Week 6 - Discussion

Consequences of Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse

All human services professionals are included under mandated reporting statutes. Discuss both the positive consequences and the negative or unintended consequences of mandated reporting of child abuse. Analyze the implication of mandated reporting in delivering services to clients identifying challenges you would face in planning and providing services for clients. Ensure you include the challenges you would face during the interviewing phase of service provision.

Introduction: Review of Policies Effecting Child Welfare

The course culminates with a review of policies affecting child welfare. Child welfare issues often cross disciplines—for example, child abuse reporting is an issue that is mandated by law for nearly every professional who works with children. Parents’ rights to discipline their children often conflict with society’s interest in protecting those who cannot protect themselves. The discussion this week will focus on situations where professionals are required by law (mandated) to report the suspected abuse of children.

The course objectives will be brought together as you submit a comprehensive research paper on a human service policy and the impact on service delivery.

Resources

Required Text

Herzberg, J. T. (2015). *Foundations in human services practice: A generalist perspective on individual, agency, and community.*Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson. ISBN: 9780205858255; eISBN: 9780205982233   
Chapter 3: Interviewing: A Human Services Practice

Karger, H. J. & Stoesz , D. (2018). *American social welfare policy: A pluralist approach* (8th ed). Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson. ISBN: 9780134628127; eISBN: 9780134543468  
Chapter 15: Child Welfare Policy

Recommended References

ChildHelp. (n.d.). Child Abuse Statistics & Facts. Retrieved from [*https://www.childhelp.org/child-abuse-statistics/ (Links to an external site.)*](https://www.childhelp.org/child-abuse-statistics/)

Henderson, K. L. (2013). Mandated reporting of child abuse: Considerations and guidelines for mental health counselors. *Journal Of Mental Health Counseling*, *35*(4), 296-309.

Some videos to get you thinking!

[https://study.com/academy/lesson/failing-to-report-suspected-child-abuse-neglect-as-a-mandated-reporter.html (Links to an external site.)](https://study.com/academy/lesson/failing-to-report-suspected-child-abuse-neglect-as-a-mandated-reporter.html)

[https://drugfree.org/mental-health-parity/ (Links to an external site.)](https://drugfree.org/mental-health-parity/)

[https://www.nami.org/Videos/What-is-Mental-Health-Parity (Links to an external site.)](https://www.nami.org/Videos/What-is-Mental-Health-Parity)

[https://vimeo.com/274036072 (Links to an external site.)](https://vimeo.com/274036072)

An article:

[https://csgjusticecenter.org/courts/media-clips/do-jail-diversion-programs-really-work](https://csgjusticecenter.org/courts/media-clips/do-jail-diversion-programs-really-work/)