

How to Begin Research

Compile a list of subject key words

Synonyms

Check the spelling

Start small

Find between 5-10 resources that match your subject. Analyze these sources for your paper before gathering additional information.

Create a rough outline

Based on the information you have already collected write down a summary of what you want to cover in your paper.

Where to Look for Information

Books

in depth overviews of historic background on a subject

Database

For scholarly research articles that give specific case data or recent developments in an area

Internet

For demographic statistics or current information that has not yet been published academically

Writing Help

The Columbia Guide to Social Work Writing

HV 29.7 .C65 2012

Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association

Reserve Shelf

Research Methods for Social Work: Being Producers and Consumers of Research

HV 11 .D83 2011

Social Work Documentation: A Guide to Strengthening Your Case Recording

HV 43 .S52 2011

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Books

The following are Library of Congress call numbers for Social Work topics:

HV: Social Pathology

HV 1-45 General Social Work

HV 91 Welfare

HV 701-755 Child Welfare

HV 800-887 Adoption/Foster Care

HV 1451-1481 Aged Populations

HV 4998 Substance Abuse

HV 5001-5720.5 Alcoholism

HV 5725-5770 Tobacco

HV 5800-5840 Drug Habits/Abuse

HV 6545 Suicide

HV 6556-6626 Domestic Violence

RC Internal Medicine

RC 435-571 Psychiatry

RC 475-489 Therapies and
Treatments

RC 537 Depression

RC 552 Eating Disorders

RC 554-569.5 Personality Disorders,
behavior problems: including
sexual problems, drug abuse,
suicide, child abuse

Journals

Counselor: Magazine for addiction
Professionals

BF 637 .C6 M3

Journal of Counseling Psychology

BF 638 .C6 J6

Intervene: The Recovery Magazine

RC 563 .A33

Databases

EbscoHost Web

Academic Search Complete
Social Sciences Full Text

Ethnic Newswatch

Gale Power Search

Academic One File
Psychology Collection

Newsbank

Current Events
Special Reports
Teen Issues
Civil and Human Rights

Psyc Articles

Psyc Books

Psyc INFO

Call 406-275-4875 for off-campus database access.

Websites

Child Welfare

childwelfare.gov

Forum on Child and Family Statistics

childstats.gov

National Association of Social Workers

naswdc.org

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

drugabuse.gov

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration (SAMHSA)

samhsa.gov

Bureau of Justice Statistics

bjs.gov

US Census Bureau-Native American/
Alaskan Native Information

census.gov/aian

National Indian Child Welfare Association

nicwa.org

SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence
Based Programs & Practices

nrepp.samhsa.gov