Social Needs Paper

Please limit your paper to five (5) pages (double spaced, 12pt font), not including the reference and title page. Use American Psychological Association (APA) style/format being sure to include headings, in-text citations, and reference page. Your paper should be written clearly and free of errors in grammar, style and syntax.

For helpful APA instructions, go to http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

Address the following topic in your paper:

The National Association of Social Worker's (NASW) Code of Ethics states that the "primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human wellbeing and help meet the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty"(NASW, 2008, para. 1). Vulnerable and oppressed groups are further identified based on "race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, and mental or physical disability" (NASW, 2008, para. 36).

The NASW Code of Ethics is available at https://www.socialworkers.org/About/Ethics/Code-of-Ethics/Code-of-Ethics-English

Applicants are to choose a "vulnerable population" as defined by NASW. Identify a social need that exists for this population and requires a social and/or economic justice response. Support your position with citations from the literature and address the following:

1. Description of the social need as experienced by your "vulnerable population" (pertaining to social and/or economic justice). Include the scope of the need;

2. Background or history of the need as it relates to the vulnerable population (e.g. social, political, economic forces that created the need);

3. What systemic forms of power, privilege, and oppression are operating in relationship to the vulnerable population you identified?

4. Current status of the need;

5. Relationship of social need to social work;

6. Your recommendations for addressing the need;

   • In addition to recommendations for addressing the need, identify systemic or policy-related interventions to create a more equitable society to reduce the vulnerability of the population?

7. Discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of your plan.