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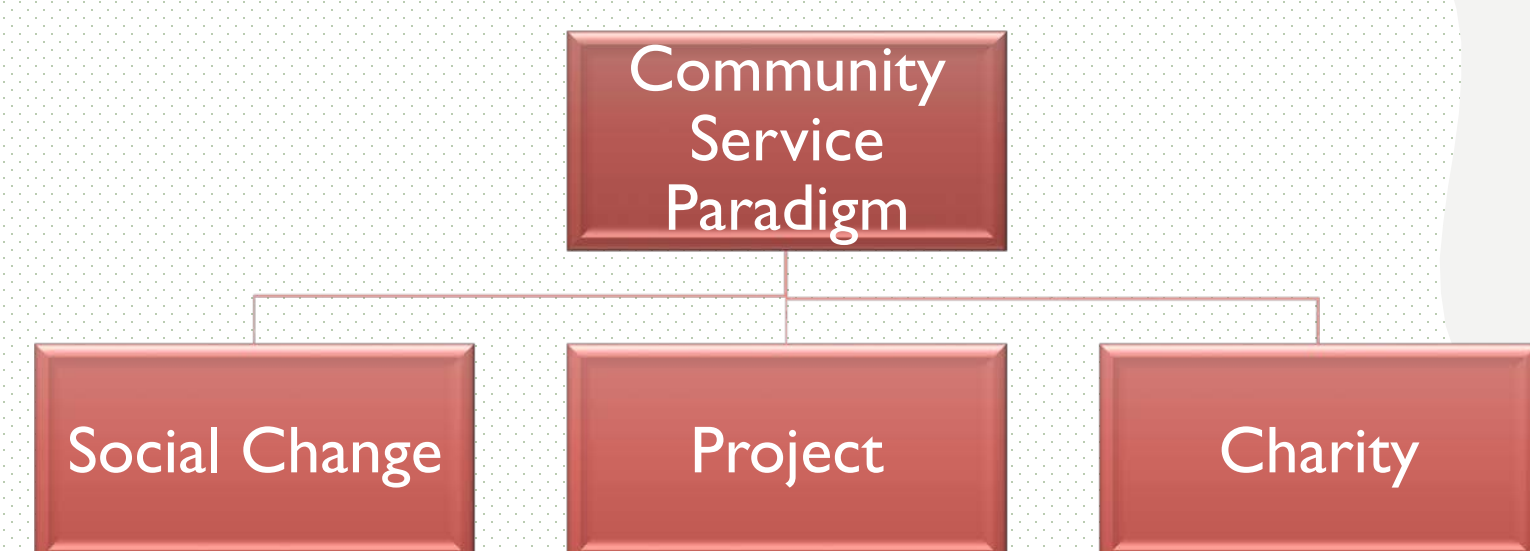
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BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

History and Purpose of Service Site

The Boys And Girls Club began in the 1860's. It was intended for young boys who had lost their fathers during the civil war.

The purpose of the site is to address the issue of at-risk youth and juvenile delinquency.



The community service paradigm that the Boys and Girls Club falls into is Social Change. The club focuses on building positive relationships with the children. They also create a learning environment to show children values, respect, and responsibility.

Mission Statement: To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Social Issue

- The social issue that the Boys and Girls Club is addressing is at-risk youth and juvenile delinquency.
- The issue stems from lack of parental support and overall not having adult mentors in the children's life that can guide them throughout life.
- The Boys and Girls Club addresses the issue by providing children with activities and lessons geared towards positive development.

Ideal State and My Approach To The Issue

- The ideal state would be that parents would be present in all aspects of a child's life
- The problem of at-risk youth and juvenile delinquency would be gone!
- My approach was to volunteer and to try to be a positive influence for the children at the club.

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Semester Reflection

- When I first began to volunteer, I didn't expect to like it as much as I did. Volunteering is such a selfless way to help other people. When it came to the children, they made my service learning experience amazing!
- I served my community by helping the youth with their academics and by implementing the morals that the club shows them.

Learning Experience and Making A Difference

- A difference I made in the site was that I was able to be a positive influence in a child's life.
- Personally, it has made me want to be a mom later down the road. I want to be able to give my children support and to be a positive influence for them.
- Hopefully, these clubs keep changing the lives of children and makes them feel motivated to do something amazing with their lives.