



## Groups in Context

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a) The location of resources can affect employment, due to the affects it will have on the groups studied. It is important for each group in society to have access to resources, which will ultimately assist them in gaining employment. Access to resources such as; TAFE, school and University, ~~are~~ is needed by the specific groups studied to increase their chances of gaining full time employment. If the location of these much needed facilities and resources is not accessible, then it will affect employment and the chances of people with specific needs gaining employment. Education and training facilities, Job agencies, centrelink and other resources that assist people in gaining employment, need to be located in areas that will be



easily accessed by the 11 groups in context. Employment is a special need of these groups and if the location of training & employment facilities are not accessible, then their chances of gaining employment are very limited.

b) Sole Parents are people who are single with one or more children. ~~They~~ Sole parents have many specific needs and require recognition within the community.

- Health needs for sole parents will vary in accordance with the individual. Sole parents are full time carers for their child/ children, and therefore are required to provide for the health needs of themselves and their children. They may require physical health support and services, or emotional and psychological health services depending on their situation and needs.



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Sole parents are at greater risk of poverty than any other family type. This is due to the fact that they are on a single income and are required to financially support themselves and their children. A large majority of sole parents receive a pension or other government benefit, which assists them in providing for basic physical needs. Working or returning to work may be an option for sole parents, but they need to consider the added cost of childcare and decide whether or not they would be better off financially in the paid workforce. Centrelink provides sole parents pension, family allowance and subsidised childcare to all unemployed sole parents. Sole parents need for financial support will vary, but due to the sole income, it is often for them to meet all financial needs on their own.

## ● SENSE OF IDENTITY

It is important for sole parents to meet social, psychological and physical needs of their family. Due to financial restrictions, ~~and~~ it may be hard for the sole parent to be able to attend social functions. They are solely responsible for their children and therefore may not go out very often. As sole parents devote themselves to their children they may experience psychological hardship in maintaining their own sense of Identity. By not participating in social events, they may start to lose their ~~sense~~ sense of Identity which will ~~event~~ effect their feelings of self worth and self esteem.

Sole parents are a group in society who, <sup>often</sup> experience hardship in the many areas of their life. Support services, such as centrelink and health centres, will act as ~~the~~ significant influences and



assistance which ultimately is striving to help sole parents in meeting their specific needs.

c) Youth and Older people are groups in society which often experience equity issues.

The government has introduced various strategies to assist Youth and older people in dealing with equity issues.

Youth may be defined as people ~~from~~ 12 to 25 yrs old. As a group in society who~~a~~ are young, they face various equity issues in areas such as:

employment, acceptance & recognition, societal contributions, ~~and~~ awards and restrictions.

Each issue contributes to the self esteem of youth, which is their greatest need as

There is now a 'rising alarm' over youth suicide.' Employment is a issue of concern for many school-leavers and even



those who are still studying. Award wages and regulations have been introduced to ensure that all youth are treated equally and appropriately within their workplace. It is extremely important for youth to feel accepted and needed. Acceptance contributes to young people's sense of identity and self-esteem. Governments initiate awareness seminars and other supports for youth in the area of acceptance, but no official management strategies have been presented. The Government has released a Youth Affairs Policy Statement which recognises youth as our future leaders. The Statement discusses various strategies in the areas of: education, employment, legal drinking and driving ages, awareness of importance of youth and policies to be activated which will assist young people. The strategies outlined



in the statement evaluate equity issues and what strategies will be implemented to ensure that all Youth are treated with equality. Youth are often viewed by society as "delinquents" or trouble makers, but it is extremely important for Youth to feel needed, accepted and appreciated in many aspects and areas of life. The Government is striving to influence equity and ~~to~~ to eliminate unfair treatment to groups in society.

Older people are those people who are 65+ years of age. It is common for older people to feel under-valued and unappreciated within a community. ~~Diser~~ Age discrimination is a common occurrence within society. Many view the aged as old, frail, and useless, labelling them such names as 'hags';



'old codgers' and the list goes on. Older people also experience equity issues in the area of security and safety. They are often viewed as frail and are ~~often~~ therefore subject to abuse, physically and mentally. It is not common for ~~age~~ older people to be engaged in full time employment, and ~~they~~ it is due to this that they also face financial <sup>hardship</sup> ~~insecurity~~. The Government has produced various management strategies to assist the aged in achieving equity and equality within the community. The Government has <sup>developed</sup> ~~developed~~ an 'Aged care Housing Policy', an 'Age Discrimination Legislation' and The Aged Care Act, which all focus on equity issues in relation to older people. 1999 was the International Year of the Older person, which





Influenced the development of appreciation of older people. Older people were recognised ~~for~~ their contributions to society, and especially their volunteer work. The strategies which have been developed to address the equity issues faced by the Aged, have effectively assisted in the development of a recognition of older people's contributions to society. Equity issues still exist with communities, but the policies and strategies which ~~have~~ have been introduced have influenced the extent to which equity issues develop.

The Aged and Youth are two large groups in society, each contrasting but containing various similarities. Equity issues will always prevail in these groups, but the Government is striving to eliminate ~~them~~ the extent to which they prevail.