



# Creative Projects

## SOCIAL WORK/ HUMAN SERVICES



### Project 1: Community Needs Analysis

In this project, you will explore the field of social work and human services by analyzing programs and services that support individuals and communities. You will examine how organizations address social, emotional, and economic needs. Using your research, you will identify trends and evaluate what makes support services effective.

#### Step 1: Study Community Services (4–5 hours)

Study **5–8 social work or human services programs** (food assistance, counseling services, housing support, youth programs, crisis services, etc.)

Record the following for each:

- Organization or service name
- Population served
- Services or support provided
- Accessibility and availability
- Community impact or outcomes

#### Step 2: Organize Your Data

- Create a comparison chart or table (Excel or Google Sheets)
- Clearly display all services and their details
- Group or sort in a meaningful way (by population served, service type, or community need)

#### Step 3: Analyze Community Needs

Identify patterns such as:

- Common challenges faced by communities
- Gaps in services or accessibility
- Effective support strategies
- Partnerships between organizations

Answer:

- What trends do you notice in human services?
- What makes support programs effective?
- What challenges do social service organizations face?

#### Step 4: Make Recommendations

Based on your findings, answer:

- What should organizations focus on to improve community support and access to services? Provide **2–3 specific, realistic suggestions** and explain them.
- Examples might include:
- Expanding outreach efforts
  - Improving communication and referrals
  - Increasing accessibility for underserved populations

#### Final Deliverables (2 Completed Projects)

##### 1) Comparison Table (Required)

A clear chart or table showing your 5–8 services/programs and their details

##### 2) Summary of Findings (Required)

Choose one format:

- 1–2 page written summary  
OR
- 10–12 slide presentation

Your analysis must include:

- Overview of services studied
- Key community needs and trends
- Explanation of effective support practices
- Your recommendations for improvement



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### Project 2: Support Plan

In this project, you will take on the role of a social worker or human services professional by creating a client support plan. You will identify needs, goals, and resources to support an individual or family.

#### Step 1: Create a Client Scenario

Develop a realistic client situation.

**Examples:**

- Family experiencing housing instability
- Student needing mental health support
- Individual seeking employment assistance

#### Step 2: Identify Needs and Goals

**Determine:**

- Immediate needs
- Long-term goals
- Potential barriers or challenges

#### Step 3: Create a Support Plan

Develop a plan that includes:

- Recommended services or interventions
- Steps for accessing support
- Short-term and long-term goals

#### Step 4: Develop a Resource List

Create a list of community or support resources that could help the client.

**Examples:**

- Counseling services
- Food assistance programs
- Employment or housing agencies

#### Final Deliverables (2 Completed Projects) ★

##### 1) Plan (Required)

A written client support plan

##### 2) Resource List (Required)

A list of organizations, services, or programs that support the client's needs

##### 3) Extension Activities (Optional)

- Conduct interviews with local organizations
- Create a community resource guide
- Present support plans in a mock case meeting