



ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



Child Welfare and Community Development Pilot Training Program

Session 1 Assignment

Asset Based Community Assessment: Groups and Communities

With other members of your small group, identify a geographic community which is a focus area of your agency or collaborating organizations. Plan and carry out a Community Assessment. Your assessment should emphasize community strengths and assets, while accounting for community problems or needs. Apply the principles and practice skills learned in Session 1 on small groups and communities.

Answer the following to complete Assignment 1 on Community Assessment.

1. Describe the geographic community and/or group that you have selected.
2. There are many different methods that can be applied to community assessment. Some of these include participant observation, individual interviews, small group sessions, and existing data from government and NGO agency reports. Describe the methods of assessment that you will use.
3. Identify the **gifts and skills** of the group or community that you have selected.
4. Recognize what **people in the group or community care about** (enough to act).
5. Discover the '**Ducks**' and the '**Duck Call**' used in the community
6. Identify the **champions of change** in the group or community you have selected
7. Reflect on what you have learned from the Session 1 training and the community assessment process. Reflect on the **group roles** and **group processes** that you experienced in your working group.
8. Write about how you will use the concepts and ideas you have learned in your future work as a community worker.
9. What additional questions need to be answered about how to use the principles and practice skills of working effectively with small groups and communities in the settings where you work?