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## ABSTRACT

**VALIENTE, FRANCIS PAUL L. Challenges and Positive Attitudes Of Social Workers in Handling Physically – Challenged Individuals in Selected Residential Care Centers in Cavite.** Undergraduate Thesis, Bachelor of Science in Social Work. Cavite State University, Indang Cavite. May 2017. Adviser: Ms. Imelda R. Filart, RPh.

The study entitled: “Challenges And Positive Attitudes Of Social Workers In Handling Physically-Challenged Individuals in Selected Residential Care Center in Cavite” aimed; 1) To gather some of the positive attitudes applied by the Social Worker in handling physically-challenged individuals; 2) To understand and analyze the situation of the Social Worker in handling the physically-challenged individuals; and 3) To explore the experiences and challenges of the Social Worker in dealing with the physically-challenged individuals. This study utilized narrative research method, which was used to answer the problems of the study. The research study was conducted in four (4) selected Residential Care Centers or institution in the province of Cavite, namely: Brothers of Christ in Brgy. Biclatan Gen. Trias City; Chosen Children Village Foundation, Inc. in Lalaan 2, Silang; Buhal ng Kapayapaan Missionaries of Charity brothers in Inocencio Trece Martires City; and Bahay San Raphael in Salaban, San Ricardo Pampuri Center, Amadeo with six (6) participants who are registered Social Workers who have one year of experience working with physically – challenged individuals

The Social Workers view their positive attitudes as like of patience, open mindedness and flexibility. Other participants consider positivity itself is one of their way to deal with the challenges and task as a Social Worker handling physically-challenged individuals.

Likewise, the Social Workers consider their task as challenging yet fulfilling and the word empathy is one of the escalated terms according to the participants view. To deal with their clientele; they will end up with the quote *“papano ko ba maipa-intindi ito sa kanila sa paraang maiintindihan nila.”* Reflecting on the founding philosophy of social work “believes in human inherent worth and dignity”, they treat their clientele as a normal person with chance and opportunity to improve and move forward in life. Some of the participants consider motherly love and compassion as one way of dealing with their clients to provide care and guidance towards their development.

On the other hand, most of the participants admitted that handling physically-challenged individuals as clientele is indeed challenging. It tests the whole well-being of the person handling them. The challenges and difficulty they has encountered are, multi-tasking, admin work and case management, linking for adoption, the level of understanding of the clients, behavioral and disciplinary actions, facilitating and educating basic actions, and lastly controlled emotional involvement.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The world requires a lot of strength to live. Humans in the society strive to live and to fit in this ever-changing society. Animals also go all-out to survive in this critical world. Animals would kill not to be killed. In this unkind world everything is possible. Anything may happen. No one can predict how things will be or what is going to happen next; no one knows and no one can tell that one day, someone will be born walk in a chair with wheels on it, to live in the dark world where images do not exist, to have a twisted foot that makes it hard or even, impossible to walk straight or, to speak with gestures. Some call them blessings for strong sense of faith, but they are the ones called Persons with Disability (PWDs).

In born or by fate, PWDs have worth and dignity, and it is obviously a concern for the social work profession. Being a Social Worker is a tough job that requires a lot of knowledge and skills in handling clients, especially PWDs who are physically-challenged. It also requires positive attitudes to deal with them. It is a catalyst and it