

# Social Work Abstracts




## What is Social Work Abstracts?

- A large online computer index about social work
- Includes 45,000 citations from 1977 to the present
- Includes topics such as: homelessness, AIDS, child and family welfare, aging, substance abuse, legislation, community organization, et cetera.

## Where do I find Social Work Abstracts?

- On Mabee Library's web site <http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/>
- Off campus users will need to enter their Washburn Identification Number which is located on their Washburn ID

## Getting Started

- Connect to Mabee Library at <http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/>
- Select *Electronic Resources*, then look in the Alphabetical List for *Social Work Abstracts* (or look in the General Subject List under *Social Science*)
- On the *Select Databases* page, select *Social Work Abstracts*
- (\*Here is a good tip. Consider selecting a few of the *PsycInfo* (Psychology) databases or *Criminal Justice Abstracts* for related articles.)
- Click on *Open Selected Databases* 


You should now have a search screen like this:




## How do I start Searching?

There are four different options for searching:

- Words anywhere  Title  Author  Subject

- **Words Anywhere:** This is the option to search by a word or a phrase. It searches in the title and the abstract. Type in the phrase and click on the "Start Search" button.  
If the words in the phrase need to be in order, use "adj" (stands for 'adjacent').  
For example, if you were searching for the phrase "drug treatment," you would want to type:  
drug adj treatment
- **Subject:** Searching by the subject is a more direct way of finding articles on a particular TOPIC. Use the  to search for subject terms.
- **Author:** To search for a specific author, click this option.  
For example: **Nicki L. Potts** is entered as "**Potts-N-L**"

- **Title:** This option searches for **article titles**. It DOES NOT search for journal titles.
- **Journal:**  To search for articles in a particular journal, click on the “Index” button, and in the “Term:” box, type the name of the journal. Clicking on the underlined title will search that title.


### Limiting a Search

Click on the button 


You can limit by:

- Publication Year
- Language

### Combining

To search for articles that have two or more subjects search for each subject individually and put them together them using .

For example, searching for articles on “adolescent homeless runaways” is done by searching for “adolescent ” first.

After results appear, click . Then search for “homeless” and “back to search”. Finally, search for “runaways” and “back to search”. Mark all three searches and “combine checked”.

Mark how you want the items connected.  **and**  **or** Then repeat these steps for additional subjects.

### Viewing Records

Click on “display” to read the list of articles.

#### Abbreviations

- TI Title
- AU Author
- SO journal
- AD address of primary author
- AB Abstract

### Getting the Article or Book

To see which items are available at Mabee Library, use this button. 

If the article is not available, ask at the reference desk for assistance in requesting the item through interlibrary loan.




### Printing, Saving or E-mailing Records



To print, e-mail or save full-text articles, the selected “marked records”, or article citations, choose “print”, “e-mail” or “save”. A dialog box will open. Customize what will be sent, printed or e-mailed.

### Need Help?

If at anytime you have a question about *Social Work Abstracts*, ask at the Reference Desk! We are here to help!

<p><b>Call Us! (785) 670-1483</b></p>  <p><b>Reference Desk Hours</b> Mon.- Thu. 9 – 9, Fri. 9 – 5, Sat. 10 – 5, Sun. 1 – 9</p>	<p><b>Need help after hours? Go ONLINE!</b></p>  <p>E-mail reference service @ <a href="http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/ask.html">www.washburn.edu/mabee/ask.html</a> (24-hr turnaround time)</p>	<p>Live chat reference service @</p> <p><b>OR</b></p>  <p><a href="http://www.kananswer.org">www.kananswer.org</a> (chat in real time with a librarian)</p>
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