**Essay Instructions**

**Topic/ statement pertaining to disability:**

*A HYOTHECTICAL family of a child with autism propose funding for supports that are o’t focused on fixing/curing autism and that does not include Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) and Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI).*

\*The essay **must be written from a social model and/or disability justice model of disability perspective** (review class notes that I have attached to ensure you fully understand this perspective, if you do not already know what this is).

**Instructions:**

\*Support this hypothetical position with examples and evidence.

* Demonstrate depth of understanding of the issue (including an understanding of opposing arguments).
* Draw on and use effective utilization of all 4 relevant sources provided (where you see fit) with proper apa in-text citations and page numbers.
* Make every attempt to relate to the social and/or disability justice models of disability.

**INTRODUCTION: Put your main point on top**

* You need a strong opening paragraph, or “lead,” to hook readers.
* Include an introductory sentence.
* State purpose of the paper and provide a brief outline of the paper.
* Be clear and concise.
* Get to the point and convince the reader that it’s worth their valuable time to continue.

**BODY:**

**Tell people why they should care:**

* Demonstrate depth of understanding of the issue (including an understanding of opposing arguments).
* Identify and articulate the fundamental assumptions, objectives and issues of principle invoked by this hypothetical proposition.
* Try to address in your statments the implications not only for autistic children (hypothetically), but for the broader disability community.
* Explain how this can related to equitable distribution of economic resources as well as an issue of ablest assumptions about disability.
* At the end of every few paragraphs, ask out loud: “So what? Who cares?”
* You need to answer these questions. Perhaps your suggestions help promote inclusion? End ableism? Promote social equity?
* Clear, persuasive and engaging reasoning in defence of the hypothetical position statement provided.

**Offer specific recommendations:**

* How to improve matters?
* How can autistic children be supported without being further institutionalized or normalized to fit in with society? Remember to use a social model perspective for this disability.
* Offer recommendations. What are the alternatives to ABA and IBI for autistic children?
* How can we promote your recommendations/alternatives?

**Showing is better than discussing:**

* Include examples that will bring your argument to life.
* Use the news stories in the resources I provided and the other relevant sources attached (using proper apa in-text citations, with page numbers).

**Acknowledge the other side:**

* Take a small moment to acknowledge the ways in which hypothetical opponents who are against it may be right.
* Do not pile on one reason after another, for example, why they’re right and their opponents are wrong.

**Use short sentences and paragraphs:**

* Use simple, accessible language andrely mainly on short declarative sentences.
* Cut long paragraphs into two or more shorter ones.

**Avoid jargon:**

* Uses simple, accessible language rather than jargon or academese.
* If a technical detail is not essential to your argument, don’t use it.
* You will need to explain some terms (ABA and IBI, ableism) but do so in plain language.

**Use the active voice:**

* Don't write: “Some hoped that [or: One would hope that] …” Instead, say “One may hope …”

**CONCLUSION:**

**Strong Finish:**

* Summarize your argument in a strong final paragraph.
* Conclude with a phrase or thought that appeared in the opening, thereby closing the circle.

**Technical Guidelines:**

* Use 6th edition APA Publication Manual to guide writing including:
	+ use of proper page numbers, margins, double spacing, in-text citing, reference page, grammar, spelling, sentence structure, scholarly writing.
	+ Provide PAGE NUMBERS to in-text citations. Do not use direct quotes, use paraphrasing.