Presentation and Research about Fathers' Use of Internet, and Child Care Involvement and Marital Relationship

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I presented about the effects of Japanese fathers' IT use on marital relationship and child rearing using quantitative data at the 73rd NCFR Conference. I found that the Japanese fathers' IT usage concerning child care significantly increases their communication hours with their spouses and these hours promote their marital relationship. Furthermore, I found that the fathers' higher perception of their marital relationship enhances indirectly their involvement with their children. These results show that fathers' Internet use plays a direct and indirect role in positively affecting marital relationship and participation in child care. My presentation resulted in lively Q&A session. Moreover, I collected much significant information about the technology use in families and couples.