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Reflections #1

1. What has been the most difficult aspect of beginning an internship given your life experience or experience with previous internships? What strengths have you gained from your previous internship or life experiences that can help you meet the challenge?

This is my first internship so I don't have anything to compare this new experience to. The strengths that I have from life experience is being able to look beyond what is present and to focus on the bigger picture. This allows me to be able to do my work effectively.

2. As you read the description of the stages of an internship, did the stages remind of you of any other experiences you have had? If so, in what ways? What strengths do you draw from the similarities? What challenges do you expect to face knowing what you know?

Reading through the stages, it brought back to my memory the time I worked for the Police Department as a School Safety Agent. I had a situation where I had to calm an irate student and did so without incident. Being able to do so created an understanding with staff and students. The staff came to respect my ability to be able to get through to the student and the students respected the fact that I listened to them and allowed them to be heard. 'from then on I was always the one that was called on to mediate student conflict. This allowed me to understand my competence in the area of resolving conflict. The strengths I draw from is the ability to listen to the student. At times it may become challenging if at times people aren't willing to cooperate with the resolution process.