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HDFS 401: Career Goal Statement

My career objective is to develop into an excellent human service worker. I plan to accomplish this goal through gaining knowledge of the community's needs and resources and continually work to help abused and neglected adolescents/emerging adults. Currently, I have experience working with female adolescents (through babysitting) and I have learned a lot about this age group. I have also gained knowledge and experience through interning at the York County Children's Advocacy Center. I would like to expand my awareness by working with adolescents in different areas. Working with male adolescents or different age groups could be a way of accomplishing this objective.

I hope to motivate and inspire adolescents to reach their full potential, through learning about different programs and activities. I plan to achieve my goals by becoming familiar with the different human service agencies in the community and learning about different programs and strategies within the community that are aimed to help at-risk youth. I also would like to learn more about Children and Youth agencies, adoption agencies, and drug and alcohol programs for at-risk youth and emerging adults. I would like to help youth learn how to make better decisions regarding education, alcohol and drug use, and healthy conflict resolution. I would like an internship that enables me to determine what area of the human service profession best suits my personality and objectives.

Upon graduation, I would like to obtain a full time position that enables me to make a difference in the lives of the clients I serve. I am remaining open minded to many different

positions available. I would also like to go back to school within the next five years and obtain my Master's Degree either in Social Work or Guidance Counseling.