Project 150: High School Is Tough Enough

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Current semester, I took Social Change class. In this class, I learn the importance of social change, and the different paradigms in service. I learned about the different models of service, and how they can be used to make a difference in the community. Through my observations and interactions with the project, I was able to see the impact that the project is having on the students. My experiences with Project 150 have been incredibly rewarding, and I am excited to continue to make a difference in the community.

Purpose/Mission

- Offer support and services to homeless high school students through graduation
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Social Change: Ordinary people find ways to bring their values, their actions, and their world into closer alignment with each other.

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Social Research

- Homeless students
- Drop high school, substance abuse, sex trafficking, high suicide and death rate, or stay as homeless
- Separate from direct family member due to family conflict
- Parents lost their jobs or their wages are not enough to sustain a whole family

My Research

- 1.7 million of youths under age of 18 experiencing homeless in each year
- “once an individual or family enters into homelessness, it becomes increasingly difficult to return to a place of economic stability” (Gupton)
- “Homeless youth are at high risk for sexual exploration and commonly describe being sexually victimized and engaging in sexual risk behavior, street prostitution, and survival sex” (Heerde)
- 23% of homeless adolescent boys and 39% of homeless adolescent girls experience depressive symptoms severely

Ideal State of The Social Issue

- All high school students have a safe place to go to finish their education
- Currently leading the nation in homeless youth
- The ripple effect of being able to solve this problem would be incalculable

Service Site Approach to Issue

- Looking at a future utopian state of society members with productive lives, voting and making policies to shape future generations
- Provide foods, school supplies, clothing, and hygiene products
- Scholarships and job fair

References


