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Social Work 558

Social Work Research Methods

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Research Topic and Research Questions

Fully describe your research topic and create a research question.

Topic: Substance use among identifying factors that affect substance.

Research Question: How substance abuse affects academic performance in high school students.

Describe special populations that you are interested in (e.g., people with mental illness: diagnosis, definition, status, % in the U.S., etc.) **High School students in grades 9 to 12.**

Describe social problems that the special populations experience and/or cause (e.g., compared with those with no known mental illness, patients with mental illness had increased spending on physical illnesses by more than one-third, or nearly \$5000. Previous studies found that people with mental illness are more likely to have unhealthy lifestyles). **The social problem is drug abuse amount teenagers.**

Identify the target client group. This can be the same as the special populations (e.g., people with mental illness who may have unhealthy lifestyles). **The target group is high school students.**

Discuss services that promote changes in clients (e.g., Clubhouse exercise program, Wellness Initiative, Weight Watchers program, etc.). **Preventative drug abuse programs, rapid intervention centers and family therapy are some programs that may help with drug abuse.**