STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER 1 INTERVIEW

**SECTION B: INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

**Would you kindly share your understanding of the concept of absent?**

Mm, student absenteeism is bunking of classes or absconding.

**what is your experience to introduce students in your college**? Ohm like in girls, hmm, we have students who are experiencing menstruations for the first time in tertiary. So sometimes they get frustrated at some point and decide not to come to school or college when they are on their periods. Because, ohm, I don’t know, it seems this has a stigma or maybe they are afraid to come out and talk to their lecturers to say, I am experiencing this and that, how do I deal with it? Or how do I go about it. Their attendance is very bad.

**what factors have you found to be influencing absenteeism amongst the NCV student in your college**?

Mostly is peer pressure, socio-economic conditions like issues of finances, parents getting divorce and child getting frustrated in the middle of the process. Mmmm, yah, is finances and our students are going through a lot. **Another factor?** Some students have a tendency of influencing each other to say, no man, let’s not attend this class we will attend tomorrow, let’s go and drink. Some students are experiencing life in big cities like Pretoria, our students are mostly from rural areas like Giyani, Eastern Cape, and other provinces. So when they come this side, their experiencing life at another level, so peer pressure turns to be much of an influence.

**what have you found to be the effect of absenteeism amounts the NCV students?**

It leads to drop out and it also leads to high failure rate.

**from your personal perspective how do you support the NCV students that show signs of absenteeism?**

Ah so it’s not enough, I think we need to do more, like continuous counseling for students who are having problems from home. We need to talk to our students with issues such as peer pressure, we need to have guidance with them, we need to have educate our girls students, those who are experiencing menstruations for the first time.

**how does the college address the elements of absenteeism among the NCV students?**

Mmmm, as I was saying, I was looking at our policy and our policy is really no ok. at to address these issues management mention guidance people it’s not even mentioned code of conduct so it does not happen as much

**Do you think student absenteeism came to addressed in TVET colleges?**

a little bit how can it be addressed faculty continuous assessment social economic clock friends at home what parents are hi jimo pause so we need consider social workers yeah help yeah thank you Sir for agreeing to take part in the interview we have come to the end of our interview