Appendix U- Scholarly Research in Social Work

Search for scholarly journal articles in the following EbscoHost databases, which provide links to articles in other EbscoHost databases:

**Academic Search Premier**
- The world’s largest academic multi-disciplinary database.
- Provides full text for more than 3,600 peer-reviewed titles.

**SocINDEX with Full Text**
- The world's most comprehensive and highest quality sociology research database.

**PsycInfo**
- Considered the most thorough scholarly Psychology electronic databases.

**Social Work Abstracts**
- Contains more than 45,000 records, spanning 1977 to the present, from social work and other related disciplines.

**Exercise #1- Keyword Searching with Limits: SocIndex with Full Text**
- From the library’s home page, select **Find Articles**.
- Select **S** then SocIndex with Full Text.
- Enter the terms **adolescents** and **trauma**.

**Search Screen**
- Choose - *Posttraumatic Stress as a Mediator of the Relationship Between Trauma and Mental Health Problems Among Juvenile Delinquents.*

**IMPORTANT:** Always limit to Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals.
Narrowing and Broadening Techniques: Use more specific terminology and use terms exactly as they appear.

- Search using the terms found in the subjects: Post-traumatic stress disorder and Adolescent psychology.

- Choose - Exposure to 9/11 Among Youth and Their Mothers in New York City: Enduring Associations With Mental Health and Sociopolitical Attitudes.

- Use each Detailed Record as a mini-database to find related articles:
  
  A. Click on the hyperlinked name of each author.
  B. Look at the subject terms displayed.
  C. Click on the Cited References Link.
  D. Click on the hyperlinked name of the journal.
A. Click on the hyperlinked name of each author to view his or her other works available in this database. Scholars often publish several articles on the same topic.

B. Look at the subject terms displayed. Using Subject Terms as keywords in future searches represents the best way to narrow or broaden your search.

C. Click on the Cited References (31) link and you will obtain all the references that the authors used to write this article.

D1. Click on the hyperlinked title of the journal: Child Development and you obtain the record for this journal.

D2. Click on Search within this publication.

D3. By searching for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder in the search box, you will obtain 12 articles that have this term in the journal: Child Development.
Exercise #2- Keyword Searching and Finding Full Text: SocIndex with Full Text

- From the library’s home page, select Find Articles.
- Select SocIndex with Full Text.
- Enter the terms assimilation and family violence.
- Select Hmong Immigrants' Perceptions of Family Secrets and Recipients of Disclosure.
- To obtain the full-text for this article click on Check LinkSource for more information. (LinkSource allows you to see if the full text for an article is available from another Widener online resource.)

ProQuest Results:

Click here to obtain the full text

Exercise #3–Finding Information about Social Problems and Social Policy on the Internet

Identify Government and private agencies that address the social problem that you are studying and consult that agency’s website:

1. Finding a Government Agency through a Search Engine:
   →Problem: Mental Illness
   - Go to www.google.com and select Advanced Search.
   - In the --search within a site or domain—box, enter .gov – This ensures that all of your results will come from U.S. Government Sites.
   - In the Search Box enter the term Mental Health and then click search.
Choose National Institute of Mental Health (NAMH) 

Click on Outreach and click on Outreach Partnership Programs.

Select National Partners. You obtain a list of over 80 National Organizations, each offering programs to help people with Mental Illness.

![National Partners](image)

2. Finding Policy and legislative Information from an agency’s website:
   →Problem: Teenagers and Foster Care

   Go to the Child Welfare League of America -- http://www.cwla.org/

   Select Practice Areas and click on Family Foster Care.

   Click on Critical Issues.
3. Finding Legislation from a legislative Website:
   
   o Go to Thomas [http://Thomas.loc.gov](http://Thomas.loc.gov) – the legislative site of the Library of Congress:
   
   o Select -- Search Multiple, Previous Congresses:

   **Search Bill Text from Multiple Congresses**

   Choose 106th Congress (1999-2000)

   The final version of the bill.
Choose- Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.R.3443.ENR] [PDF]

Search for the term Foster Care and select 111th and 112th Congresses to obtain current legislation. Results: 9 bills containing Foster Care in 111th Congress (2009-2010) and 112th Congress (2011-2012).

1. [111th] CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010 (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [S.3817.ENR] [PDF]
2. [111th] Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 3101 of title 31, United States Code, is... (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.J.RES.45.ENR] [PDF]
3. [111th] Serve America Act (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.R.1388.ENR] [PDF]
4. [111th] Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010, revising the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2009, and setting forth the appropriate... (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [S.CON.RES.13.ENR] [PDF]
5. [111th] Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.R.2.ENR] [PDF]
6. [111th] Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.R.3590.ENR] [PDF]
7. [111th] Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.R.1105.ENR] [PDF]
8. [111th] Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010 (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.R.3288.ENR] [PDF]
9. [112th] Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (Enrolled Bill [Final as Passed Both House and Senate] - ENR) [H.R.1473.ENR] [PDF]

Additional Resources:

Social Work Subject Guide

Preferred Terms for Life Stages/Age Groups

Take Home Guide to APA Style

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