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Quotations Sheet

The Quote:

The Explanation:

<p>“Recent studies estimate that about one half to three fourths of homeless adults have at least one ADM (mental) disorder: Between 12% and 39% have an alcohol problem only, from 5% to 40% are mentally ill without associated alcohol or drug problems” (Fischer 1).</p>	<p>This shows that even though, yes, some homeless adults are alcoholics, this may not be the main cause of their homelessness. This is because there are also homeless adults who do not suffer from this or other addictions, but however, are mentally ill.</p>
<p>“Although psychiatric diagnosis is generally accepted as the “gold standard,” the psychiatric examination procedure is difficult to standardize; thus reliability may be reduced in the absence of strict standards. Moreover, assessment by clinicians is expensive and time consuming and, constantly, not well-adapted to large-scale population surveys. As a result, clinical assessments are infrequently used” (Fischer 2).</p>	<p>So even though the diagnosis is greatly accepted among our society, it is difficult to test the homeless adults. Also because theses examinations are costly and require plenty amount of time as well as cooperation these assessments are not usually used. Since there are no results, one is unable to identify if a person is homeless because they are mentally ill. This can lead to a person remaining homeless because they cannot help themselves.</p>

<p>“Standardized instruments have generally not been normalized in homeless populations and may lack applicability” (Fischer, 2).</p>	<p>Therefore, there will be little corporation from the homeless adult to realize if they have a mental illness and help themselves out of the streets.</p>
<p>“Not all persons with ADM problems seek help, and those who enter care may not be typical.” 2</p>	<p>This can lead to a homeless person to remain homeless because they are unable to understand that they have an illness.</p>
<p>“Homeless alcohol-dependent persons have substantially higher prevalence of other psychiatric disorders and were more impaired in their social and vocational functioning” (Fischer 3)</p>	<p>This shows that alcohol-dependent persons are in a higher risk of becoming or remaining homeless because they are unable to function in the outside world.</p>
<p>“There are some indicators that they may have had difficulties in childhood and adolescence” (Fischer 3).</p>	<p>This provides us with evidence that not all alcoholic homeless are in the streets because they simply have a drinking problem. Some might have a deeper reason to their alcoholism.</p>
<p>“The dependent variables were created by factor analyzing the following reasons for homelessness identified by the study participants: no money, no job (unemployed)...evicted or asked to leave last place of residence...” (Fischer 3).</p>	<p>With the a person can conclude that a person does not choose to be homeless, but rather is placed in this position due to one or multiple hardships in their life such as those listed above.</p>

<p>“The more frequent a person has been homeless the more likely they are to report the following reasons: interpersonal-conflict, health problems, and social safety net failure” (Canadian Journal of Urban Research 3).</p>	<p>A person does not choose the difficult life of being homeless. This acutance is due to outside or inside factors that the person was unable to prevent during that time.</p>
<p>“<i>Voy a ser uno de los “homeless.”</i> It did not seem right to him that a man who had loved to read, a man with <i>Crimen y Castigo</i> and <i>El Idiota</i> and the countless other works of real literature scattered on the floor of his apartment, would be called this ugly word” (Tobar 5).</p>	<p>Antonio, the protagonist in the novel <i>The Tattooed Soldier</i>, is ashamed to be considered homeless and just the thought and sound of this idea fills his body with embarrassment and disgust.</p>
<p>“But no, he could only blame himself for this fiasco, for having failed at the mathematics of his finances...But now Mr. Hwang was threatening to call the marshals, the police of eviction.” (Tobar 5).</p>	<p>This provides us with the evidence that no one chooses to be homeless. It it’s the outcome of stressful events that pulls a person into the darkness of homelessness. Eviction, the lack of financial funds and having nowhere else to go is a factor that can lead to homelessness.</p>