Kateb University

Deputy of the Student's Affairs

Student Development Center

Kateb Counseling Center

Report of:

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2019

Annual Report Kateb University Counseling Center (2019)

Introduction:

Kateb University Student Counseling Center was established to offer services to Kateb University students and all other students across Afghanistan.

This counseling center and its diverse activities are designed to promote mental, emotional and social health of students by offering training on preventive and therapeutic measures and building up academic and research abilities of students at Kateb University.

In light of the above mission, Kateb Counseling Center aims to promote mental, emotional and social health of students by holding workshops, publishing Payame Moshaver periodical and conducting face-to-face and online interviews.

Objectives of Kateb Counseling Center:

The main goals of Kateb Counseling Center are to improve people's lifestyles in Afghanistan, promote the level of mental, moral, spiritual and educational health of students and society and prevent psychosocial harms and disorders.

Expert counselors of the center in 2019

- 1. Dr. Bagher Rezaei (associate professor), PhD in Clinical Psychology, was graduated from Shahed University of Tehran. He is a professor at the Faculty of Psychology, and Department of Counseling at Shahid Rabbani University of Education.
- 2. Mr. Jafar Ahmadi holds a Master's degree in Exceptional Children Education and Disorders from the University of Tehran. He is a faculty member at the Faculty of Vocational Training, and Pre-School Department at Shahid Rabbani University of Education
- 3. Mrs. Somayeh Mahmoudi holds a Master's degree in Family Counseling from Al-Zahra University, Iran. She is a lecturer at higher education institutes and advisor to the human resources department of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs

Mr. Hamidollah Sharifi holds a Master's degree in Educational and Curriculum Planning from the Jameat al-Mustafa University in Iran. He works as a researcher and lecturer at Jameat al-Mustafa University, Kabul Branch.

Activities of Kateb University Counseling Center in 2019

Kateb Counseling Center organized more than 380 hours of counseling sessions for students of Kateb University and other clients in 2019-2020 academic year.

The main activities of Kateb Counseling Center in 2019 are as follows:

- 1. **Counseling**: The 380 hours of counseling offered in 2019 covered a diversity of subjects such as academic counseling, emotional counseling, family counseling, marriage counseling, clinical counseling, social counseling, etc.
- -2 Payame Moshavar: Kateb Counseling Center, apart from its main mission of providing counseling services, publishes the Payame Moshavar periodical, which addresses student problems. In 2-019, issues 9 and 10 of Payame Moshavar were released.
- 3- **Workshops**: This center holds educational workshops about the basic problems of students and possible solutions in a practical way.
- 4- **Disciplinary Committee**: For students sent to the disciplinary committee for a variety of reasons such as cheating in exams, getting into fights and screaming obscenities at classrooms or at the university campus, disturbing university programs or order, flouting university rules, and sabotaging the properties of the university or other students, among other things, Kateb Counseling Center holds counseling sessions that are intended to mitigate psychological disorders, anxiety and phobias of students by equipping them with appropriate problem-solving and anger management strategies.
- 5. Posting motivational and inspirational messages on the Facebook page of Kateb Counseling Center.
- 6. Online counseling services.

Note: It is worth mentioning that the information of the clients at Kateb Counseling Center is confidential

Counseling:

Counselors play an active role in providing counseling services at Kateb University. Counseling Center provides individual, group, academic and career counseling services. Therefore, university counselors must be adequately trained and skilled at various fields such as teamwork, prevention and intervention strategies, skills training, and interpersonal relationships.

The services provided by counselors can contribute to the educational, academic and emotional development of students from diverse cultural, social and economic backgrounds with a broad range of educational abilities and motivations.

Some psychologists believe that many students will experience academic failure or drop out of the university due to unawareness of the university curriculum, incorrect selection of courses, lack of motivation, etc.

They point out that counseling services at the university should tackle a variety of issues such as, educational policies, time management, development of communication skills, building relationships, reducing stress, health and well-being, job search, decision-making skills, goal setting and motivation.

Counseling programs at Kateb University represents a continuous and dynamic process tailored to the developmental requirements of all students.

Mechanism of service provision at Kateb Counseling Center

Counseling services are free for all students of Kateb University. To make a reservation, students visit the public relations office of the university, make an appointment and refer to the counseling center at the scheduled time.

Individual counseling includes:

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Students referring to the counselors at Kateb University discussed a vast array of issues such as depression, lack of self-confidence, lack of motivation or academic planning, pessimism and doubt, fear, stress, anxiety, aggression, etc., Kateb counselors help these students to achieve psychological balance and peace during counseling sessions.

- How do negative and obsessive thoughts change?
- What is the reason behind the urgent need to win the approval of others in different fields?
- What effect does communication skills training have on people's decision making?

Academic counseling

Academic counseling is particularly important for students as it boosts their chance of academic success.

Proper academic counseling can assist students in the following ways:

Improved memory and learning skills, selection of the right field of study at university, time management, stress reduction, intelligence enhancement, self-confidence development, group learning, nota-taking and summarizing methods, learning disability treatment, foreign language teaching methods, proper communications with classmates, and treatment of amnesia and exam anxiety.

Family Counseling

Given the natural distinctions between men and women in the domains such as thoughts, behavior and psychology, it is only natural for couples to run into conflicts and disputes in their marital life. Therefore, learning how to manage and solve these problems is of paramount importance.

Specialists at Kateb Counseling Center offers essential counseling to the students in connection with these issues.

- What are the behavioral differences between men and women?
- What are the main roots of marital disputes?

- How effective is learning the principles of empathy in marital relationships?

Providing online consulting services through the Facebook page of Kateb University

Many students and ordinary people, both in Kabul and in the provinces, due to work-related issues and busy schedules, time constraint, traffic congestion in Kabul, insecurity in the country, and unavailability of professional and experienced psychologists and counselors in their neighborhood, are unable to access the services and support of psychologists. For this reason, the online counseling center was established via the Facebook page of Kateb University. That people who require counseling in the fields of family, education, job, etc., send a message describing the nature of their problem to the inbox of the Kateb Counseling Center, and the counselors at this center will respond to their messages in the shortest possible time. Thanks to its competent team of counselors and psychologists, Kateb University has been able to answer abundant questions and solve the problems of our dear compatriots through online counseling services.

2. **Payame Moshaver**: Kateb Counseling Center has a periodical called Payame Moshaver. In 2019, issues 9 and 10 of this periodical were released and distributed among students.





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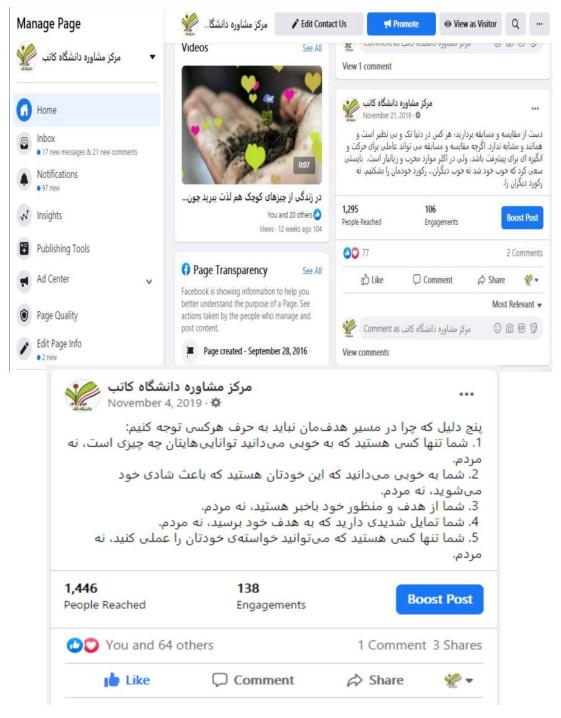








5. Posting motivational-inspirational and psychological messages on Facebook page of Kateb University Center



6. Online counseling: Kateb Counseling Center provides online and free counseling to people who cannot attend in-person therapy sessions.

