

## Mini Research Project: Support Services - 20 marks

**Task**— using either one of the options provided, or one of your own (approved) choice, briefly report on that organization. Address each of the aspects detailed below. Your organization will be one that provides supports in one of the following areas:

- sexual health
- family supports e.g., marital counselling, parenting advice etc.
- solutions for women suffering abuse
- agencies supporting individuals with chronic, incurable illnesses
- some agency which includes programming that touch directly on one or more of these areas

### Deliverable

Your report can take several forms. You may use a premade template in Word or Publisher to help with layout. You may choose a simple Word document placing headings for each main section. You may use a lapbook style if you want to be creative. You can produce it by hand however that product will need to be in pen and 100% legible. Avoid this option if that isn't achievable.

### Research Guidance

Use of the organization's own website can be quite helpful. However, be acutely aware that there will be inherent bias. All organizations, even those that are legitimate, will rarely speaking negatively about themselves. Would a restaurant publish their health code violations? Though the organization may do excellent work, legitimate criticisms or concerns may exist. Counter the bias by taking some time to take note of criticisms (if any). For example, a critic of some disease centred organizations is that not enough of their money is spent on direct services vs research.

### Coverage

Each of the following needs to be present. Use these as checkboxes.

- name
- logo and contact info (logo can be hand drawn or copied from the source)
- summary of primary focus aka raison d'être (why they exist)
  - Family assistance? Protection services? Sexual health? Pregnancy support?
  - often in the About Us section
- a brief history
- a description of some main services
- costs, if any— some detail here
- a description of the sources of funding
- your opinion of the work. If worth noting, public opinion of the organization

### Sample list

The website has a starter list of options. There are many more. If you would like to suggest one not listed, bring it to me for discussion.