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Final Project Design Decision

Web Client-Side Programming

With this website I want to be able to help the people of New Jersey with getting connected to professional help that they need. In today’s Corona filled world people have been statistically getting more depressed and addled with mental problems caused by being shut-in more. My website aim’s to gather a list of professionals, list their specialties, and offer insight into how they treat you. The goal of this site would be to allow people to have easier access to mental health services as well as provide themselves with information about the psychologist so they better know how their treatment will go.

When interviewing people for this site one of the most common things listed as a necessity was types of treatment and distance from the office. One of the biggest issues for people was accessibility and motivation for treatment, it was hard for some people to leave the house for treatment if they knew that they would have to drive far. There was also a lot of interest in written reviews for the therapists so that they could feel they knew the doctor and their methods better. Finally it was suggested that I also add links to suicide hotlines for emergencies and a section for frequently asked questions to better clarify certain things to users.

For this site I interviewed 4 people who gave relatively similar responses. One thing that really stood out to me that I would have never considered was the suicide hotline number. This really stood out because 3 out of 4 of them suggested this without being prompted. This further stands out because when I looked at other sites similar to my idea, none of them listed a suicide hotline but clearly there are people that would want that. The other things that stood out was how people really wanted to know the distance of the office. All 4 of them expressed this was an important part of their decision making.

I plan to address these issues by simply adding a location based distance teller. The user can put their address or town into the map and it will tell them how far they are from each location. As for the other stand out statement I plan to leave the top of the page for the home page to have numbers for immediate help as well as provide links to other sites for people who are feeling more extreme.