

## PHridays Presents:

### Daycare safety in Japan: Are the Babies Cared for Well in an 11-Hour/Day Environment?

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**Dr. Itsumi Kakefuda** is director of the Center for Child Daycare/Nursery Safety Research and Training, Japan. After graduating from CSU in 2008, she worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) in Tokyo. While working at AIST she started working on child daycare safety, then launched the Center in 2013.

Dr. Kakefuda's interest is changing daycare providers' perceptions, attitudes, and behaviors to prevent serious incidents including suffocation, choking, drowning, and death while sleeping. Her work has become important in the past few years, due to the severe labor shortage in Japan and long-hour daycare usage (eleven hours or longer per day from Monday to Saturday including children less than one year of age) have decreased safety at daycares throughout Japan.

Dr. Kakefuda has published six books since 2012 and translated one book in 2018. She gives daycare safety lectures throughout Japan, does consulting work for many daycare facilities, and serves on national/municipal committees on the matter.

She was a research assistant at the Colorado Injury Control Research Center (CICRC) during her years at CSU.