

4 Conclusion

The age distribution of the disabled people in county region shows over 60% of them was the elderly, which is very high. That suggests rehabilitation policy should be designed considering the characteristics of the elderly people and the disabled people as well. As the education level of them was very low, healthcare projects should consider their low cognitive ability and low economic status as well. Especially, the health care service budget should be established integrating welfare services. Long-term service plan including the disabled people related parts and health care service should be established and implemented at the early stage of disabilities. Over the half of the disabled people visit clinics and healthcare institutions in their neighborhood and it should be encouraged as the primary medical institutions should have enough information to provide reliable treatments for the disabled. As there are many disabled people with chronic diseases including hypertension and arthritis, community healthcare centers or rehabilitation centers should provide effective service under the long-term and continuous active health care system. Public healthcare centers should secure minimum number of facilities and staff including physiatrist to provide more specialized rehabilitation services. Health plan 2020 by the Korea government will be expected to accomplish the equity of healthcare service for the people with the above suggested policies implemented.

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