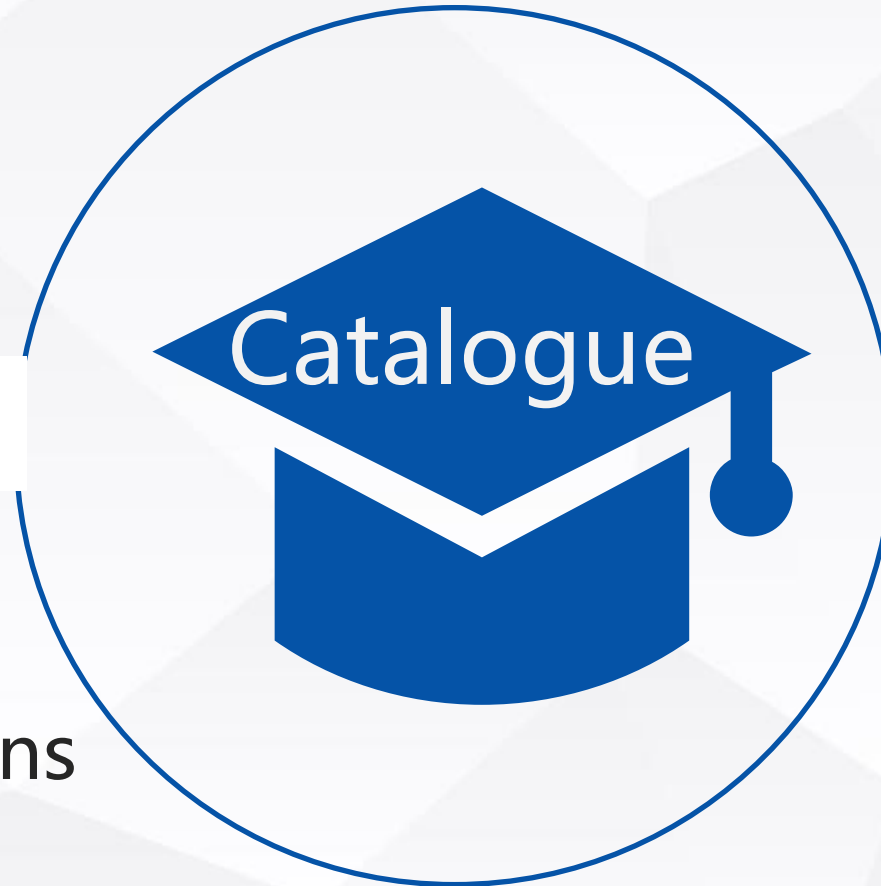
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01.General information

General information

Education initiation

Started in 1980s when sociology returned to Chinese curriculum .

Beijing University began to proceed the social management and welfare program.

Now with 412 BSW program, 175MSW program, 24 PhD program national wide.

Current Professional De

The Blue Book of social organizations: report on social organizations in China (2020): According to the blue book data, there were 531,000 licensed social workers in China, an increase of 92,000 compared with the total number of licensed social workers in 2018. The total number of licensed social workers in China is increasing.

National Strategy

On March 12, Xinhua news agency was authorized to release the full text of the 2021 government work report. Compared with the government work report made by Premier Li Keqiang at the opening ceremony of the fourth session of the 13th National People's Congress on March 5, the discussion of "vigorously developing social work" was added. Social work was included in the government work report again in two years.

Introduction

National Congress 2021

Youth care and protection should be included in the construction of social work stations in rural towns (Li Lan, deputy to the National People's Congress)

The construction of **rural (grass-roots) social work stations** should be written into the "14th five year plan" for the rural community service system (Zhang Dongyun, deputy to the National People's Congress)

Promote the high-quality **social work legislation, vocational system, and the rural social work service station**. (Zhu Xiaojin, member of the National Committee of the Chinese people's Political Consultative Conference)

Financial support for social work services should be included in the budget of the state's **regular financial expenditure**(Huang Baorong, member of the National Committee of the Chinese people's Political Consultative Conference)



02. Shanghai Case

Shanghai Experience of professional development Ph I 1993-2004

Initial Development

In 1993, in response to the call of the Ministry of civil affairs to explore social work, Shanghai social workers association was established, which represents the formal start of social work talent construction in Shanghai.



The first NGO

- In 1993, Lequn, the first social work service organization in China, was established, and three major social work service organizations, Ziqiang, Xinhang and sunshine, were established.



Other fields of service

- In 1997, Pudong New Area gradually employed 36 social workers in various fields.
- In 2001, the Social Work Department of Shanghai Oriental Hospital was established. It is the first hospital with independent social work department and full-time social workers in China.



Shanghai Experience of professional development PhII 2003-2005 Steady promotion

First Gov. Doc

Jan 2003, the government work report of the 12th Shanghai Municipal People's Congress stated that it is important to "explore and establish the system of social professional workers".

The first time that mainland China has formally put forward the professionalization of social work in a government document.

Qualification exam

- Nov. 2003, the first professional qualification examination for social workers in Shanghai was held.



Civil Affair Division

- June 2004, Shanghai Civil Affairs Bureau set up a "Social work Division", which indicates that the Shanghai municipal government established a formal department in charge of social work.

Shanghai Experience of professional development

PhIII 2006-present Turning point and massive dev.

Five year Plan

Jan 2006, the 11th Five Year Plan in Shanghai, approved by the 12th people's Congress of Shanghai, promote professional social workers to 30000 during the five year period.



Government purchase

In 2009, Shanghai philanthropy fund began to be implemented, and government purchase services began

In 2011, the Civil Affairs Bureau implemented the bidding for community services, the government purchased services were further expanded

Facts & Numbers

In 2020,
18 social work associations Top 1 China
640 SWO
40081 full-time sw and 11328 part-time staff, RSW of 30928 in total, among which 8714 Associate SW and 22214 Assistant SW.

March 14th 2021, fifth group of 10 Senior SW certificate were granted in Shanghai.

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The social work development index (Mar 16th 2021)

The social work development index is to collect data from the relevant contents that can best reflect the quality and level of social work development in a region and a certain period.

Shanghai social work development index includes four dimensions:

- social work specialization,
- social work professionalism,
- government recognition,
- and social recognition.

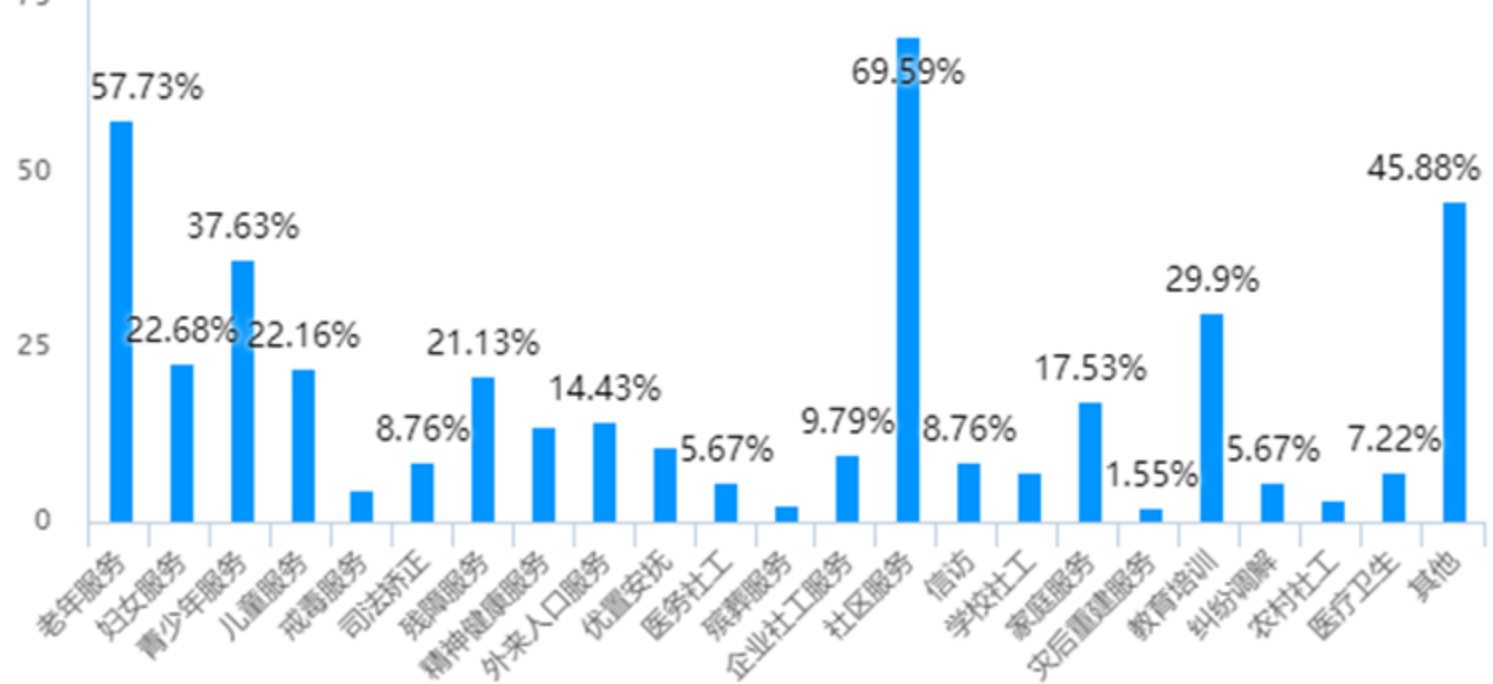
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Education and specialization

- There are 15 BSW, 6 MSW, 4 PhD program in Shanghai.
- Facts of SW practitioners
- “Joint Supervision on Social Work Education” was established to optimize the training of social work students. Many social workers with front-line working experience were employed as practicum supervisors.

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Practise development

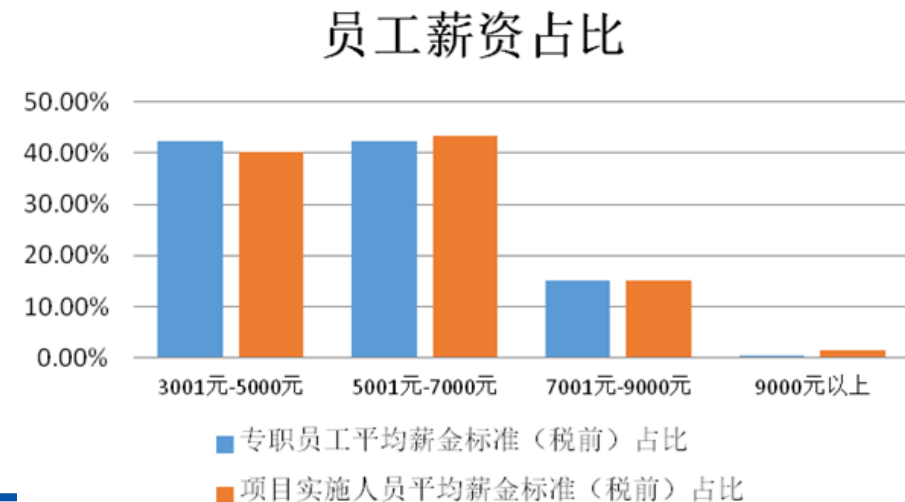


- The service provided were mainly for the elderly, teenagers, children, disabled, and women; mostly conducted by the community NGOs.
- Majority of the service were to solve basic living difficulties and general group activities, while the professional services such as counseling, mediation are relatively few.

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Field Practice

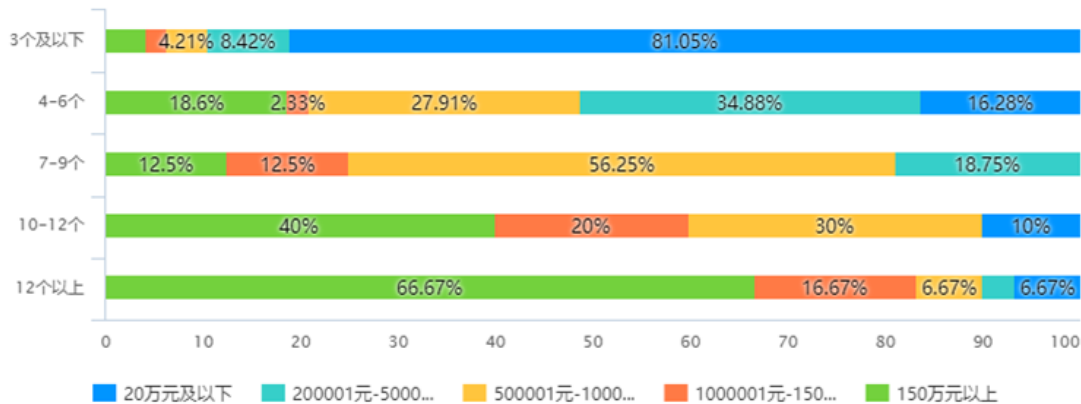
- Shanghai SWO mainly adopt the project operation Model, and the projects mainly come from philanthropy bidding.
- The main source of funds is still the government's purchase of services, and the fund are gradually increasing.
- Occasional individual donations .
- Monthly income 9000+ yuan, 0.52%;
- Monthly 7000-9000 yuan, 15.6%;
- Monthly 5000-7000 yuan, 41.3%;
- Monthly 3000-4000 yuan, 42.6%.



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Government Recognition Policy and financial support

Many districts in Shanghai have issued local policy documents to promote and standardize the development of social organizations, and constantly explore the development path of social work with local characteristics

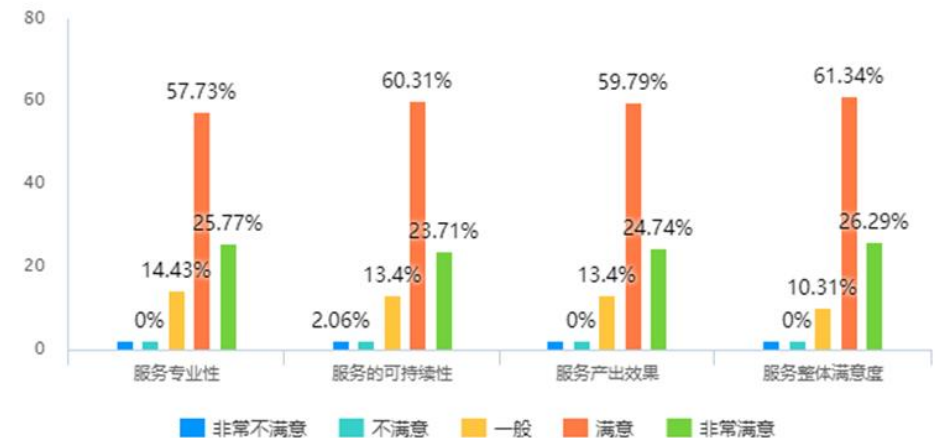


一级指标	二级指标	三级指标	来源	数据	备注
政府认可度	政策标准	社会工作法规条例数量	网络	0	仅有一部志愿者法规
		社会工作专项政策数量	网络	38	全 国 (2009-2018)
		民政部签发政策数量	网络	30	全 国 (2009-2018)
		人社部签发政策数量	网络	2	全 国 (2009-2018)
		国务院签发政策数量	网络	3	全 国 (2009-2018)
		联合其他部委签发政策	网络	3	全 国 (2009-2018)
财政支持		参与政府购买机构占比	问卷	74.23%	上海
		政府推荐项目机构占比	问卷	54.12%	上海
		公开招投标机构占比	问卷	54.64%	上海

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Social Recognition

- Social work services covered 45594 Case, 109158 group service and 391923 community service participants.
- 15.98% SWOs serve 10000+ people annually
- 52.05% SWOs serve 300+ people, covering 546675 person and time.
- Most SWOs have high professional confidence and recognize their professional identity for the services they provide.
- Service Recipients' overall satisfaction is 87.63%.





03.Reccomendations

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Needs of further development

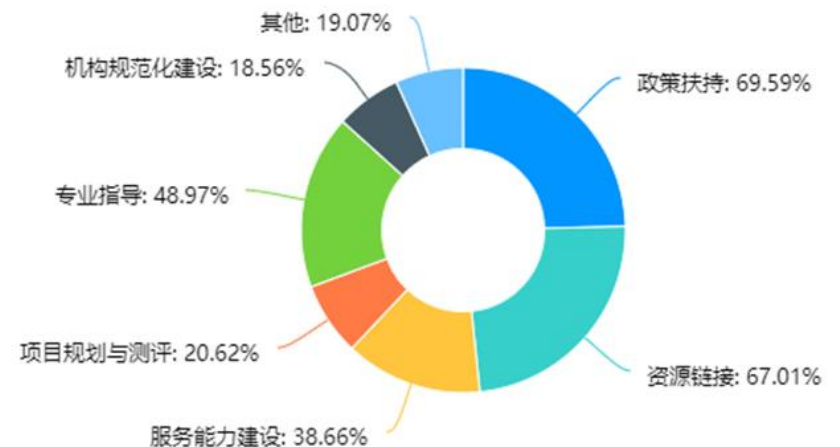
Expectation from SWOs

Policy support: Further improve the policy support of government purchasing system ;

Professional continuous training: Improve the salary, provide career incentives;

Financial support: expand project channels;

Enlarge service fields: Reform and authorization.



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Expectations for further development

Development of service delivery strategies that are able to meet the need for social work services in the field(family focused, school based, in-home, on-line etc.).

Continued development of quality training programs in Social Work to better fit the global context.

Development of professional associations in social work, linked to government regulatory bodies (licensure).

Continued mutual research and academic exchanges between the West and East.

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Comments

Thanks & comments , please.

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