

SW 457 Social Work with Children, Adolescents and the Older adults

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Course Objectives:

- To develop an understanding on the concept of Child rights.
- To understand the Juvenile Justice System in India and its significance for the Social Work discipline.
- To gather a critical perspective on the issues related to children, Adolescents and older adults.
- To learn about the organisations working with children, adolescents and older adults.
- To learn about the laws and policies for the welfare of the older adults.
- To develop a perspective on the role of social workers in dealing with Children, Adolescents and Older adults.

Learning Outcome:

- Understand the concept of Child Rights
- Learn about the functioning and efficacy of the Juvenile Justice System
- Understand the significance of the role of professional social workers while working with children, adolescents and older adults.
- Learn and critically analyse the policies and legislations concerning children, adolescents and older adults.
- Learn to design interventions integrating the values and ethics of professional social work.

COURSE CONTENT

Unit I: Social Work with Children

- Child rights and Child Protection : concept and significance
- Crime against children and Laws for the protection of children: Child abuse, Child marriage, Child labour, female foeticide, child trafficking, child pornography.
- Child in conflict with law: Juvenile Justice system
- Social Work interventions – Case Studies

Unit II: Social Work with Adolescents:

- Definition of Adolescents
- Issues related to Adolescents: Substance Abuse, Anger, Unemployment, Identity issues, sexuality, Youth and media.
- Governmental and Non governmental programmes in working with youth- NSS, NCC, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Youth clubs
- Role of a social worker in welfare of the youth

Unit III: Social Work with older adults

- Definition and Demography of Older Adults.
- Issues related to Older Adults – Health , Mental health, Lifestyle ,sexuality , Family structure and Caregiving, managing chronic diseases.
- Social security measures; Welfare programmes/schemes for the elderly
National Policy for older persons 1999, international resolutions
- Rights of older persons
- Social work intervention: Working at Micro, Meso and Macro levels; Counselling, Sensitising, Hospice and Palliative Care, Community Resource Building, Empowerment of the Older Adults

Text Books:

Dandekar, K. (1996). The Elderly in India. Sage

Sander, S. & Kolomer, S.R. (2019). Gerontological Social Work and the grand challenges. Springer

Bajpai, A. (2017). Child Rights in India: Law, Policy and Practice. India: OUP

Additional Readings:

Chonody, J.M. & Teater, B. (2017). Social Work with older Adults[^]. Sage

Walker, S. (2012). Effective Social Work with Children, Young People and Families. Sage

Gibson, M. (2019). Pride and Shame in Child and Family Social Work: Emotions and the Search for Humane Practice. Policy Press

Winnicott, D.W. (2006). The Family and Individual Development. Routledge