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Summary of a Research titled

Social Group Work and the Development of Youth Leadership Skills

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I- Introduction to the Problem of the Study:

Youth is a very important category of society. They assume the responsibility of development and progress in society because they are characterized by their dynamic nature and tendency to renewal and modernization. It is the nature of their age and their developmental stage. Accordingly, the society has important responsibility to prepare them very well through developing their abilities, and to provide them with positive values using the newest means and methods of knowledge, science and training.

II- The Theoretical Guidelines of the Study:

The developmental approach is the guideline on which the current study depends.

III- Statement of the Problem of the Study:

"What is the role of Social Work in developing youth leadership skills?"

IV- Significance of the Study:

The study contributes in the knowledge enrichment of the Social Work Method through focusing on developing the youths' leadership skills as a creative human energy in the society.

V- Goals of the Study:

- 1- To define the most important leadership skills for youths.
- 2- To define the obstacles limiting the development of youth leadership skills.
- 3- To present a suggested vision from Social Work perspective for developing youth leadership skills.

VI- Questions of the Study:

1. What are the most important leadership skills for youths?
2. What are the obstacles limiting the development of youth leadership skills?

3. What is the suggested vision from Social Work perspective for developing youth leadership skills?

VII- **Concepts of the Study:**the following are the major concepts related to the study:

- a. Youth,
- b. Developing leadership skills,
- c. Skill, and
- d. Leadership.

VIII-**Theoretical Framework of the Study:**

This study treats the following topics in its theoretical framework:

- a. The most important leadership skills of youths and the basic obstacles of their development.
- b. Social Group Work and the development of youth leadership skills.

IX- **Methodology of the Study:**

A. **Type of the Study:**descriptive analytical study.

B. **Method of the Study:**the comprehensive social survey.

C. **Tools of the Study:**a questionnaire form

D. **Fields of the Study:**

Location of the Study: The office of "Future Youth" in the Directorate of Youth and Sports.

Human scope:

- A comprehensive statistics for all male and female youths who are members of "Future Youth" office in the Directorate of Youth and Sports.

- Purposive sample of experts and professional practitioners and academic professionals (n=100).

Duration of the Study:

Period taken for data-collection: from 19th January, 2014 till 19th February, 2014.

Results of the Study:

The study showed the following results:

- 1- There are a set of leadership skills represented in communication, ability to make decisions, voluntary participation, negotiation and teamwork skills.
- 2- The study reached a suggested vision based on the scientific principles of Social Group Work method for developing leadership skills of youth.