Employment in Community Psychology
The Diversity of Opportunity

By Clifford R O'Donnell, Joseph R Ferrari

© 2000 – Routledge
154 pages
About the Book

Discover the first book on employment opportunities in community psychology! Employment in Community Psychology: The Diversity of Opportunity is the first psychology career reference book for undergraduate psychology majors deciding on graduate schools, for graduate students in psychology seeking employment, and for psychology faculty advising their students. This book answers the questions “What can you do with a graduate degree in community psychology?” and “Who employs community psychologists?” Employment in Community Psychology addresses these questions through examples of graduates educated in community psychology and employed in diverse applied, research, and academic settings. In Employment in Community Psychology, you will explore the diversity of community psychology employment opportunities through the stories of current graduate students, community psychologists on their first job, and psychologists who have well-established positions in community research and action. Each experience is told in a story-telling style allowing the reader to grasp a deeper understanding of the employment opportunities that cannot be obtained through abstract description alone. Some of the experiences that highlight opportunities in the field include:

working in the Institute for Families in Society at the University of South Carolina as a Research Associate
working as a researcher at the Korea Institute of Social Psychiatry
to determine how primary prevention and action research can be applied to the promotion of adolescent mental health in Korean society
doctoral studies that developed into the first community psychology position focusing on the issues of social justice and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups in Australian town
non-traditional academic positions in psychology working as a social worker for Native non-profit health corporation in Alaska
a policy-oriented community psychologist, or a c.p. in the disabilities field
entering a second career in community psychology at mid-life

Employment in Community Psychology is an essential tool for undergrads and graduate students considering a career in community psychology. The rich palette of community psychology experiences that are laid out for the career researcher and advisor are sure to assist students in deciding what area of community psychology they would like to pursue.

Table of Contents

Contents

Employment Opportunities in Community Research and Action
Twenty Cents and a New Way of Thinking
The Pinjarra Massacre Site Project: From Doctoral Student to Community Consultant
Research and Evaluation Consulting
Education and Employment in Rural Alaska
Practicing What We Preach: Integrating Community Psychology into the Job and Search Process
Community Psychology Graduate Employment in Aotearoa New Zealand
The Application of Community Psychology Principles in Diverse Settings
Community Research and Action in a Local United Way Organization
Program Evaluation and Prevention in Child Welfare
Making Dreams Come True
What a Long, Strange Trip It’s Been: The Career Path of a Policy-Oriented Community Psychologist
Employment as a Community Psychologist in a University-Based Research Institute
Building Communities with People Who Have Disabilities
Breaking Fresh Ground: School-Based Primary Prevention in Korea
Putting a Toe in the Water
Research, Teaching, and Service in Applied, Multidisciplinary Academic Programs and in Community Organizations
Diversity of Opportunity, Consensus of Experience
Index
Reference Notes Included