TASK 1 – Agency Selection

The agency chosen for the evaluation is ForKids. ForKids is a nonprofit organization that provides their services and resources to families and children that need shelter and/or fallen victim to poverty. ForKids serves as “one of the largest providers for homeless families in Virginia” (Welcome To Hope 4 Kids Foster Care & Adoption). ForKids’ services include housing placement, mental health services, employment help, and case management along with educational services to children of the families. The mission of ForKids is “breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty for families and children” (Welcome To Hope 4 Kids Foster Care & Adoption). The vision of ForKids is “a future where no child is homeless… [and] foster strong families, and help parents gain and maintain safe and stable homes” (Welcome To Hope 4 Kids Foster Care & Adoption). The population that ForKids serves is anyone in the Hampton Roads area. ForKids does not discriminate and will provide services to anyone willing to receive them. The population they serve consists of families and/or children experiencing homelessness and poverty regardless of background, race, and ethnicity. ForKids is located in in Virginia in the cities of Norfolk, Suffolk, and Chesapeake. In regard to ForKids, their service delivery area would be their regional headquarters in Norfolk, VA along with their other centers in Suffolk, VA and Chesapeake, VA. Another service delivery area of ForKids is their “Haven House” that provides shelters to families across the Hampton Roads area. I chose ForKids to evaluate, because at one point in my life I experienced homelessness and I have a passion for helping others not experience as well. Therefore, ForKids was the perfect choice. Professionally, it will help me gain insight on how to provide specific services to specific clients’ needs. In the future, my goal is to be a Probation Officer or Correctional Counselor, so this experience will help when entering into either of those fields.

References

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