

Study on the Participation of Social Forces in Community Correction Work

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Abstract: *Community correction is a method of education and correction of criminals without isolating them from the society, and making full use of community resources. It is a general term for supervision, management and education and correction of criminals in an open community. In the 1950s and 1960s, based on the theory and practice of "returning to society", "socialization of execution" and "improvement of punishment effect", "community correction" with "social participation" as its main feature appeared. Community correction refers to the resettlement of qualified criminals into the community and the in-depth reform of them, which determines that they must absorb social forces. However, compared with developed countries such as Europe and the United States, the role of social forces in the community in China is not obvious enough, and the influence of traditional ideas makes its role in the community not obvious enough. This leads to its application in practice. Therefore, through the discussion of the role of social forces in community correction, we hope to play a certain role in promoting social forces in community correction.*

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1. Introduction

Community correction has a long history of development in Western developed countries and regions, and most of them rely on the promotion of civil forces to grow up, so social forces have always played a pivotal role. With the rapid development of China, the inducement of crime is gradually increasing, resulting in more diverse and complex forms of crime, resulting in increasing pressure on prisons, and the establishment of community correction system can effectively alleviate the pressure on prisons, but relying solely on community correction teams to correct criminals is not enough, therefore, it is necessary to use social forces. The more professional and practical work should be undertaken by the main body of social forces in order to realize the goal that the reformed can smoothly return to society. On the one hand, the discussion of social forces' involvement in community correction is to promote the participation of social forces in community correction work, so as to promote the in-depth development of community correction work. Effectively reduce the community's management and operation costs, improve the ability to govern social forces; On the other hand, it can help government departments and the public to improve their understanding of social forces' participation in community correction work, so as to better play the role of social forces in community correction work, make more improvements to the management system of community correction work, and accelerate the socialization process of community correction workers.

2. Current situation of social forces participating in community correction work

2.1. The structure of community correction team members is perfect

The social strength of the community correction working group is organized and integrated by the Bureau of Justice, which acts as a supervisory and administrative role.^[1] The work program of community correction is formulated according to the different crime circumstances of the correction personnel, the differences in personal circumstances and the opinions of the correction team, and has certain pertinence. According to the actual situation, the community correction team is equipped with at least one female staff member, so as to better carry out correction work for female correction personnel or minor correction personnel, and improve the organizational structure of the community correction working group. At the same time, each region also arranged a group of community workers to participate in the quarterly review meeting of community correction, and in the process of daily

supervision, from the community cadres, to understand the daily life of the community prisoners in the jurisdiction. Between the judicial office and the community cadres, information about the community prisoners can be exchanged, so that the risk points can be found out in a timely manner in the supervision and education of community correction, so as to ensure the safety and stability of the community. Once a prisoner is admitted to rehabilitation, the department of Justice will visit the rehabilitation team once a month to let them know how the prisoner is living.

2.2. Actively carry out publicity activities for community correction work

Let the public have a deeper understanding of community correction work, and have a deeper understanding of the significance of correction work, so that more social forces can join in, and create a good working environment for community correction. ^[2]The promotional activities are carried out in the form of banners, publicity booths, display boards, brochures, on-site questions and so on. The staff distributed a leaflet to the masses and gave a detailed explanation to the masses, explaining the legislative goals and significance of the "Community Correction Law", and guiding the masses to understand, support and participate in community correction work, thus, people's understanding of community correction work has also been improved. It provides a solid and powerful social guarantee for promoting and standardizing community correction work, and at the same time, it can guide the masses to pay close attention to and supervise the community correction objects around them, so that they can better understand and accept themselves, so that they can better integrate into society.

2.3. Establishment of community correction institutions

Many regions have established functional departments led by competent government departments and responsible for organization, implementation, supervision and guidance. Although it is affiliated with the Ministry of Civil Affairs, most of its activities are carried out under the supervision of the government, and the actual preparation, funding and composition of its staff are all dominated by the government. Its main functions are as follows: to provide temporary (short-term) housing and education for community correction objects and homeless, unemployed, and unrelated prisoners, and to conduct relevant skills training based on the investigation of correction needs, and to be responsible for the initial education, public welfare labor, psychological correction and transitional resettlement of community correction objects. The judicial organs have actively cooperated with relevant departments and organizations to incorporate social forces such as social welfare and social functions into community correction, and have effectively integrated available social forces and social forces.

3. Problems of social forces participating in community correction work

3.1. Social forces lack awareness of active participation

With the introduction of "Community Correction Law" and the development of community correction work in our country, people's understanding of community correction has gradually deepened. ^[3]For us, the community correction system comes from Western culture, and its development has its own theoretical and practical basis. When we transplant it into our criminal law and judicial system, we must give it an environment where it can exist and develop. "Even the most perfect modern institutions and organizational principles, without the social foundations that enable them to operate, and without the modern psychological foundations that give these institutions and organizational principles real vitality, will become a pile of waste paper or lead to abnormal development." Public identification and social participation are the prerequisite and social basis for community correction. However, in our country, due to the active participation of the main body of social forces, the enthusiasm and initiative of community correction work are relatively low, so there is not yet a social atmosphere of active and extensive participation of social forces.

From the actual situation of our country, whether it is public welfare activities or community correction, the participation enthusiasm of social forces is almost led by the government or institutional organizations, and there is a lack of initiative. There are two reasons. On the one hand, the concept of volunteer service is not reflected in most people in our country. The enthusiasm of participating in volunteer activities is not high, and some people even participate in volunteer activities with a strong purpose and interest. On the other hand, in the consciousness of the masses, community correction work means direct contact with criminals, which should be handled by judicial administrative organs. They have no substantive work experience, and some people are even more reluctant to take the

initiative to participate in community correction work out of fear or rejection of correction personnel. Therefore, deep-rooted ideas not only hinder social forces from participating in correction work, but also affect people's correct understanding of correction work and their enthusiasm for participation.

3.2. The participation of social forces lacks standardized access mechanisms

The work of community correction itself has certain particularities, one is the person facing, the other is the working method, and the development of the work also needs a high degree of professionalism, such as some professional biased to law. In some cities, specialized community correction institutions have been established whose main objective is to train specialized community correction staff. Although these people are highly professional and have been systematically trained, the community cannot judge whether they have enough ability to complete the correction work or whether they are qualified to participate in the correction work. In addition, there is no uniform criterion for volunteers to participate in correction work. Although volunteers can alleviate the situation of manpower shortage in the community, their professionalism and ability cannot be identified, which may not give full play to the maximum value of volunteers.

In practice, professional community correction institutions should be established, professional community correction social workers should be trained, and then purchased from them.^[4] In this way, the ability of social workers to perform their duties can be guaranteed to some extent. However, in areas where the government purchases services directly from existing social worker organizations, there are few provisions regarding the knowledge background and ability of social workers to perform their duties, so the qualifications and abilities of social workers are not clear. In addition, there is no entry threshold for volunteers participating in community corrections. Due to the characteristics of community correction, volunteers can not be used as "labor", but to make full use of the advantages of volunteers to solve the shortage of human resources in judicial organs. In real life, the practice in many areas is that the judicial administrative organs organize volunteers to participate in the correction work, but before the volunteers participate in the formal special training work is rarely carried out, which easily leads to the volunteers can not play the maximum role.

3.3. The participation of social forces lacks the mechanism of interest protection

In the process of implementing community correction, it is necessary to check and evaluate its implementation effect. In practice, only some regions have established a specific performance evaluation mechanism for services provided by social organizations when implementing government purchase of community correction services, including in-process evaluation and outcome evaluation. In fact, there are various types of social forces participating in community correction, and the work they are responsible for is also different. If there is no evaluation method for the participation of various social forces, it is impossible to evaluate whether the participation of social forces has produced practical results, so that it can promote the development of community correction in a real sense.

The main body of social forces actively participate in community correction, especially those who voluntarily participate, they are actively responding to the call of the country model, everything they do is humanitarian-based good deeds, is very worthy of encouragement. No matter in legislation or in practice, we lack unwritten conventions on the reward and punishment methods and interest protection of social forces participating in the work. If there is no reward and punishment, and the rights and interests of the social forces contributing to the work of community correction cannot be protected, then their participation enthusiasm will decline, and it is difficult to form a positive social atmosphere in the society.

4. Improve the countermeasures for social forces to participate in community correction work

4.1. Raise the awareness of active participation of social forces

First of all, short videos and animated posters can be used to make the public realize the importance of social forces for community correction work and the significance of carrying out correction work, and the awareness of community correction can be improved with the help of the characteristics of widespread media communication. Then, social volunteers should play a greater role, enhance the enthusiasm of social forces for community correction, and on this basis, carry out active communication, publicity, guidance, and active participation; Third, regional publicity can be carried

out to send invitations to enterprises, social work organizations, volunteer organizations, civil organizations and other organizations, select a unique or effective place to make a typical speech, and introduce their work experience to them, create a social atmosphere for them to actively participate in, so as to enhance their enthusiasm.

4.2. Standardize the entry threshold for participation of social forces

If you want to improve the professional degree of social forces, you can stipulate the standards for their participation, such as: matching educational and professional requirements, certain requirements for age, good health, good conduct, etc. The principle is "openness, equality, competition and merit", but the applicant must be a citizen of the region, which is also a necessary condition for maintaining the stability of social workers. [5]As a community correction social worker, not only needs stability, but also needs talents combined with the actual work, such as social recruitment of outstanding talents in law, psychology and sociology. A specialist in law, psychology, education, or some other profession should upgrade their status and admit them on an exceptional basis. Community correction work is a systematic and complex work. With the increasing number of community correction personnel, their needs are also increasing. Targeted correction methods require them to correctly grasp the psychological characteristics of prisoners and have solid business skills, so that they can be allowed to participate in community correction work.

Under the present conditions, we should widely publicize the ideas and spirit of volunteers in the teaching of schools. Under the guidance of the judiciary, ways of using the volunteer service of minors to help offenders could be explored. In addition, volunteer work can also be included in the credit system of colleges and universities, especially for college students majoring in law, psychology, social work and other majors with relevant knowledge background required for community correction work, participating in community correction is a necessary part of their study, so as to make full use of their strengths. In the process of completing this social practice, it can also become a reference for future employers to assess students' qualifications. At the same time, we should strengthen the evaluation of the work of social organizations so that they can play a better role. Establish clear performance goals. For example, in terms of community correction volunteers, the judicial department can establish a management and assessment system for volunteers with reference to its industry standards. For example, according to the volunteer star rating system, volunteer talents are effectively screened, classified, managed and evaluated. At the same time, it is necessary to conduct timely investigation and feedback on the participation of social forces in community correction work. Evaluation should run through the whole process of social services, and reward and punish them according to the results of evaluation.

4.3. We will improve the mechanism for the participation of social forces in the evaluation and funding guarantee

An evaluation mechanism involving social forces can determine whether tangible results have been achieved and whether there is room for further improvement: To construct the evaluation system of the effect of social forces participating in community correction is to make use of scientific research methods and technologies to comprehensively evaluate the effect of social forces' intervention in community correction, and make a comprehensive summary of its intervention process, and conduct an in-depth discussion on whether social forces' participation in community correction is effective and whether it has reached its expected goals and objectives. In the process of evaluating community correction, social forces will not only reflect on the effect and process of community correction, but also make corresponding plans for the next step of community correction work. In addition, insufficient funding has also become a major factor affecting the development of community correction. Although the correction effect can be optimized by introducing a variety of social forces, it is still necessary to invest a certain amount of funds. We can try to expand the channels for raising funds for social forces to participate in society, so as to enrich the sources of funds for social forces to participate, thus slightly reducing the financial burden of the government. First of all, we can establish a special set of funds for the participation of social forces, ensure sufficient funds to support the development of social forces, increase the government's purchase of social forces, and make them play a maximum role. Secondly, it is necessary to expand the investment of social forces in community correction, for example, to establish a "community correction fund" to motivate and mobilize the donations of caring enterprises and caring people in society, and to raise some special funds, so that these funds can better enter the community correction work, so as to help the continuous development of community correction work.

5. Conclusion

On the whole, the community correction system is a major achievement of modern civilization, but compared with Western countries with a long history of development, there are still many areas to be improved, one of the more obvious problems is the lack of social forces. The participation of social forces is not only an important content of community correction work, but also the development trend of our current social governance model and governance ability. How to turn "challenge" into "opportunity" and make it a benign interactive social development process is a necessary road in today's society, and also a beneficial attempt to the community correction model with Chinese characteristics.

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