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Professional Essay

 I want to pursue my career as a Human Service Worker because I went through a lot of obstacles when I wanted to become independent and I wasn’t informed of different resources that would have helped me. That pushed me to learn more about the profession so I can help others that are encountering obstacles with no resources. I was born and raised in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. I have an Associate’s Degree in Applied Science in Office Administration. I wanted to find myself as a person, but that career was just too empty for my soul. I lost interest in that career and started attending City Tech for the Human Services Bachelor’s Degree. I chose this degree because I have empathy for people’s problems, I could help them around them, and even seek the appropriate resources to help them find more help.

 I went from living with my parents to getting a job and renting a room in Brooklyn. When I lost my job I lost my room and I was too ashamed to go back to my parents’ house, so I became homeless. I didn’t have the right resources to seek for help nor did I know where to go to seek for help until my friend referred me to go to welfare. Welfare helps me with my metro cards for school, child care, food stamps, and helps me with a small portion of my rent. They also give me money bi-weekly to maintain myself and my child; and finally, and most importantly, they help me get my Medicaid insurance. I was surprised by the kind of help I was getting. From then on I developed a passion to guide people to the right path just like I was guided by that person that directed me to welfare.

 My personal strength that can enhance my effectiveness for this professional practice is that I have great communication skills. I listen without interrupting a person’s thoughts or ideas. I also show empathy for people’s problems and I try to put myself in their shoes so that I can better assist them with the advice I may give them. In this profession you have to seek all types of resources to help your clients overcome whatever they are going through.

My professional strengths in this professional practice are that I keep my problems at home. I always show support for all my friends when they need to vent, and that is a great way to succeed with a client in this career. I never tell people what to do. I suggest resources that may help them with their issues. I’m also open-minded and I don’t use my own personal biased information to judge anybody because I am aware of cultural diversity. I also have a good sense of critical thinking. I know how to differentiate what’s the relevant problem and cause and try to seek for proper help.

The client population I would like to work with is children. I am very concerned for children’s well-being and that some children are not treated the way they are supposed to and that’s where I step in. Children are not able to know what’s right and wrong and sometimes they are being abused. They are not aware of it because some are getting this treatment from their parents. The challenges in this particular population are that children tend to get scared while they express themselves. Also, they have a strong bond with their abusers because they are children and confused. I want to show them that with any safe guidance from a trained human service professional they can succeed and be productive in life.

In order for me to be successful this this particular population; I need to know more about children. This semester I’m taking child psychology. I think this will be a very good source for me to learn more about children on a psychological level. As an abused child, I know the fear that these kids may be having when they are trying to express themselves because they don’t know what’s going to happen next. I want to remove that fear and sense of uncertainty they may be facing and let them know it’s not their fault, that their parents are confused about parenting, and that we’re going to help them learn.

I envision my career to be very successful. From the time of graduation I’m going to seek employment in a children’s agency. From 10 years following, I’m going to grow more by learning new skills in my professional field. Once you’re in the field, you enhance all your skills by utilizing it while you intern. I will become more enhanced in skills than what I am today in my next role. If I continue enhancing my social skills, communication skills, and education throughout those ten years, I will be rewarded professionally and personally. I plan to add value in this position by working ethically and responsibly, develop my skills, and eventually move into roles of greater responsibilities.

In conclusion, majoring in Human Services would help me seek my true inner self and it will aid the feeling of fulfillment due to the assistance I give my clients. I didn’t choose this career for pay. I chose it because I want to guide people to the right resources and soothe them throughout their growing process, just as they alleviated me when I struggled. There are a lot of populations we work with but my focus is on the most vulnerable ones that can’t speak or act for themselves.