

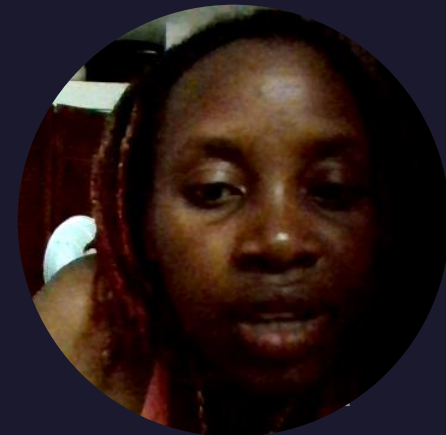
Community Development and Social Work

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Introduction

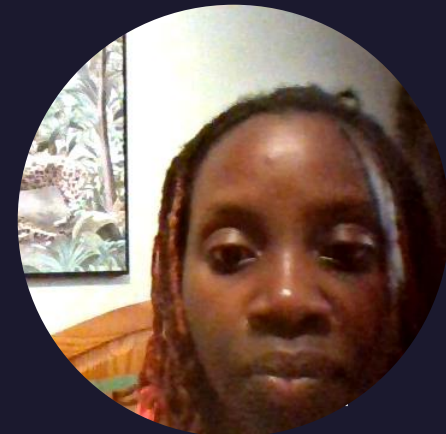
- When we look around our environment, we notice people of all different religion, size, color and race. However, one thing that we have in common is where we live. Some of us may have more than one community, we call home and others may have lived in one location all their lives.



Introduction

It our duty as human to make our community the way we desire . Often in the news we hear people talk about violence, crime, lack of jobs, Poverty and discrimination against race. These are all negative attributes that make up a commun

- Which ever is the option, Our community can impact our beliefs, values and morals. Our community are apart of our identity; therefore, it is important that we care and upfill our community ,the place we call home.



As neighbors, we have duties to Facilitate changes within our community that not only affects one person but the whole community at large.



It takes one person to suggest or implement a change. Change is like a ripple effect theory. Ripple effect “is a concept that describes how actions or events can have far- reaching impact on other people and systems beyond their immediate context”. This theory gives a clear understand of community development and how everything intertwine with each other.



Sometimes to facilitate change we need to seek some form of guidance or a source who are expert in the field required. When we speak about community the best experts, I believe that can facilitate some change in a community, are Social workers.

Social workers, are what I considered as field workers. They are a group of persons who seek and help bring social change, social justice and promoting human rights to benefit the welfare of people.



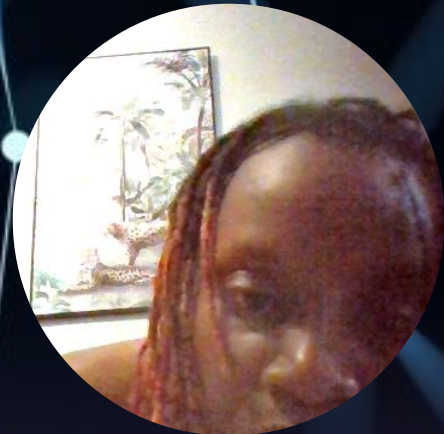
The presentation will discuss the impact that social worker has on community development and how community develop facilitate social change and promote human rights.



What is a Community ?

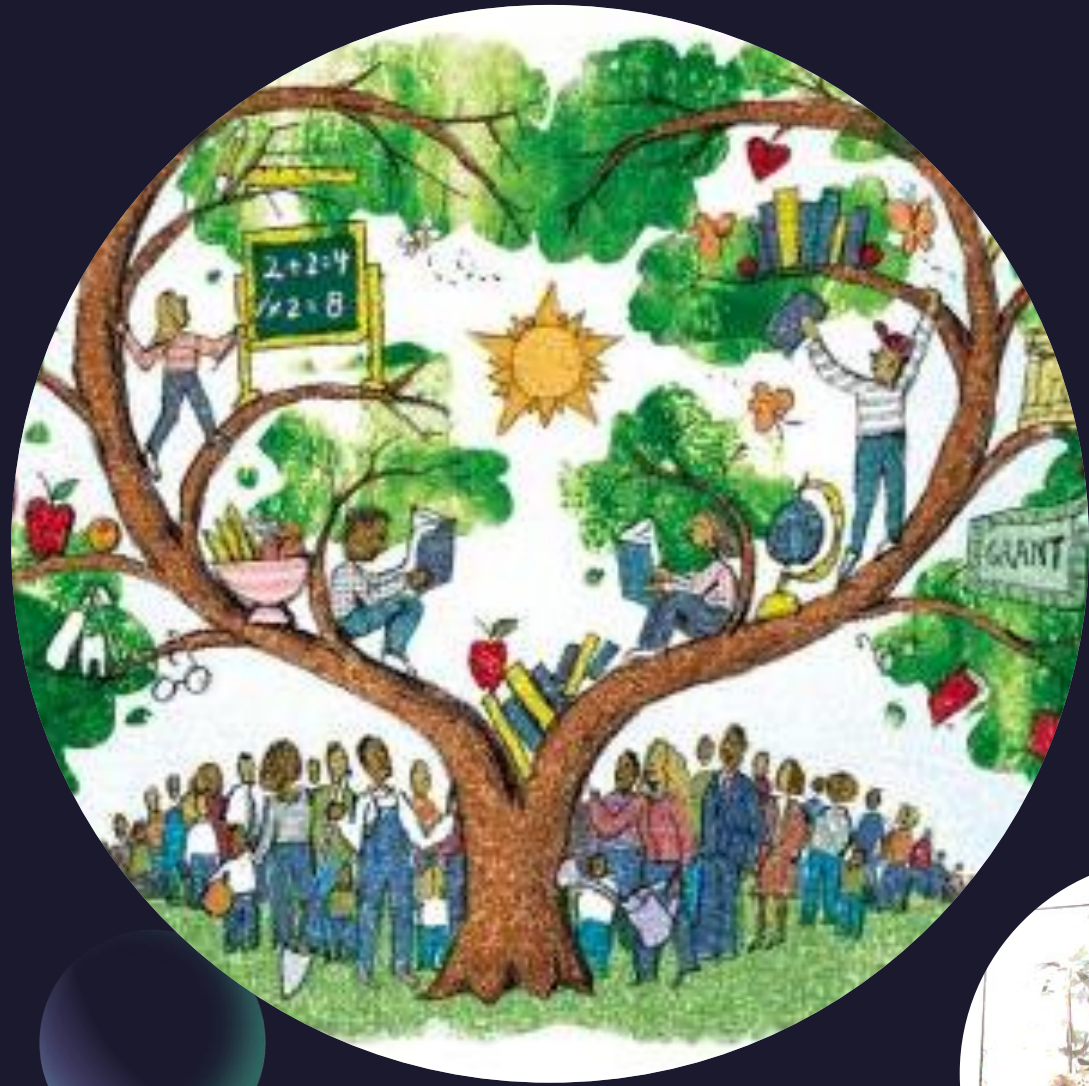
According to Foundation for Community Encouragement define community as a of Community is defined as a group of two or more people who, regardless of the diversity of their backgrounds, have been able to accept and transcend their differences. They are able to communicate openly and effectively; and to work together toward common goals, while having a sense of unusual safety with one another.

Robert Bellah defines community as “ a group of people who are socially interdependent, who participate together in discussion and decision making, and who share certain practices that both define the community and are nurtured by it”.

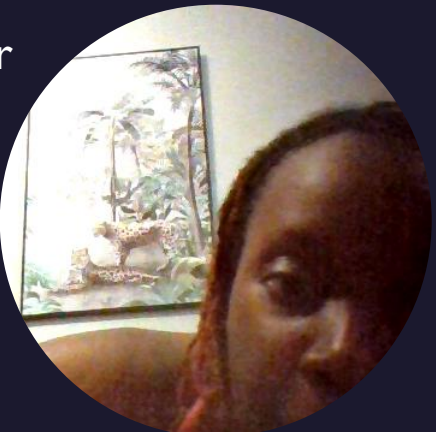


The definition of community can be interchangeable depending on the individual you may ask,.. It is constructed depend on the architect drawing the image. It is beneficial if you look on the historical element of a community as well as it geographical and ideological background. So that you can better understand the diversity of a community.

No one community is the same, they will have similarities such as landscape, houses, roads , small businesses and people however a community is a complex made up that focus on all the aspect of human relationship, nature, geographic location , history, belief, values, policies etc. I can not put community in one definition because complex entity on its own.



My definition of community

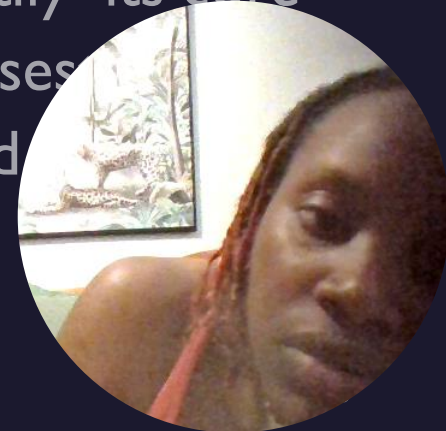


Role of a Social Worker in a Community

KEY ROLE OF SOCIAL WORKER

- Facilitator
- Enabler
- Mediator
- Broker
- Coordinator
- Mobilizer

- These key role is a linkage between the social worker and community to help to support the capacity in which is needed to meet the goals of each community.
- Even though these are the goals that are used to support social workers “it is not a limited to , facilitating and participating in the community’s work to identify its core values, belief systems, rights, asses resources, strengths, needs, and



Role of a Social Worker in a Community

FACILITATOR

- Ex – Creating a group
- Parenting group.
- Engage in participation
- Increase understanding
- Guide the group

ENABLER

- Ex. Identify and support personal strengths---- main goal finding a job to that the client is good in.
- Reduce stress
- Create income
- Help with personal goals

ADVOCATE

- Example- Advocating for community members with disabilities
- “the act of directly representing a course of action on behalf on one or more individuals, groups, or communities, with the goal of securing or retaining social justice”



Role of a Social Worker in a Community

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS

- Section 6 of NASW Code of Ethics
- Social workers should promote the general welfare of society, from local to global levels, and the development of people, their communities, and their environments. Social workers should advocate for living conditions conducive to the fulfillment of basic human needs and should promote social, economic, political and cultural values and institutions that are compatible with realization of social justice.

Provide counselling to individuals, couples and families

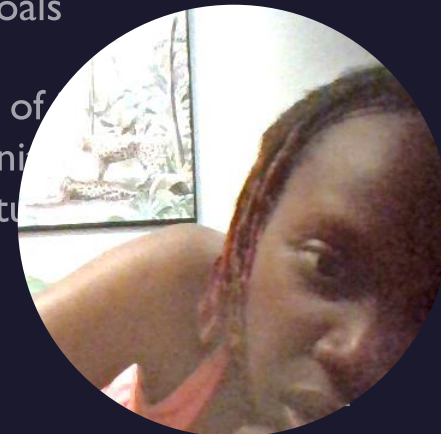
Develop and conduct support groups

Perform community health needs assessments and participate in community health planning

Plan, develop and evaluate community programs

Analyze programs and policies

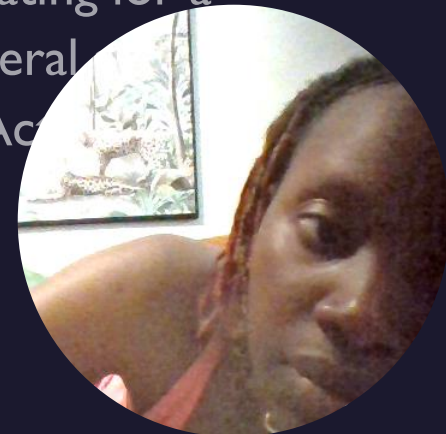
- Develop and deliver specialized programs, services and cultural activities
- Prepare and maintain assessments and statistical reports
- Contribute to research initiatives
- Write grants and raise funds
- Work with volunteers to support and enhance program goals
- Advocate on behalf of groups and communities for change at the structural level



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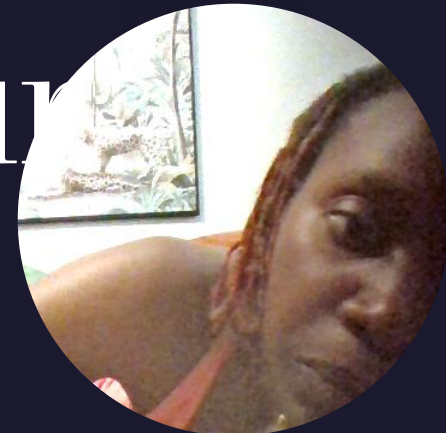
- Social Worker within a community focuses on allowing residence to feel empowered and integrated in making changes with their community.
- Social workers are field workers that investigate and analyze to push towards social movement such as poverty, homeless, adult education, job opportunities. Which in return will development and foster a cohesive community.

- Frances Perkins (1880–1965)
- Frances Perkins was inspired to work on behalf of her community when she witnessed the Triangle Shirtwaist Company fire in 1911. Just under 150 workers, including children, died in the fire because they were unable to escape due to locked doors. Perkins set out to lobby for industrial reform, which would ultimately lead to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt appointing Perkins as Secretary of Labor. In that position, Perkins was instrumental in changing the workweek for women from 58 hours to 48, advocating for a minimum wage law, and drafting several including the Fair Labor Standards Act and Social Security Act.



The power of policies and implementation have been apart of social worker history for centuries. Policy practice “is defined as using social work skills to propose and change policies in order to achieve the goal of social and economic justice”. Change are implemented when policies there is a void or need for citizens, this needs will be heard and discuss with social workers who have establish relationship with the community.

How does a social worker implement changes or policies in a Community



Ways Social Worker implement change



advocating for the passage of legislation



lobbying for funding and resources for social programs



testifying before legislative committees to provide expert testimony and insight on social policy issues



building coalitions and networks of stakeholders to work towards common goals



monitoring and analyzing proposed legislation and its potential impact on social welfare programs and the populations they serve

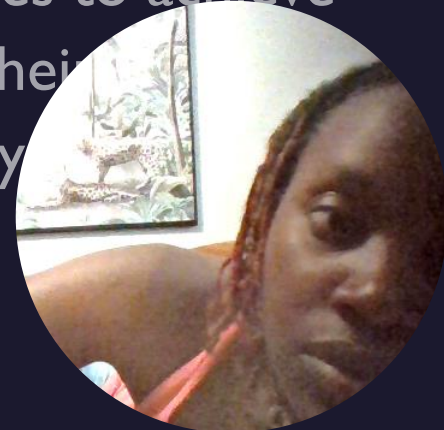


Social Worker implement policies locally, and internationally within the micro, mezzo and Marco level. Even social workers are mostly seen and used in the micro level they participate in all area of society.



How does a social worker implement changes or policies in a Community

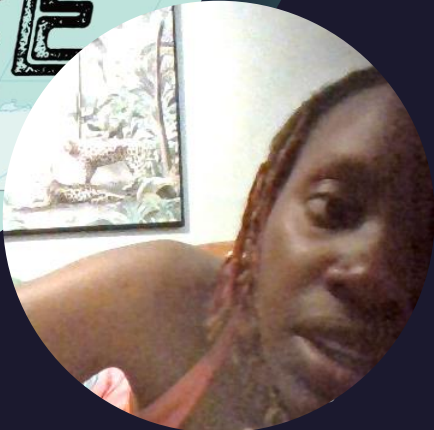
- In doing policy practice, social workers apply generalist social work perspectives and skills to make changes in laws, rules, budgets, and policies and in the bodies that create those policies, whether they be local, state, or federal agencies or other decision-making bodies, in the pursuit of the social work mission of social and economic justice.
- The goal of policy practice in social work is to ensure social and economic justice in the social environment so that all people, regardless of their socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation, have opportunities to achieve success for themselves and their families in a sense so that all those layers are concentric circles.



National Association Of Social Work

6.04 – Social and Political Action

(c) Social workers should promote conditions that encourage respect for cultural and social diversity within the United States and globally. Social workers should promote policies and practices that demonstrate respect for difference, support the expansion of cultural knowledge and resources, advocate for programs and institutions that demonstrate cultural competence, and promote policies that safeguard the rights of and confirm equity and social justice for all people.



How does a social worker implement changes or policies in a Community

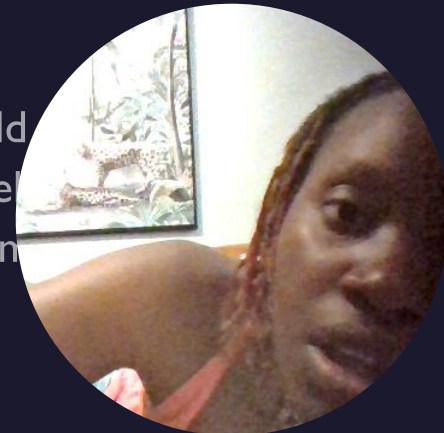
CASE STUDY

- Juan, a case manager at the local Area Agency on Aging, was working with a fiercely independent elderly gentleman, Mr. Anderson, who lived alone. All of his children lived out of state, though they were in close touch with him by phone. On a recent home visit, Mr. Anderson appeared to have lost some weight since their last appointment, and Juan became concerned that Mr. Anderson might not be eating properly.

When Juan called the local Meals on Wheels program, he found out Mr. Anderson was not eligible for services because his road was outside their service area

SOLUTION TO CASE STUDY

- Social worker could investigate in finding a local charity that prepare food in Anderson district as a temporary solution.
- Social worker could have a meeting with meals and Wheels about meeting the needs of clients outside the districts...
- Social worker could group that would el of elders in the con



Conclusion

- This presentation have highlighted how social workers can implement change in all levels of society. Social workers are change agent they believe that change is needed to meet the needs of people in society. There are many persons who work hard to make a living for their families however there are circumstances that hinder a family to process, or a community to strive to its best potential for its citizens.



Social workers see the challenges an act upon the request of the need in the community. Social workers are advocate for individuals and communities. When a individual life has change it continue the ripple effect to change the community at large. change is not an overnight process, but it takes hard work and dedication to push among required roles to create change.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” -Helen Keller, U.S. author, educator, and disability rights advocate



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