

Key Organizations for Challenges of Living: A Multidimensional Working Model for Social Workers

Chapter 1-The Working Model

Information for Practice

Information for Practice is run by Professor Gary Holden at New York University's School of Social Work. Dr. Holden maintains a website that contains links to news and new scholarship related to human behavior and social work practice from around the world.

<http://www.nyu.edu/socialwork/ip/>

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

The National Association of Social Workers is the largest membership organization of professional social workers in the world. The organization works to aid the professional development of its members. It develops and maintains a "Code of Ethics" for the profession, and it monitors ethical professional behavior through the Ethics Committee. It also works to advance sound social policies.

<http://www.socialworkers.org>

George Warren Brown School of Social Work

The George Warren Brown School of Social Work, of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, maintains a website that contains links to resources for a wide variety of social issues, challenges of living, and social service organizations.

<http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/Resources/Pages/socialservicesresourcesintro.aspx>

U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau, a part of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is the leading national source of accurate and up-to-date data about the social and economic conditions of people in the United States. The official website of the Bureau contains statistics on a wide variety of topics, including race and ethnicity, gender, education, birthrates, and a number of specific challenges of living encountered by social workers in working with clients.

<http://www.census.gov>

Chapter 3-Financial Impoverishment

The Children's Defense Fund

The mission of The Children's Defense Fund is to Leave No Child Behind and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. The CDF website provides information on preventing poverty, family income, and child welfare.

<http://www.childrensdefense.org>

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

The United States Department of Health and Human Services is the U.S. government's principal agency for protecting the health of and providing services to U.S. citizens. The DHHS website provides information regarding programs and policies for families and children in poverty. This website also provides historical and current information on poverty thresholds and levels.

<http://www.dhhs.gov>

The Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)

The Institute for Research on Poverty is a university-based center for research into the causes and consequences of poverty and social inequality in the United States. It is nonprofit and nonpartisan. IRP's website includes recent research and publications on poverty.

<http://www.irp.wisc.edu>

Institute for Child and Family Policy (ICFP)

The mission of the Institute for Child and Family Policy is to identify and address fundamental and intractable problems in the formulation, analysis, implementation, and evaluation of social policies toward children, youth, and families. The distinctive approach of the Institute is its integration of both a developmental perspective and an international-comparative perspective. ICFP's website includes international comparisons of policy solutions to challenges facing children and families, including poverty.

<http://www.childpolicyintl.org>

The Joint Center for Poverty Research

The Joint Center for Poverty Research's mission is to advance our understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and the effect of policies designed to reduce poverty. The research activities of this Center should be useful to those whose goal is a long-term reduction in poverty in the United States.

<http://www.jcpr.org>

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)

The Luxembourg Income Study (LIS) is a non-profit, cooperative research project with a membership that includes 25 countries on four continents: Europe, America, Asia and Oceania. The LIS database is a collection of household income surveys. These surveys provide demographic, income, and expenditure information on three different levels: household, person, and child.

<http://www.lisproject.org>

The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP)

The National Center for Children in Poverty (NCCP) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan research and policy organization at Columbia University. The mission is to identify and promote strategies that prevent child poverty in the United States and that improve the lives of low-income children and families.

<http://www.nccp.org>

The National Poverty Center (NPC)

The National Poverty Center (NPC) was established in the fall of 2002 as a university-based, nonpartisan research center. NPC conducts and promotes multidisciplinary, policy-relevant research on poverty and research on the causes and consequences of poverty.

<http://www.npc.umich.edu>

The United Nations (UN)

The United Nations is an international organization formed in 1945 to promote peace, security, and economic development. The UN website contains information about the Millennium Development goals and links to various report regarding global poverty and poverty reduction strategies.

<http://www.un.org/english>

United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF)

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is mandated by the United Nations to work to aid children on a global level. UNICEF was created with this purpose in mind – to work with others to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path. The UNICEF website contains economic and social statistics on the countries and territories of the world as they relate to children.

<http://www.unicef.org>

The World Health Organization

The World Health Organization is the United Nations' specialized agency for health. It defines health broadly looking at physical, mental, and social well-being. It has a plethora of resources related to poverty and its health effects.

<http://www.who.int/en>

Chapter 4-Community Violence

Afterschool.gov

Afterschool.gov is housed and supported by the General Services Administration and the Interagency Federal Child Care Council. Afterschool.gov maintains a website that contains information on how to run an after school program, a clearinghouse on child and adolescent development, government and organizational links, and legislative updates.

<http://www.afterschool.gov/>

The Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence

The Hamilton Fish Institute on School and Community Violence is a national resource center for research and development of school violence prevention strategies.

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

National Center for Children Exposed to Violence (NCCEV)

National Center for Children Exposed to Violence (NCCEV) was established in 1999 at the Yale Child Study Center by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice

and Delinquency Prevention. NCCEV is dedicated to individual and community capacity building to reduce exposure to violence and to provide training and resources for professionals who work with children and families exposed to violence. NCCEV is a primary resource center for information about the effects of violence exposure on children.

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

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is the U.S.'s principal health statistics agency. They maintain a website that contains faststats A-Z, including statistics on assault/homicide.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, works to reduce the morbidity, disability, and mortality related to injury. Their website contains downloadable fact sheets and prevention strategies.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/>

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center (NYVPRC)

National Youth Violence Prevention Resource Center (NYVPRC) is sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other Federal partners to be the single point of access to Federal information on youth violence. NYVPRC maintains a website that contains information on community violence prevention initiatives and helpful links.

<http://www.safeyouth.org/scripts/teens/community.asp>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is a division of the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice that sponsors research, program, and training initiatives to improve juvenile justice policies and programs.

<http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/>

Scholastic, Inc.

Scholastic, Inc. is a global children's publishing and education company which has the stated mission to enhance literacy among children around the world. Their website contains activities, lesson plans, and teaching strategies for teaching children about violence and how to live with violence.

<http://www.scholastic.com>

Chapter-5 Child Maltreatment

Annie E. Casey Foundation

This private, nonprofit organization is committed to improving services to children, families, and communities. Their website includes best practices publications, funding

announcements, and links to KidsCount data, a national initiative focused on consistent documentation and tracking of child well-being across the nation.

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

Children's Defense Fund

The Children's Defense Fund (CDF) is a private, nonprofit organization focused on protecting children from poverty and promoting other aspects of child well-being.

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

Child Trends

Child Trends is a nonprofit research organization that tracks child well-being through a variety of research initiatives, many of which focus on adolescents.

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

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA)

Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) is an association of public and private nonprofit agencies that assist maltreated children and their families each year with a wide range of services.

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

Prevent Child Abuse America

This federal umbrella organization provides leadership for affiliated organizations within most states to promote and implement prevention efforts at both the national and local levels.

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

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families (ACF)

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is the division within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that oversees federal programs that promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/>

Chapter 6-Traumatic Stress

American Psychiatric Association

The American Psychiatric Association is the leading professional society for medical specialists working in areas of psychiatric care and for those interested in mental health related issues.

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

American Psychological Association

The American Psychological Association is the leading membership organization for psychology professionals in the United States, and it provides resources and information for professionals interested in psychological issues.

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

Anxiety Disorders Association of America (ADAA)

The Anxiety Disorders Association of America is a nonprofit organization founded in 1980 that provides information about anxiety disorders, brokers treatment services between those who need services and care providers, and conducts research on efforts to prevent and treat such disorders.

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

European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

This society is designed to address clinical and policy related issues around trauma, and it facilitates professional networking among colleagues working in this field.

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

International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT)

The International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) is an international organization for professionals; that seeks to prevent torture on a global scope and which works to help those who have experienced torture.

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

The International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Founded in 1985, this is an international, multidisciplinary organization that promotes the advancement and exchange of knowledge about severe stress and trauma. Specifically, the organization seeks to better understand the prevalence and consequences of traumatic experiences, to prevent trauma, and to aid in mitigating its consequences. Advocacy efforts are also an important part of their work.

<http://www.istss.org>

Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program of the National Institute of Mental Health (MAP)

The Mood and Anxiety Disorders Program focuses its research on depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder, and obsessive compulsive disorder.

<http://intramural.nimh.nih.gov/mood/>

National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

The National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was established by the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989 to address the needs of veterans with military-related PTSD. Its mission is to engage in research, education, and training to improve the clinical care of veterans.

<http://www.ncptsd.va.gov/>

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is one of the many institutes under the National Institutes for Health, the leading federal public health research arm dedicated to health-related issues. Research conducted through NIMH auspices focuses on mental and

behavioral disorders, with a mission to “reduce the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

The PTSD Alliance

The PTSD Alliance is a collection of professional and advocacy organizations that provide educational resources to individuals with PTSD and their loved ones, individuals at risk for developing PTSD as well as health and mental health professionals.

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

Chapter-7 Substance Abuse

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is a national medical society devoted to issues of addiction and substance abuse. ASAM’s website contains publications, resource links, and conference information.

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

Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA)

The Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse provides evidence-based information and resources aimed at ameliorating the adverse consequences associated with substance abuse. <http://www.ccsa.ca/ccsa/>

Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University

This Center’s website has information on training, research, educational opportunities, policy related to drug abuse, and links and resources related to drug addiction and alcoholism.

www.caas.brown.edu/

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)

CSAT is a part of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and it provides community based addiction treatment services to individuals and families.

Their website provides a listing of programs and offers publications and educational resources related to substance abuse.

<http://www.csat.samhsa.gov/>

Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions at University of New Mexico

This drug addiction research center at the University of New Mexico provides the public with information on assessment tools, publications, current research projects, and news releases in the area of substance abuse.

<http://casaa.unm.edu/>

The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)

The CPDD was first established in 1929 (under a different name) to address problems of drug dependence and abuse. Today, this membership organization works among a variety of communities, including industry, government and academia, to continue to prevent and treat drug dependence.

<http://www.cpdd.vcu.edu/>

National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University

The center provides information on substance abuse prevention, treatment, and policy/legal issues. The site contains various publications and resources related to drug addiction. <http://www.casacolumbia.org/>

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol & Drug Information (NCADI)

SAMHSA's National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information provides information and educational materials about substance abuse prevention and treatment. The website contains resources, publications, and current news on a variety of topics.

<http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

NIAAA is the key institute under the National Institutes of Health dedicated to conducting and supporting research on alcohol consumption, prevention, and treatment.

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIDA) was established in 1974 and is the key institute under the National Institutes of Health that is focused on researching all aspects of drug abuse and addiction.

<http://www.nida.nih.gov/>

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

This UN office, established in 1997, seeks to address and combat illicit drugs and crime on a global level.

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/index.html>

Chapter 8-Obesity

American Obesity Organization

This is a web-based organization that offers general information on obesity, including current research and trials, treatment options, prevention, and consumer protection.

<http://www.obesity.org>

American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS)

American Society for Bariatric Surgery (ASBS) was founded in 1983 by American surgeons to provide educational and support programs for surgeons and allied health professionals.

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

The Healthier US Initiative

This is a U.S. government program that provides online information on obesity and links to many other government-supported sites, each with a specific topic, such as interactive activities for kids, fitness activities, federal recreation sites, women's health, and nutrition.

<http://www.healthierus.gov>

The Human Genomics Laboratory at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center

The laboratory provides cutting-edge information related to all markers, genes, and mutations associated with obesity.

<http://obesitygene.pbrc.edu/>

The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

The Center, a program of the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), provides national leadership for health promotion and chronic disease prevention. It tracks conditions and risk behaviors for major chronic diseases and disseminates guidelines and recommendations.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/>

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

NHLBI, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides leadership for basic research, clinical trials, and demonstration and education projects related to heart, blood vessel, lung, and blood diseases as well as sleep disorders. With a focus on prevention, the knowledge that is generated and disseminated is particularly useful to the study of obesity.

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/>

National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)

NIDDK, a division of the National Institutes of Health, disseminates health information on diabetes, and digestive, endocrine & metabolic, hematologic, kidney, urologic diseases, as well as information on nutrition, weight control, and physical activity. NIDDK also provides the Weight Control Information Network which publishes up-to-date scientific information on weight control, obesity, physical activity, and related nutritional issues.

<http://www2.niddk.nih.gov/>

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institutes of Health (NIH), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is the world's foremost health research center. NIH compiles and disseminates health information for all health-related topics and provides grants and other funding opportunities. Through a program called "We Can," NIH also provides resources for parents and caregivers to help children stay at a healthy weight.

<http://www.nih.gov/>

The North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO)

The North American Association for the Study of Obesity (NAASO) is an interdisciplinary society that focuses on the development and dissemination of knowledge in the field of obesity. Their website provides the most recent statistics as well as links to other obesity-related sites.

http://www.naaso.org/statistics/obesity_trends.asp

Obesity Help Inc.

This is an online website for both professionals and consumers. This website provides lists of bariatric and plastic surgeons and other helping professionals who specialize in helping persons who are obese. Before and after pictures of patients as well as online social and educational resources also are available.

<http://www.obesityhelp.com/>

Overeaters Anonymous (OA)

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) is an international organization that aims to provide fellowship of individuals who, through shared experience, strength, and hope, are recovering from compulsive overeating. This organization utilizes a twelve-step approach similar to that of Alcoholics Anonymous.

<http://www.oa.org>

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides oversight of America's nutritional resources, including setting public policy related to current dietary guidelines to promote optimal health and reduce risks. This agency recently revised the food pyramid based on the Dietary Guidelines for America 2005.

<http://www.usda.gov/>

Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers is a world-wide organization that has provided support to persons wanting to lose weight and keep it off for over 40 years. Originally, this membership program was delivered in a group meeting format that still is available, and recently it developed an online program that allows members to access help without attending face-to-face meetings. Weight Watchers offers nutritional planning, recipes, and activity guidelines.

<http://www.weightwatchers.com>

Chapter 9-HIV/AIDS

The AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS)

The AIDS Education Global Information System (AEGIS) is a major web-based reference for HIV/AIDS related information. AEGIS has a large database and extensive links to HIV/AIDS resources.

<http://www.aegis.org>

Global AIDS Alliance

Global AIDS Alliance is a nonprofit organization with the mission to stimulate political and economic resources to fight AIDS on a global level. Their website contains information on AIDS, reports and videos, news, and activist strategies.

<http://www.globalaidsalliance.org>

International HIV/AIDS Alliance

International HIV/AIDS Alliance is an international, non-governmental organization established in 1993 in the U.K. It works in partnership with non-governmental and community-based organizations, national governments, and private donors to support communities in developing countries to combat HIV/AIDS.

<http://www.aidsalliance.org>

National Association on HIV Over Fifty (NAHOF)

The mission of National Association on HIV Over Fifty (NAHOF) is to advocate for access to prevention and treatment services for persons over 50 infected or affected by HIV. NAHOF coordinates a network of regional and local groups and a semi-annual meeting that provides a national forum on HIV/AIDS and aging.

<http://www.hivoverfifty.org>

National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention: Divisions of HIV/AIDS Prevention

The Center is the division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that provides national leadership in helping to control the HIV epidemic by engaging in surveillance, research, prevention, and evaluation activities.

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/dhap.htm>

National Minority AIDS Council

The Council was established in 1987, and it is dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

<http://www.nmac.org>

UNAIDS

The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS is a program of the United Nations that advocates global action to prevent new HIV infections, care for those who are infected, and mitigate the impact of the epidemic.

<http://www.unaids.org>

Chapter 10-Major Depression

American Psychiatric Association

The mission of this psychiatrist member organization is to promote quality care for persons with a mental disorder and their families, promote related education and research, advance the psychiatry profession, and serve its membership. Their website provides the

most current information related to the psychiatric treatment of major depression that is relevant to social work practice.

<http://www.psych.com>

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

This U.S. funded organization promotes the health and quality of life in the U.S. and beyond through the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability by providing consumers and professionals with research reports and other resources.

<http://www.cdc.gov>

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill

This is a grassroots, self-help, support, and advocacy organization of persons with serious mental illness, their families, and friends. The mission is to eradicate mental illness and improve life quality for persons who suffer from mental illnesses.

<http://www.nami.org>

National Mental Health Association (NMHA)

The National Mental Health Association (NMHA) is the country's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. With more than 340 affiliates nationwide, NMHA works to improve the mental health of all Americans, especially the 54 million people with mental disorders, through advocacy, education, research and service.

<http://www.nmha.org>

The International Society for Interpersonal Psychotherapy (ISIP)

The mission of this professional organization is to provide accurate empirical information on the application of interpersonal psychotherapy for a range of mental health disorders.

<http://www.interpersonalpsychotherapy.org>

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is one of 27 components of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the federal government's principal biomedical and behavioral research agency. The mission is to reduce the burden of mental illness and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and behavior.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov>

National Women's Health Resource Center (NWHRC)

The not-for-profit National Women's Health Resource Center (NWHRC) is the leading independent health information source for women. NWHRC develops and distributes up-to-date and objective women's health information based on the latest advances in medical research and practice.

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

RealAge Depression Center

This public information source maintains a website to disseminate the most current information about depression that relates to a very broad range of topics and populations.

<http://www.depression.reaage.com>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) was established by the 1992 ADAMHA Reorganization Act, Public Law 102-321 to deliver mental health services, generate and apply new knowledge, and establish national mental health policy.

<http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov>