

Journal 5

The journal assessment for this week is on Chapter 7 from Social Work with Groups by Zastrow & Hessenauer.

Your review on the theory. How you would apply the framework in your practice

This journal will focus on working with diverse groups in social work. Chapter 7 learning objectives is understanding stereotyping and preconceptions. Identifying stereotypes and multiculturalism. The chapter also focus on recognizing the importance of social workers having in -depth knowledge of the diverse groups they work with. In addition, the chapter 7 apply principles of feminist intervention in social work practice. The chapter apply the concepts ethic-sensitive practice, empowerment, and the strengths perspective (Zastrow & Hessenauer, 217).

Discrimination and prejudice has play a major role in our society. Discriminatory behavior comes from prejudiced attitudes. The authors states that “prejudice is a combination of stereotyped beliefs and negative attitudes, so that the prejudice individuals think about members of a minority group in a predetermined, usually negative, categorical way (Zastrow & Hessenauer, 17). There is discrimination and prejudice in society today and in the past. In the past there was Dejure discrimination which is legal discrimination. An example of Dejure discrimination is the Jim Crow laws in the South in the last century gave force to many discriminatory practices against the blacks including denial of the right to trial, prohibition against voting and prohibition against interracial marriage (Zastrow & Hessenauer, 217).

Other examples of discrimination in social work in the field of child welfare. In the social welfare system and the foster care system there are more minorities such as African American

and Hispanic people then the Caucasian people in the system. According to google, the nationwide black youth are overrepresented in foster care. In 2018, the black children represented 14% of all the total child population but 23 % of all kids in foster care as in comparison white youth represent 50% if the nation child population and 44% of its foster care.

I have been working for the Administration for Children's Services for almost 25 years and I see that it is mostly black and brown children in foster care system and in ACS.

The authors state that our history has a long history of discriminating against vulnerable population such as Italian American and the Chinese that were victimized by discrimination in the last century. For example, the Chinese was accused of bring Covid 19 to United States causing many people to die from this disease.