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**Introduction**

Edward W. Smith, Jr. Family Center is located in the heart of Lauderhill, Broward County, Florida. This place is administered as a homeless place by the LifeNet4Families. It provides help and support to the families living in the community. The centre's main goal is to direct attention and fix the needs and problems of the community. Furthermore, it focuses on helping families and individuals that going through a crisis. This centre annually serves and helps around six thousand people or families. It also works towards highlighting the needs of the community and procuring help for them. The community around this centre is facing multiple issues and this centre is working on providing food and other necessities of life for these people ("Program Overview", 2019). Furthermore, they provide facilities on site as well so that the people they are currently housing can have the best care possible. The analysis in this piece of work is based on focusing learning on the homelessness and rising health issues within this area.

**Describe the learning needs of this population**

The population living in and around the city of Lauderhill and Broward County are currently facing two main problems such as homelessness and rising health problems. In the case of the city of Lauderhill, there has been seen a spike in cases regarding diabetes rates and high amounts of healthcare disparities in this area. This was visible in the report published in the health report published by the county’s health department. Other than diabetes infant deaths, HIV/AIDS-related deaths have seen an uprise of over two hundred percent compared to the overall county ("Broward's Black Communities Rife with Health Problems", 2019).

 Moreover, over the last years homelessness has seen a rise of over six percent and according to a survey revealed that around two thousand four hundred and fifty individuals had slept most of their last nights at a homeless shelter. Also, the more people are homeless the more atrocities are committed against them resulting in thing needing eve more medical and social help for survival. In the census conducted this year revealed that around nine hundred and fifty-seven people or thirty-nine percent of the whole population of the area was not even sleeping in shelters but sleeping on the roads ("Broward's Black Communities Rife with Health Problems", 2019).

**Identify barriers to learning**

There are several different barriers to learning towards the several problems that are running amuck in this area. Primarily, the main barrier would be the lack of focus on the learning objectives. The public is bombarded with notices and advertisements that tell them the different problems that are currently prevalent in their society. Rather than worrying about focusing on just one problem they are confused leading to no action taken.

 Secondly, the people in this area have not had the best of experience with organizations in the past who promise them solutions for their problems and leave midway. In this regard, LIFENET4FAMILIES has been the best as they have successfully worked in alleviating the problems of the community to the best of their ability.

 Lastly, there is also a lack of having a sense of community within this area. If there is no connection between the people who are the basis for the learning being proposed. This makes the work even harder and makes it impossible to achieve the desired target.

**Create behavioural objectives related to learning**

 Some of the behavioural objectives that will be studied in this learning could be knowledge, comprehension, application, analysis and evaluation.

**Knowledge**

 The people of Lauderhill will know the rising ills in their society such as the hike in health issues and the rise in homelessness around them.

**Comprehension**

 This learning would also help in giving an understanding to the people about how harmful these health and social problems are to their everyday life and the lives of people around them.

**Application**

 Furthermore, the application of the things they have learned from this learning opportunity into their lives would be expected at a high ratio. This will result in lowering of the problem on the rise in their society.

**Analysis**

 A community survey would be taken to understand how much application of the different things being taught in this learning opportunity has been done. This will show how much the people have understood the message presented to them.

**Evaluation**

 It is thought that the public would be able to evaluate the different or any effort put in by the government to alleviate their problems. A good threshold that they can keep is the homeless centre being run by LifeNet4Families and measure their efforts with any new initiative being brought in.

**Identify desired health outcomes of teaching/ learning project**

 In response to the objectives set above, the health outcomes would be in cohesion with them. So the primary health objective that would be decreased in the health discrepancies in the area of Lauderhill, Florida. These health discrepancies revolve around rising rates of diabetes and HIV/AIDS cases in this area. The health outcome that this study is looking for is a decrease in the cases regarding diabetes and HIV/AIDS in this area. This can be done through knowledge and awareness of the causes of these diseases and how the preventive methods can be employed to reduce the cases. Furthermore, homelessness is another social and health outcome that is desired from this learning. If awareness and credible knowledge are completely understood by the locals of this area, it is expected to decrease the number of homeless people currently roaming the streets. This would also lessen the load on organizations such as LifeNet4Families who put their day and night in serving the ills of the society.

**Identify & select appropriate teaching and evaluation strategies**

 The most appropriate evaluation strategy for this learning opportunity should be a comparative analysis. This comparative analysis would reveal the difference in the number of cases for diabetes and HIV/AIDS. So to evaluate the strategies employed in this learning opportunity analysis of the number of cases of diabetes and HIV/AIDS before the strategies were employed will be done. This would then be compared with the number of cases that will be presented after the strategies are employed. Any change in the ratio of the cases would determine if the strategies employed in the learning opportunity were successful. The same method of evaluation would also be done to analyze the frequency of homeless cases in Lauderhill, Florida. If the frequency of homeless cases decreases after the strategies were employed than that means that the strategies employed were successful and should be continued further. If no change is seen than the approach should be changed to increase more awareness of this social discrimination.

**Conclusion**

 This piece of work has analyzed the neighbourhood of Lauderhill, Florida and its connection to the homeless centre organized by LifeNet4Families in this area. This work further analyses the health concerns that are prevailing in this society such as high diabetes rate, high rate of HIV/AIDS and rise in homelessness. Moreover, an analysis of the behavioural objectives that need to be the focus of this study is done and further outcomes are also discussed. Finally, a comparative evaluation technique would be used to inform of the results of the strategies employed in this learning strategy.

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