

Effective Practice Research

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What Was the Goal of the Intervention?

The article that caught my eye regarding social work practice is based on our realities during the pandemic. The article is titled, “Social Work Involvement in the COVID-19 response in China: Interdisciplinary remote networking.” The goal of the intervention is to provide services of interdisciplinary remote networking, based on frontline experiences of social work interventions in China, which can also be used in other countries. The goal is to provide skills to social work practitioners working in network-based social work services during public health emergencies. Social workers are often the hands and feet in providing individuals with resources based on the needs in the rescue and recovery stages of disasters. Implementing social distancing, remaining in quarantine, wearing a mask, and washing hands have been a worldwide practice since the pandemic began. The way we have coped and managed through these hard times truly amazes me. Thankfully, we have social workers who have been working extra hard and also discovering creative adaptation to the world we’re living in today.

What Techniques or Methods Were Utilized?

Since many disasters have happened outside of the United States; China has encountered many disasters such as hurricanes and tsunamis. “Since the 1980’s, social work education in China has been committed to introducing the professional service system of social work established in Western countries,” (pg. 249). Four ethical issues for social workers have been raised for the use of future social service workers, such as, the role and responsibility of medical workers, the impact of the infection on the global economy, equitable care, and the challenge of balancing public welfare and individual rights. Assessment has been done and needs to continue in order to direct social workers into doing only what social workers can do. Directing assistance to victims, such as networking and emotional relief provisions were possible through fundraising

and educational campaigns. Advocacy was utilized during these times and it has helped millions of people seek relief from their troubles.

What Were the Outcomes of the Intervention?

According to evidence based on the information and technology-based intervention in social work practice; the social networking-based intervention approach can be effective, useful, and helpful toward individuals who are struggling in their search for proper resources. The world has never felt like a smaller place. “The organized social network gathers people with similar concerns and provides a forum of information and support, where participants can freely exchange resources,” (pg. 250). Since the pandemic has happened, social workers have been using this network approach more than ever in their practice and policy; as it has been helpful and saving lives by not spreading the virus simultaneously. This practice also helps different communities reveal what’s best for them and can help to improve behavior.

What is the Validity of These Findings Relative to the Results of the Research?

The validity of these findings is that the framework of interdisciplinary remote networking conducts a 3-tier service developed by social workers in China. These findings emphasize the needs of the members of the community and gives individuals a chance to be understood. The first tier is to publicize, appease, and check on the grid service group. These are community residents who may have been exposed to the disease, and if tested positive, which leads to the second tier, it is our job to guide, consult, and appease to their needs. This is the quarantine consultation group. The last tier is to match, refer, and accompany to the needs of this group, which is the resource matching group. There is a backup support group for those who need support, consultation, and a follow-up; which then, helps to lead individuals into recovery.

So far, these findings have seemed to work great for those in need, as it is the most we can do under such harsh circumstances.

What Might influence Your Own Social Work Practice from this Research?

The creativity to continue to serve others through social networking will influence my own social work practice. Although, there are less face-to-face interactions at this time, this experience of remaining online will always be used in my social work practice, because it gave me a way to adapt and remain connected. It is creative, because with the help from technology, we are given an opportunity to not be alone in our struggles, especially in the comfort of my own home. Help has gotten easier to obtain more than ever. This also works out perfectly for the client who is also in the comfort of their own home. Long after the pandemic is over, I would want to interact in person, but online meetings and sessions will still be held dear to my heart and would be used for the sake of convenience.

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