Tutorials online:

**Literature Review in Education & Behavioral Sciences** located on the library website [http://libraries.adelphi.edu](http://libraries.adelphi.edu)
Located under ‘Research Help’ click on ‘Guides & Tutorials’ and you will find a 4 part Tutorial on how to conduct a literature Review.

**Harvard tutorial on APA Citation style** Available through the library website [http://libraries.adelphi.edu](http://libraries.adelphi.edu) located under ‘Help and how to’s’ Click on ‘Citation help and reference tools’.

1. **Mini Paper #1 - Problem Statement. Use the sources listed below for this part of the project:**

*Reference books and other tools listed here are a good starting points for any research topic in Social Work. These are particularly good to for you to use in order to familiarize yourself with a topic and to assist you in locating additional information on your topic (through the Reference list and further reading lists).*


b. **Encyclopedia of Social Work**: (Oxford) – encyclopedia provide general overviews and background information on all topics from a social work perspective. Covers contemporary issues, trends in Social work practice, historical foundations, and key figures in the field.

   Available online through the library databases. Click on database research and go to ‘E’ for Encyclopedia or open up drop down menu for research by subject and click on ‘Social Work’ when the list comes up click on the link for Encyclopedia of social Work.

   **Print version available on Reserve in the library behind the Access service desk.** Reserve. HV35 .S6 20th edition

c. **Comprehensive Handbook of Social Work & Social Welfare**: (Wiley) – an online version of the four volume handbook covering professional, practice, policy and research issues in social work. Go to the upper right hand corner to **Browse table of contents in Volume One.** Also you can browse by topic.

   Available online. Click on ‘eReference books and Collections’ Under FIND in the middle column of the library website or go to database research and go to ‘C’ for Comprehensive.... or open up drop down menu for research by subject and click on ‘Social Work’ when the list comes up click on the link for ‘Comprehensive ...
d. Databases (listed below) – Use the list below and select a general and subject specific database to find empirical research articles (qualitative or quantitative) and literature reviews on your topic. This is a GOOD Starting to also help you locate a subtopic related to your issue

2. Mini Paper #2 – Problem Significance- Issues and perspectives from other disciplines

a. Comprehensive Handbook of Social Work & Social Welfare: (Wiley) – an online version of the four volume handbook covering professional, practice, policy and research issues in social work. Go to the upper right hand corner to Browse table of contents in Volume Two for theories.

b. Encyclopedia of Sociology Online (Blackwell) online version of encyclopedia. Excellent source for overviews of your topic from a sociological perspective. Use this to look for other disciplines that may be relevant. CLICK on LOGIN first and then search

Available online through our databases listed. Click on database research and go to ‘E’ for Comprehensive…. or open up drop down menu for research by subject and click on ‘Social Work’ when the list comes up click on the link for ‘Encyclopedia …

c. Sage Reference Online - A searchable collection of over 90 encyclopedias and handbooks in the social and behavioral sciences, business, education and health, and history.

Available online. Click on ‘e-Reference books and Collections’ Under FIND in the middle column of the library website

d. Gale Virtual Reference Library an online full text collection of electronic reference books(Such as subject specific encyclopedias) in a variety of subject areas.

Available online. Click on ‘eReference books and Collections’ Under FIND in the middle column of the library website.

Remember scholarly research article are excellent sources for this paper as well. Below is a list of article databases that you will find helpful.

2. Mini Papers - # 3 and #4- Policy and Practice.

a. Open CRS
The congressional research service acts as the public policy research arm of Congress. CRS does not offer direct access to their information. It is not intended for public consumption or for dissemination to libraries so accessing these documents is not always easy. The function of the CRS report is to clearly define and clarify an issue from different perspectives in the legislative context to members of congress and their committees. Reports may include policy analysis, economic studies,
statistical reviews, and legal analyses. A project of the Center for Democracy & Technology and through the cooperation of several organizations and collectors of CRS Reports, Open CRS provides citizens access to CRS Reports already in the public domain and encourages Congress to provide public access to all CRS Reports. CRS reports are ideal for researchers because they present nonpartisan information on present and past legislation from all sides of an issue, including legislation on many social issues. The reports and briefs are well-written, analytical and clarify difficult complicated issues clearly even for the average reader.

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d. Databases – Used to locate primary research articles (qualitative or quantitative) and literature reviews on your topic. General or Discipline related Databases - GOOD Starting Point for background and to help locate a subtopic related to your issue

   Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost) 1,2,3,4,
   ProQuest Research Library Collection (ProQuest) 1,2,3,4
   Social Sciences Full Text (Wilson) 1,2,3,4
   SocIndex with Full Text (Ebscohost)1,2,3,4

These are general periodical indexes covering approximately 3,000 periodicals from which 1,800 are provided in full-text (1,200 of these are peer reviewed journals). Topics of the periodicals are varied, covering many different disciplines including sociology. Users may perform keyword searches and can restrict their searches to pull only peer reviewed articles.

e. Subject Specific Abstract and Index Databases 3#, #4- If your topic is school related try ERIC or Education full text. If it is related to substance abuse, child abuse, domestic violence etc. try Criminal Justice databases. If it is dealing with gerontology use Ageline or Medline plus. You must be able to think outside the box....

   Social Services Abstracts (CSA) MINI PAPERS 3 and 4

   provides bibliographic coverage of current research focused on social work, human services, and related areas, including social welfare, social policy, and community development, from 1980 to the present.
Social Work Abstracts  Ovid MINI Papers 3, and 4

A starting point for literature searches in social work and social welfare, Social Work Abstracts reviews over 400 U.S. and international journals and publishes approximately 450 abstracts in each issue. Produced by the National Association of Social Workers, it contains citations and abstracts to journal articles and other published research literature from social work and related disciplines on topics such as homelessness, AIDS, child and family welfare, aging, substance abuse, legislation, community organization, and more. The Social Work Abstracts includes coverage from 1977 to the present.

Pais International  (CSA) Particularly good for MINI PAPER 3 and 4

Excellent resource for public policy articles. Index’s articles, books, conference proceedings, etc. about public affairs.

PsycInfo  (EBSCO)

Contains citations and summaries of journal articles, book chapters, books, and technical reports, as well as citations to dissertations, all in the field of psychology and psychological aspects of related disciplines, such as medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business, and law. Journal coverage, spanning 1887-present, includes international material selected from more than 1,300 periodicals written in over 25 languages. Current chapter and book coverage includes worldwide English-language material published from 1987 to the present. Over 55,000 references are added annually through regular updates.

Also try PsycArticles, PsycBooks, PsycNET, all currently on trial.

Sociological Abstracts  (CSA)

This database indexes journals in sociology, social work and other social sciences. provides bibliographic information from 1963 – present. Coverage includes journal articles, book reviews, books, and book chapters

Family & Society Studies Worldwide (EbscoHost)

An international database covering topics in family dynamics, family law, human development, social welfare, reproduction issues, work and gender roles, AIDS/HIV, and related issues, from 1970 to the present.

Contemporary Women’s Issues (Firstsearch)

Provides full-text international coverage of critical issues influencing women, particularly in the social sciences, political science, psychology and health, from 1992 - present.

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