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Generational Poverty Trends

“Generational poverty occurs in families where at least two generations have been born into poverty. Families living in this type of poverty are not equipped with the tools to move out of their situations” (ASCD.org).

“Today American children are more likely than adults to be living in poverty. Promoting a healthy foundation for all children is key to closing the achievement gap and reducing health disparities from starting” (Cheng et. al 1).

“The dominant poverty construction that emerged from the data was that poverty is not getting basic needs met. Most workers identified food, shelter, and clothing as the core basic needs, but they also mentioned transportation, medications, medical care/insurance, dental care/insurance, and money” (Carlson 45).

As on Welfare Social Worker explained: “Culture of poverty; certain way of life. We don’t work. We use the welfare rolls. And mind you, that’s a small group’. Workers expressed the view that the culture of poverty was generational” (Carlson 50).

Poverty is not always the cause of society, because some individuals chose to stay in poverty. There are reasons people fall into poverty, but there are also many ways.

Reflection

I volunteered at Society of St. Stephens food bank.

➢ Volunteered at the SOSSLV food pantry:
  - Provide good customer service
  - Unload trucks
  - Organize food on to the tables
  - Broke down boxes
  - Rationed out food
  - Clean and packed up

SSOSLV is the first Christian charity I have served, and plan to continue as time permits.

There are recipients who are extremely rude and inconsiderate. This is why you need to have a good customer service attitude.

I believe me doing charity here is not only beneficial to my community but also to myself, and I overall enjoy what I do purely for the feeling I get from my service and interaction. I wished I started sooner.