**Critical Issue Article – December 3rd**

For this assignment you will be synthesizing the research you completed in your literature review (research paper) and you interview to outline a gap or need present in the prevention or intervention of you issue? (What does the research recommend, but is not happening in reality?) You will be writing an article (written report and persuasive text) in which you are writing to an audience of non-experts on your issue. Your goal is to:

1. Present how this is a prevalent issue in today’s society
2. Present interview findings
3. Identify a gap or need in the services (either prevention or intervention)
4. Support this gap through your research
5. Make recommendations based on interview and research findings

Your article must:

* Be between **700 and 800** words and follow the codes and conventions of an article covered in class (see rubric for specific criteria)
* Have visually appealing **surface quality** – look like an article
* Incorporate **at least 3 direct quotes** from your interview
* Include supporting statistics and facts cited by author/ publisher

Outline:

Set up the problem: Use supporting statistics from research to hook in the audience that this is an important issue affecting today’s youth

Identify why the problem is relevant in today’s society: What are some of the possible risk factors or consequences that can result from this issue?

Quoting interviewee: Introduce with a quote. Be sure to include the qualifications of the individual to authenticate your article (make sure the reader knows they’re reliable)

Identify gap/ need: Based on your interview and the research you have conducted – what is the existing need for your issue. This can be preventative or an intervention.

Supporting facts: Support your statement with facts and research findings to provide validity to the your statement and to the opinions of the interviewee

Recommendations: Prevention and intervention strategy suggestions from the interviewee and supported by research.