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Social Work 603 Library Handout

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Useful Resources

SW 603 Subject Guide: <http://libguides.gvsu.edu/sw603>

Social Work Subject Guide: <http://libguides.gvsu.edu/socialwork>

Knowledge Market (drop in and speak with writing consultants, etc.):
<http://www.gvsu.edu/library/km/>

Databases:

- SocINDEX
- Sociological Abstracts
- Social Services Abstracts
- Social Work Abstracts
- PsycINFO
- Find it! (Library Super Search Engine)

Activity: Find an article about your topic.

Policy Resources:

- Congress.gov: Choose to search current OR all legislation at the federal level
- Michigan Legislature for state laws: Use the MCL Content search box
- Michigan City Codes, Kent County DHS, Family Resource Guide, etc. for local policies
- Citing Government Documents: http://guides.library.cornell.edu/citing_us_gov_docs

Activity: Find a related policy or law.

Database Search Tips

- Use quotation marks around phrases
- Use two separate search terms connected with AND, OR, NOT
- Use the search terms provided by the database
- Use truncation (e.g. child* = child, child's, children, children's, childhood)
- Limit by publication date and geography if possible
- Track down the references listed at the end of good articles you find

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