Childhood is defined as a stage of life that begins at birth and ends at age 18. Since my client is 13, I would like to say he is at the stage of childhood. In other words, my client is also an adolescence. Children ages 13 to 18 are adolescents. Common problems include problems in school, dropping out of school, running away, depression. I would help to build a better environment for them in order to find their characteristics.

I choose the Child Welfare System is because it has a relatively complete system of services. The child welfare system includes social work services, such as child protection, foster care, and adoption. Child welfare services are part of a larger interactive system that includes juvenile justice and family court services, mental and public health services, schools, and income maintenance programs. These are what my client really need at this point. Another social program I would choose is the Child Protective Services (CPS). What I prefer is the Family Preservation services. The purpose of family preservation is to provide support so that crises can be averted; if crises do occur, families are helped to cope and stay together.

People in my client’s life stage need special attention and advocacy. They are defined as being vulnerable to oppression and discrimination. They rely on people outside of their population, to make their needs known to decision makers. Because their cognitive and social functioning is not fully developed, children are reliant on people outside of their population to advocate for their needs. The expectations toward people in my client’s life stage is possessing fair and higher quality of personal characteristics.

As a social worker, my responsibility is to identify the population as vulnerable and to determine that my client as an individual is in need of advocacy on each level. I would show my friendly as much as possible to my client. I would take my client out of his shadow, replace the people around who might affect him to improve his living conditions.

The question I have is how could the social workers help to re-build Tony’s self-esteem if he is abused by other children in the new environment?