

HMSV 440W

Task 1

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Agency

The pre-requisite to enter a four year institution is a high school diploma or a General Education Diploma (Old Dominion University, 2016). I have met with many students at Tidewater Community College, Chesapeake Campus, who have received their General Education Diploma and have spoken highly of the experience.

I plan to evaluate the General Educational Development (GED) program housed within the Chesapeake Adult Continuing Education (ACE) building (Chesapeake Public Schools, 2015). I have contacted Ms. Ferebee-Johns with my request to evaluate the GED program. I have explained that the program evaluation could include interviews and observations. Ms. Ferebee-Johns stated she did not foresee a problem and that she would assist me as much as possible (personal communication, January 26, 2017).

Mission and Purpose

The mission and purpose of the GED program is to assist adult learners to obtain a high school diploma or the General Education Diploma equivalency, which will enhance the client's personal and professional growth (Chesapeake Public Schools, 2015).

Population

The GED program staff consist of several teachers, administrators, and a director. The GED program services all ethnicities, ages 18 and up, male and female. The population includes Hispanics, Caucasians, Koreans, Asians, African-Americans, and other ethnic groups in the City of Chesapeake. This agency also serves and accommodates individuals with disabilities (Chesapeake Public Schools, 2015).

Location

The Chesapeake Adult & Continuing Education (ACE) building is located at 369 South Battlefield Boulevard Chesapeake in the old Great Bridge High School building (Chesapeake Public Schools, 2015). The building is on a corner in a very busy commercial area of Great Bridge. There are shops, restaurants, banks, and gas stations located up and down Battlefield Boulevard. The interstate is easily accessible a mile down the road. There are several portables on the backside of the building and behind the portables is a parking lot for guests, staff, and clients. There is also parking on the left front side of the building.

Valuable Service

I believe the General Educational Development (GED) program at the ACE is valuable to the community and to those needing a high school diploma to enter a four year institution. My interest in the General Educational Development program stem from the question, what support is offered to the client during and after the completion of the program? Are there additional services or resources on site to assist those who don't plan to attend college? I would like this GED program to continue to grow as the local community reaches out and voice needs for assistance to pursue present and future aspirations personally and professionally.

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