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Reflection Journal #9 (Chapter 11 Finding the best of the community)

How has reading the chapter made a difference in the way you think about communities? How is that useful to your internship work? To your future career? Remember, there are no wrong answers to these questions.

Chapter 11 mentions the significance of communities and how it affects the dynamic of the internship and the people residing within the agency. To be perfectly honest, back when I first started my internship, I felt community building and establishing connections was difficult and a bit of a hinderance to the goal at hand (which was to help contribute to the ministry and providing services) however, as the weeks passed by and I got more used to the work, my perspective has shifted quite a bit to a more positive outlook and learned the importance of establishing relationships with the people around me and how that can significantly impact my behavior and future. After reading the chapter, this has reinforced my perspective on communities as well. I learned that our client IS the community and are encouraged to take the community into consideration, just as much as we take our physical clients into consideration. I believe this is useful for my internship work because it helps emphasize the context of the people we are serving's lives in various ways. By practicing prioritizing the well being of our communities, we are benefiting ourselves and the people residing within.