

## Report Assignment Evaluation

Tuesday/Thursday, 8:30am

Report Group: Homelessness (Nhi, Haneen, Rula)

### Evaluative Criteria that Need Revision

- The report's purpose appears to be to inform the reader.
- The report has a summary or abstract section that includes a thesis that states what the report will cover.
- The report keeps the reader interested by showing why the issue/topic matters.
- X The writers show credibility through critical research that is consistently relevant and reliable. It provides a balance of positions/perspectives.
- The report is overtly unbiased.
- The beginning of the report is written/designed in such a way to catch the reader's attention.
- The report remains focused throughout on the main point or direction.
- The report is not repetitive.
- X The sections and paragraphs of the report are easy-to-follow as they move out of one and into another. They use good transitions.
- The style of the writing is appropriate to college-level readers.
- The report is written in a professional semi-formal professional style.
- The report is written in third person.
- X In order to produce a "readable" document that is appealing to the reader, the report effectively uses organizational and design strategies including, but not limited to fonts, subheadings, categories, sections, bullet points, tables of content.
- X If visual aids (i.e. charts, graphs, pictures, images) are included, they are internally cited and their placement is logical in relation to the text.
- X The report demonstrates that the authors made full efforts to use the MLA citation system correctly and consistently.
- X The writing is edited to the level that grammatical errors do not interrupt an easy flow of reading and understanding. There are no careless mistakes.
- X The report thoroughly answers the previously submitted question

### Overall Comments:

1. The definition of homelessness needs to be cited.
2. If you read that second paragraph out loud, you'll see that it's not actually a full sentence.
3. Look at the last sentence of the first paragraph about the causes of homelessness. It ends up saying that these causes will cause homelessness to end. Just a mistake.
4. The next paragraph, that starts with "Lack of affordable healthcare" seems like it's having some trouble. That first sentence isn't really a sentence. And, then it moves directly into Chronic homelessness.
5. I think it would be good to refer to that bar chart and explain what it is. Then, talking about what is in it will make more sense.
6. The second paragraph after the point in time graph is very hard to follow. It uses "decreasing" twice and I'm not sure it is using it right. This paragraph may need some work.

7. The Snapshot of Utah's homeless needs to be cited.
8. The paragraph starting out "quality of life for homeless" feels like it has a lot of different points in it that could be developed. I wonder if each of these points could be turned into a paragraph?
9. Some of the sentences appear to have been taken directly from sources, but have not been quoted. Remember that if you take the exact language, you need to quote them.
10. The paragraph on Homeless children also feels like it has a lot of different points in it. These should be broken up and developed.
11. I think the section on Services offered to homeless people needs some paragraph writing to introduce it. Starting with just bullet points doesn't work quite well. Maybe explaining what the different services are?

I can see that you made efforts to develop this report more than the draft that I read earlier. That is great. It still needs a fair bit of work however. It needs to be developed in certain ways to more fully explain the causes of homelessness and the services that are offered. I realize that this is very hard to do in a non-native language, but I believe that you can create a stronger document. One of the key areas is organization, which you have generally put together well. But, I'm afraid that you rely too much on lists and graphics than on working your way through the writing. I would probably do the same thing.

I think that, should you choose to revise, we should sit down and go through this together. If you want to revise together, we can do it all at once. If you want to revise separately, we can do it that way. I think by showing you the places where it works pretty well, and where the report needs significant work would be the best way to go about this.

Evaluation: C