



Social Work: A Guide to Selected Resources

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Encyclopedias

Cambridge Encyclopedia of Child Development Reference HQ767.9 .C352 2005
Covers topics from prenatal development to education, pediatrics, neuroscience, theories and research methods to physical development, social development, cognitive development, psychopathology, and parenting. It also looks at cultural issues, sex differences, and the history of child development.

The Encyclopedia of Aging: A Comprehensive Resource in Gerontology and Geriatrics 4th edition
Reference HQ1061 .E53 2006
This single-volume encyclopedia contains entries on health, and the psychological and sociological aspects of the aging process. Signed articles, written by gerontologists from various fields. Good list of resources.

Encyclopedia of Human Development Reference HM626 .E53 2006
Covers topics as diverse as adolescence, cognitive development, education, family, gender differences, identity, longitudinal research, personality development, prenatal development, temperament, and more. Highlights classic studies and theories and provides brief biographies of notable researchers and theorists.

Encyclopedia of Social Work 20th edition Reference HV12 .E53 2008
An authoritative collection of entries on social work topics, including population groups, social work history, its leaders, and future trends. Includes excellent bibliographies on each topic. Appendices include biographies and a subject index.

Encyclopedia of Sociology Reference HM425 .E5 2000
Available online through PITT*Cat*
This five-volume reference work provides essays on topics in the field of sociology and related areas.

Gale Encyclopedia of Childhood & Adolescence Reference HQ772 .G27 1998
Provides entries on topics related to the psychology and development of children and adolescents.

International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family Reference HQ9 .E52 2003
Available online through PITT*Cat*
This multi-volume encyclopedia contains entries on many subjects related to family life, from many different perspectives.

Social Work Almanac 2nd edition Reference HV90 .G53 1995
Almanac includes entries discussing recent data on demographics, children, crime and corrections, education, health and mortality, mental illness, aging, social welfare, and professional issues. Published by the National Association of Social Workers.

Dictionaries & Handbooks

Biographical Dictionary of Social Welfare in America Reference HV27 .B57 1986
A collection of biographical information on individuals important in the field.

The Dictionary of Family Psychology and Family Therapy Reference RC488.5.D525 1993
A dictionary providing definitions for terms related to family psychotherapy and the psychology of family.

Handbook of Empirical Social Work Practice Reference HV43 .H316 1998
A summary compilation of empirical research with relevance to the practice of social work. Includes numerous references, as well as author and subject indices.

The Social Work Dictionary Reference HV12 .B37 2003
A comprehensive dictionary for terms in the social work field. It includes definitions on over 5,000 terms. Provides descriptions of social work organizations, concepts, philosophies, disorders, and legislation important to the profession. Also includes biographies of leaders important to the profession over the past four hundred years. Includes the NASW Code of Ethics.

Directories

***Locate under “Find Articles” tab, then click “By TITLE” under Databases.**

Directory of Clinical Social Workers *
Electronic version of *NASW Register of Clinical Social Workers*.

Public Human Services Directory Reference HV89 .A55
Provides a listing of federal, state, and local public agencies that administer medical assistance, child welfare and temporary assistance for families, etc.

Statistical Sources

Social Work: Sources of Statistics <http://www.csulb.edu/library/subj/swork/sworkejournals.html>

Statistical Handbook on Adolescents in America Reference HQ796 .S8237 1996
Defines adolescents as those individuals age 12 to 21 years old. Includes tables, charts, and graphs on demographics, health, parent-adolescent relations, education, quality of life, deviance, and sex. Good subject index.

Statistical Handbook on Aging Americans Reference HQ1064 .U5S695 1994
Provides numerous charts and tables, based in part on U.S. census information. Includes demographics, social and health characteristics, and economic data. Good list of data resources and index.

Statistical Handbook on Women in America Reference HQ1420 .T34 1996
Provides tables, charts, and graphs on demographics, health, and economic data. Data based in part on information gathered by government agencies.

Indexes & Databases

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Child Welfare Information Gateway <http://www.childwelfare.gov/>
Enables public to search clearinghouse’s documents database, which includes over 22,000 records; the Prevention Program’s Database, which has information on over 400 community-based child abuse programs, and the National Directory of Child Abuse and Neglect Treatment Programs.

PsycINFO *
This database is the electronic version of *Psychological Abstracts*. Its indexing coverage is from 1887 to the present and includes all types of documents. It is international in scope, including relevant materials related to the field of social work. Includes some full-text.

***Social Services Abstracts* ***

This database provides indexing coverage to over 1,400 journals and dissertations on current research focused on social work, human services, and related areas. Abstracts of the articles and some full-text links are included. Coverage is from 1980 to present.

***Social Work Abstracts* ***

This is the electronic version of the print reference index by the same title. The database indexes more than 450 journals in all areas of the field of social work. Indexing coverage is from 1977 to the present. It includes some links to full-text.

***Sociological Abstracts (SocioFile)* ***

This database provides indexing coverage to approximately 2000 journals. It is international in coverage from 1963 to the present. There are some full-text links.

Useful Internet Resources

Almanac of Policy Issues

<http://www.policyalmanac.org/>

Association of Social Work Boards

<http://www.aswb.org/>

ASWB is the association of boards that regulate social work. ASWB develops and maintains the social work licensing examination used across the country, and is a central resource for information on the legal regulation of social work.

The New Social Worker's Online Career Center

<http://www.socialworker.com/career.htm>

National Association of Social Workers

<http://www.naswdc.org/>

Includes an online version of *The NASW Register of Clinical Social Workers*.

National Conference on Social Welfare Proceedings (1874-1982)

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/n/ncosw/>

A useful resource for understanding history of social work and social issues. Searching and browsing of collection available.

PRAXIS: Resources for Social and Economic Development

<http://www.sp2.upenn.edu/~restes/praxis.html>