Application Paper

Grading: *100 points*

Due: Week 7

Note: *This is a CORE assignment used in CSWE Assessment*

As social workers, it is essential to apply research findings to inform and improve practice, policy, and program development. In this assignment, you will critically analyze and evaluate intervention and program outcomes at your internship, demonstrating mastery in selecting and applying culturally responsive evaluation methods. You will synthesize evaluation findings from your Agency Evaluation Paper (Week 3) and your Research Paper (Week 5) to develop recommendations aimed at improving practice effectiveness. This assignment requires critical thinking, cultural awareness, creativity, and evidence-based reasoning to optimize outcomes across multiple client systems.

This is a 3- to 4-page paper, written in third person, and following APA Style guidelines. Your work should be clearly organized into the following three sections:

Section 1: Findings

- Briefly summarize your evaluation findings from Week 3's Agency Evaluation Paper.
    - What did you find was currently effective at your agency that should be continued?
- Relate these findings to the research you conducted for Week 5's Research Paper. Make sure to cite sources properly to demonstrate evidence-based reasoning and cultural responsiveness.

Section 2: Improving Effectiveness

- Based on your evaluation and research findings, what recommendations would you propose to improve your agency's effectiveness?
- What is currently being done, what would you add, and how would you monitor the changes? Suggestions can include program development, treatment enhancements, satisfaction surveys, new assessments, or other innovative evaluation ideas.
- Discuss anticipated outcomes and the difference these outcomes would make. What could your agency do with this information?

- Analyze the process for change at your agency: How is change created or implemented? Would your recommendations be feasible? What challenges might exist?

Section 3: Evaluation Analysis

- How could your evaluation analysis assist in grant writing, achieving agency goals, improving outreach, enhancing service quality, or expanding programs?
- Critically connect your evaluation findings to broader organizational improvements, showing how evidence and cultural context can shape positive change.