

Project #4—Depression at Different Ages

Introduction

Symptoms and treatment for depression in youth, adults, and the elderly have similarities and differences. What are they?

Task

Your task is to research the differences and similarities in symptoms and treatments for depression among youth, adults, and the elderly. Make a web page or brochure to share your findings with the class.

Skills

Critical thinking, research, making a web page/making a brochure, working in a group, making a presentation

Process

1. Review the case study.
2. Discuss the following in a group: Does anyone in the group know someone with depression? Does anyone have training or work experience with people who have depression? Share knowledge with the group.
3. Group members list similarities and differences they think exist in symptoms and treatment for depression among youth, adults, and the elderly.
4. Go to the Project Care website (<http://projectcare.worlded.org/depression/information.html#project4>). You will find helpful information that you can use in your project. Go to the library and talk to professionals to learn more.
5. Look at your group list and add or delete, based on what you learned.
6. Choose one similarity or difference that is important for people to know. As an alternative, different presentations can be created for each age.
7. Write about the information on the similarity or difference you researched.
8. Meet in groups and read each others' writing. Give feedback to each other—what do you like? What is clear? What is confusing? Students edit their writing and make a final version.
9. Make the web page using a free template on the Internet. Each group member puts his or her information on the website. To make the brochure, you can use the Microsoft Word template.
10. Give your work to the teacher to check, so that you can revise it if necessary.
11. Present your information on the web page for the class.