Week 3 - Discussion Forum 1

Prior to beginning work on this discussion forum, read Chapter 9 in the assigned text. Determine and discuss the circumstances, both historical and contemporary, that have contributed to the problem of one of the following populations:

I will like to work on homeless children,

* homeless children,
* homeless runaway youth,
* homeless veterans, or
* homeless single parent families.

**Identify one example of a potential risk that could be faced by your chosen population**. Explain how a human services professional can most effectively tend to the needs of your chosen population. Identify and provide at least one current societal or governmental initiative that has been implemented nationally or in your area to help your chosen population. Your initial post should be at least 350 words in length.

References:

National Coalition for the Homeless. (2009). Mental illness and homelessness. [http://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/Mental\_Illness.pdf (Links to an external site.)](http://www.nationalhomeless.org/factsheets/Mental_Illness.pdf)

**Required Resources**

Text

Martin, M. E. (2018). *Introduction to human services: Through the eyes of practice settings* (4th ed.). Pearson.

* Chapter 9: Housing and Homelessness

Webpage

U.S. National Library of Medicine. (n.d.). Mental disorders. MedlinePlus. https://medlineplus.gov/mentaldisorders.html

Recommended Resources

Multimedia

hearus1. (2017, February 21). [*on the edge: Family homelessness in America* (Links to an external site.)](https://youtu.be/vo_14qhrx9A) [Video]. YouTube. https://youtu.be/vo\_14qhrx9A

This video provides information about homelessness in America and may assist you in your Homelessness in the United States discussion forum this week.

Week 3 - Discussion Forum 2

Prior to beginning work on this discussion forum, read Chapter 8 in the assigned text and refer to [*Mental Disorders*](https://medlineplus.gov/mentaldisorders.htm)

Select any *specific* mental illness from Chapter 8 of your text.

* Summarize the mental illness into a paragraph.
* Research the possible causes of the illness, who is at risk, the symptoms, and some of the available treatments and therapies. Explain to the class in two to three paragraphs.
* Continue to teach the class by training them how they could each, as human services professionals, work with an individual diagnosed with this mental illness as part of a broader treatment plan.
* Your initial post should be at least 350 words in length.

Required Resources

Text

Martin, M. E. (2018). [*Introduction to human services: Through the eyes of practice settings*](https://ashford.instructure.com/courses/65689/modules/items/3323505) (4th ed.). Pearson.

* Chapter 8: Mental Health Services
* The full-text version of this ebook is available through your online classroom through the Redshelf platform.

Web Page

U.S. National Library of Medicine. (n.d.). [*Mental disorders* (Links to an external site.)](https://medlineplus.gov/mentaldisorders.html). MedlinePlus. https://medlineplus.gov/mentaldisorders.html

* This webpage provides information about mental illness and mental disorders and will assist you in your Mental Illness & Mental Disorders discussion forum this week.  
  [Accessibility Statement (Links to an external site.)](https://medlineplus.gov/accessibility.html)  
  [Privacy Policy (Links to an external site.)](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/privacy.html)



**What are mental disorders?**

Mental disorders (or mental illnesses) are conditions that affect your thinking, feeling, mood, and behavior. They may be occasional or long-lasting (chronic). They can affect your ability to relate to others and function each day.

**What are some types of mental disorders?**

There are many different types of mental disorders. Some common ones include

* [Anxiety disorders](https://medlineplus.gov/anxiety.html), including [panic disorder](https://medlineplus.gov/panicdisorder.html), [obsessive-compulsive disorder](https://medlineplus.gov/obsessivecompulsivedisorder.html), and [phobias](https://medlineplus.gov/phobias.html)
* [Depression](https://medlineplus.gov/depression.html), [bipolar disorder](https://medlineplus.gov/bipolardisorder.html), and other [mood disorders](https://medlineplus.gov/mooddisorders.html)
* [Eating disorders](https://medlineplus.gov/eatingdisorders.html)
* [Personality disorders](https://medlineplus.gov/personalitydisorders.html)
* [Post-traumatic stress disorder](https://medlineplus.gov/posttraumaticstressdisorder.html)

[Psychotic disorders](https://medlineplus.gov/psychoticdisorders.html), including [schizophrenia](https://medlineplus.gov/schizophrenia.html)