

Unit 5 Assignment: Ethical and Moral Issues



Review the following scenario:

A recent policy was implemented by Anytown's Department of Job and Family Services regarding the issue of child endangerment. Any household that has one or more documented offense of domestic violence, child abuse, or drug or alcohol related offenses committed by the mother, father, guardian, and/or caregiver, will result in the removal of any child or children from the home.

The child will be placed in the care of the state, or foster care services, until documentation can prove that the offender has undergone any or all of the following, and has thus been "offense free" for a period of no less than six months: alcohol and/or drug treatment, counseling, family therapy sessions, mental health treatment, anger management, life skills classes, and/or parenting classes.

The Department of Job and Family Services made reference to the social learning theory as providing support for this approach, as evidenced by research indicating that "aggressive children have parents who use aggressive tactics when dealing with others. For example, the children of wife batterers are more likely to use aggressive tactics themselves than children in the general population, especially if the victims (their mothers) suffer psychological distress from the abuse" (Siegel, 2015, p. 122).

In a minimum of four double-spaced pages (excluding the cover and references pages) write a critical essay voicing your opinion about the following issues:

- Identify potential ethical / moral issues that could arise from implementing this new policy. Based on the conclusions you reach after taking all of this into account, share your opinion on whether the policy is considered an ethical one, based on its potential ramifications.
- Consider the impact (be it positive or negative) on those involved in the above situation, specifically as it pertains to the overall welfare and well-being of the child. Describe the positive and/or negative impact the policy could have on society in general, or on the family unit. Be as objective as possible in examining the potential benefits of such a policy, as well as the possible negative effects.
- Finally, did the Department of Job and Family Services misinterpret or misapply the social learning theory when planning and implementing the policy? Be sure to demonstrate how the social learning theory either does or does not apply to this scenario.

Directions

In addition to fulfilling the specifics of the Assignment, a successful paper must also meet the following criteria:

- Include a cover page and references page in 10–12 point font (Arial, Courier, and Times New Roman are acceptable)
- Viewpoint and purpose should be clearly established and sustained
- Assignment should follow the conventions of Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.)
- Writing should be well ordered, logical, and unified, as well as original and insightful
- Your work should display superior content, organization, style, and mechanics
- Appropriate citation style should be followed

You should also make sure to:

- Include a title page with full name, class name, section number, and date
- Include an introductory and concluding paragraph and demonstrate college-level communication through the composition of original materials in Standard American English
- Use examples to support your discussion
- Cite all sources on a separate reference page at the end of your paper and cited within the body of your paper using APA format

Lastly, please label your projects: username-project-unit#.doc. For example, a student named Tina Allen would name her file TAllen-Anatomical Terminology-Unit 5.doc. Submit your Assignment by selecting the Unit 5: Assignment in the Dropbox by the end of Unit 5.

Checklist for the Unit 5 Assignment

Criteria: Ask yourself the following questions.	Not Yet	Yes
Content		
Did you identify reasoning of perspectives on ethical issues as an example of decision-making that uses consequential, non-consequential or a virtue ethics methodology?		
Did you describe four or more major elements of the Social Learning Theory?		
Did you examine three or more ways that the theory explains crime causation and analyze whether the policy outlined regarding child endangerment misinterpreted the Social Learning Theory?		
Did you assess both positive and negative aspects of the hypothetical child endangerment policy set forth in the assignment?		
Did you critique the Social Learning Theory based upon existing child endangerment statistics within the United States?		
Research		
Is your research current ?		
Did you discuss all the required areas in a substantive manner?		
Did you use appropriate reference material to support major statements?		
Quality		
Is your content complete enough to address the topic and questions?		
Is there a logical flow to your ideas?		
Did you present the material in a clear and concise manner to provide easy readability?		
Format		
Did you prepare your project as a Microsoft Word document?		
Did you label your file correctly?		
Did you use APA format to cite your sources?		
Did you check your document for grammar and spelling ?		
Does your Assignment fulfill the length requirements?		