Assessment 2 Instructions: Community Resources  
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Professional Context  
Many organizations work to better local and global communities' quality of life and promote health and safety in times of crisis. As public health and safety advocates, nurses must be cognizant of how such organizations help certain populations. As change agents, nurses must be aware of factors that impact the organization and the services that it offers. Familiarity with these organizations enables the nurse to offer assistance as a volunteer and source of referral.  
  
This assessment provides an opportunity for you gain insight into the mission, vision, and operations of a community services organization.  
  
Demonstration of Proficiency  
By successfully completing this assessment, you will demonstrate your proficiency in the following course competencies and assessment criteria:  
  
Competency 1: Analyze health risks and health care needs among distinct populations.  
Explain how an organization’s work impacts the health and/or safety needs of a local community.  
Competency 2: Propose health promotion strategies to improve the health of populations.  
Explain how an organization’s mission and vision enable it to contribute to public health and safety improvements.  
Competency 3: Evaluate health policies, based on their ability to achieve desired outcomes.  
Assess the impact of funding sources, policy, and legislation on an organization’s provision of services.  
Competency 4: Integrate principles of social justice in community health interventions.  
Evaluate an organization’s ability to promote equal opportunity and improve the quality of life within a community.  
Competency 5: Apply professional, scholarly communication strategies to lead health promotion and improve population health.  
Organize content so ideas flow logically with smooth transitions; contains few errors in grammar/punctuation, word choice, and spelling.  
Apply APA formatting to in-text citations and references exhibiting nearly flawless adherence to APA format.  
Preparation  
You are interested in expanding your role as a nurse and are considering working in an area where you can help to promote equal opportunity and improve the quality of life within the local or global community. You are aware of several nonprofit organizations and government agencies whose work contributes to this effort in some way. You have particular interest in one of these organizations but would like to know more about its contributions to public health and safety improvements. You would like to report the results of your research in a scholarly paper that you could submit for publication.  
  
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Choose the organization or agency you are most interested in researching:  
  
American Red Cross.  
Habitat for Humanity.  
United Way.  
Doctors Without Borders.  
The Salvation Army.  
United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).  
National Center for Transgender Equality.  
National Resource Center on LGBT Aging.  
Advocacy & Services for LGBT Elders.  
Equal Justice Initiative.  
National Alliance to End Homelessness.  
Urban Triage.  
World Health Organization.  
The Arc: For People With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.  
Alliance for Retired Americans.  
Futures Without Violence.  
Blue Campaign: What Is Human Trafficking?  
Covenant House.  
Cultural Survival.  
Note: Remember that you can submit all, or a portion of, your draft research paper to Smarthinking Tutoring for feedback, before you submit the final version for this assessment. If you plan on using this free service, be mindful of the turnaround time of 24-48 hours for receiving feedback.  
  
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Document Format and Length  
Format your paper using APA style.  
  
Refer to the APA Style Paper Tutorial [DOCX] to help you in writing and formatting your paper. Be sure to include:  
A title page and references page. An abstract is not required.  
Appropriate section headings.  
Your paper should comprise 3-5 pages of content plus title and references pages.  
Supporting Evidence  
Cite at least three credible sources from peer-reviewed journals or professional industry publications published within the past 5 years that support your research findings.  
  
Graded Requirements  
The research requirements, outlined below, correspond to the grading criteria in the assessment scoring guide, so be sure to address each point.  
  
Explain how the organization’s mission and vision enable it to contribute to public health and safety improvements.  
Include examples of ways a local and/or global initiative supports organizational mission and vision and promotes public health and safety.  
Evaluate an organization’s ability to promote equal opportunity and improve the quality of life in the community.  
Consider the effects of social, cultural, economic, and physical barriers.  
Assess the impact of funding sources, policy, and legislation on the organization’s provision of services.  
Consider the potential implications of funding decisions, policy, and legislation for individuals, families, and aggregates within the community.  
Explain how an organization’s work impacts the health and/or safety needs of a local community.  
Consider how nurses might become involved with the organization.  
Organize content so ideas flow logically with smooth transitions; contains few errors in grammar/punctuation, word choice, and spelling.  
Apply APA formatting to in-text citations and references exhibiting nearly flawless adherence to APA format.  
Write with a specific purpose and audience in mind.  
Adhere to scholarly and disciplinary writing standards and APA formatting requirements.  
Additional Requirements  
Before submitting your paper, proofread it to minimize errors that could distract readers and make it difficult for them to focus on your research findings.