

# Week 2 - Assignment

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- **Due** Aug 17 by 11:59pm
  - **Points** 15
  - **Submitting** an external tool
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## Lobbying Plan Foundations

Take a look ahead to Week 6 and see where we are going as we prepare for the final assignment for the course. The first two written assignments are building blocks towards the end-product assignment. Attention to detail the first several weeks will make the end product for the course easier in the draft and final stages. There is a lot of material to cover, and some of it can be complex, especially if you have never done research in this area. Get a feel for the final assignment, and you will find the preliminary assignments walk you right through the entire process.

For this assignment, you have two parts: selecting a topic and conducting preliminary research on the topic.

### Part 1: Brief Introduction

Choose one of the following issues to develop a lobbying plan to your state representatives:

- Mental health parity
- Privacy of mental health records
- Reimbursement for couples/family therapy
- Medicare reimbursement for professional counselors
- Prescription privileges for psychologists

Develop a 100- to 200-word introduction about your topic. Briefly describe the issue upon which you will later develop your lobbying plan. What is the current status of this issue in your state today?

### Part 2: Annotated Bibliography

Search the Ashford University Library databases and the Internet to find sources to create a preliminary reference list for your research project paper. Construct an APA-style annotated bibliography with a minimum of:

- a. Ten peer-reviewed journal articles published within the last ten years.
- b. Five reputable web site resources. This would include web sites from professional organizations (e.g., American Psychological Association),

governmental agencies or clearinghouses (e.g., Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services), or academic institutions (e.g., Ashford University). Encyclopedia-type resources or those with questionable reliability (e.g., Wikipedia) should not be used.

c. After the citation for each source, write a short paragraph (100-200 words each) applying the main points to your lobbying plan.

The Learning Services Writing Center can help you with the structure of your assignment.

Take a look at this [annotated bibliography tutorial \(Links to an external site.\)](#) from the Writing Center to help you get started, and feel free to use [this annotated bibliography template \(Links to an external site.\)](#) to guide the format of your paper. The Ashford Library has access to the EBSCOhost and ProQuest databases, and more. Click on the Library link on the left-hand side navigation to access the Ashford University Library, these databases, and contact information for the library staff.