

## Library Instruction: Social Policy

### Suggested Bibliography:

#### Reference Sources:

Blackwell Encyclopaedia of Social Work [Ref HV12.B53 2000]  
Encyclopedia of Homelessness [Ref HV2293.E53 2004] 2 v.  
Encyclopedia of Social Work [Ref HV35.S6 19<sup>th</sup> edition]  
Labor, Employment, and the Law: a Dictionary [Ref KF3317 .A54 1997]  
International Encyclopedia of Human Rights [Ref JC571.M3243 2000]  
Social Work Dictionary [Ref HV12 .B37 1995]  
Social Work Almanac [Ref HV90 .S64]  
National Directory of Children, Youth, Family Services [Ref HV741.N3157]  
Welfare: a Documentary History of U.S. Policy and Politics [Ref HV91 .W4664] 2003

#### **U.S. Code: a consolidation and codification of the general and permanent laws.**

**United States Code** [USC] (Ref KF62 2000 .A2): consolidation & codification of permanent laws of the U.S. (subject or topical access) The U.S. Code is also available online via Lexis-Nexis or free at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/uscode/index.html>

**United States Code Annotated** [USCA] (Ref KF65 .W48): same information as the USC, but with editorial interpretation, digest reports, cross references, historical notes.

\*See separate handout for searching tips.

Searching the **STL Catalog** for books in this library:

Use subject begins:

*United States Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990*

*Homeless persons -- Services for -- Law and legislation -- United States*

*Poor children- services for-United States*

Use "Word(s) anywhere" search

*no child left behind*

*Environmental Justice*

*Social work - human rights*

*ADA and polic?*

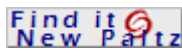
#### **Electronic Subscription Databases:** STL Web page at <http://lib.newpaltz.edu>

Search these sources for citations to newspaper and newspaper articles related to your topic:

- **Academic Search Elite:** multidisciplinary database may be searched along with ERIC & Education Abstracts (limit to "peer-reviewed" for scholarly journals.)
- **CQ Researcher:** information on many social issues, published monthly by Congressional Quarterly
- **ERIC** (Education Resources Information Center): Information on all aspects of education, in journal articles, conference proceedings, reports, digests, books. *(If you choose the EBSCO version, you can combine w/ Academic Search Elite & Education Abstracts for current indexing).*
- **Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe:** U.S. and international news, legal information (full text of NY Times back to 1983, as well as media transcripts)

- **OneFile (InfoTrac):** Aggregate database covering Humanities, Sociology, Psychology, Education, and Current Events
- **Opposing Viewpoints:** find articles, statistics, editorials related to your topic
- **JSTOR:** archived articles from scholarly journals. (You may wish to limit to specific disciplines listed on the Advanced Search & Expert Search screens.)
- **ProQuest Research Library:** Multi-disciplinary database covering a wide variety of topics (You may limit to "scholarly" journals.)
- **\*Social Services Abstracts:** (*Access via **Sociological Abstracts** and click on **Select Specific Databases***) human services, and related areas, including social welfare, social policy, and community development. The database abstracts and indexes over 1,406 serials publications.

*What do I do when I find a citation without full text?*



– See if full text is available using these online tools. (separate handout)  
 Iliad - Interlibrary Loan: request articles from journals not available at this library or online.



Try using **WebFeat (NEW) federated searching tool to search multiple sources at one time.**

### Websites:

<http://www.noah-health.org> Go to the Health Topics section to find links to resources on specific health-related topics, including Mental health, Nutrition, Personal health, Pregnancy; Sexuality; and Sexually transmitted diseases and Tuberculosis.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Mental Health Services. <http://www.mentalhealth.org/>

National Association of Social Work: [www.naswdc.org](http://www.naswdc.org)

Ulster County Social Services: <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/resources/socservices.html>

United States Department of Health & Human Services: [www.hhs.gov/](http://www.hhs.gov/)

New York State Office of Children & Family Services: <http://www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/>

U.S. Census Bureau - Poverty statistics: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html>

United Nations - Human Rights: <http://www.un.org/rights/>

Do an Internet Search using your search engine of choice, but remember to evaluate the results according to:

- ❑ Accuracy: Contact information, author v. webmaster
- ❑ Currency: When was the page created?...last updated?
- ❑ Coverage: Free or fee?...special software required? ..all images or text + images?
- ❑ Authority: Who published the document?...credentials?
- ❑ Objectivity: What opinions are expressed by the author?...agenda of the organization?

What if I still need help?!?

- Go to: Ask a Librarian at <http://lib.newpaltz.edu/vref/index.html>
- Schedule a one-on-one research session with a librarian at: <http://lib.newpaltz.edu/consult.html>