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Quality of Life Issues in Northwest Indiana – Red Flag Laws and Animal Cruelty

Students enrolled in this capstone will serve as consultants to the *Humane Society of Hobart, Indiana* concerning the long-term viability, economic, social and community enhancement of reporting and assisting in identifying possible future actions. The connection between animal cruelty and future violent human behavior is well documented. The main objective of this capstone project will be to collect, analyze and recommend steps to assist improving local policies in in Northwest Indiana to identify and assist individuals that may have animal cruelty tendencies before committing future violence.

This capstone project will have three (3) main components:

- 1) Analysis of previous “red flag laws” projects/programs that will include a program evaluation,
- 2) consider future community enhancement projects which will require review of best practices from Indiana and other areas,
- 3) propose a plan for human capital development and an action plan that includes the Humane Society of Hobart, regional and state officials.