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Syllabus of Record SOC 428 – Child Abuse

I. Catalog Description

Prerequisite: SOC 151 3c- 01-3cr

Examines the prevalence, causes, and social implications of physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect forms of child abuse in society. Child abuse is studied from the individual, family, and societal level perspectives. Potential intervention strategies will also be considered.

II. Course Outcomes

In this course, students will:

- a) Analyze child abuse and neglect from a variety of theoretical viewpoints with an emphasis on sociological analysis for example, sociobiology, social learning theories, exchange theories, labeling and symbolic interaction, structural family systems theory, and structural-functional/anomie/strain theory.
- b) Explore child abuse and neglect in the contemporary American family and compare some issues across different cultures and historical time periods.
- c) Contrast the various theories of child maltreatment.
- d) Examine the prevalence and social implications of physical, sexual, emotional and neglect forms of child abuse in society.
- e) Examine child abuse from individual, family and societal level perspectives.
- f) Review mandated reporting and how to assess, report and intervene.
- g) Analyze selected literature in the field; develop knowledge of subject matter, issues and controversies; and evaluate prevention and treatment issues.
- h) Assess the study of child abuse from an interdisciplinary perspective that includes sociological perspectives.

III. Course Outline [Below are example topics and content for this course.]

Week 1: The Maltreatment of Children from a Historical Perspective Child Labor Sexual Values, Attitudes, and Exploitation The Incest Taboo Recent History of Helping the Abused and Neglected Child

Recent History of Helping the Abused and Neglected Child

Child Protection Today

Week 2: Family Roles, Responsibilities and Rights

The Family as a System
Minority Family Systems
Family Problems and Dysfunction
The Family and Child Maltreatment

Week 3: Maltreatment and the Developing Child Developmental Stages

Development, Maltreatment, and Resiliency

Week 4: The Neglect of Children
The Concept of Neglect

Definition and Measurement of Neglect Causes of Neglect Neglected Children Neglectful Parents

Week 5: The Physical Abuse of Children

Causes of Physical Abuse

Risk Assessment and Physical Abuse

Symptoms of Physical Abuse

Abusive Parents

Domestic Violence and Other Abuse within the Family

Week 6: The Sexual Abuse of Children

Definition of Sexual Abuse

Types of Sexual Abuse

Progression of Sexual Abuse

Incidence of Sexual Abuse

Profile of the Abused Child

Degrees of Trauma

Profile of the Perpetrator

Incest, or Familial Abuse

Extrafamilial Sexual Abuse, Misuse, and Exploitation

Week 7: Psychological Maltreatment of Children

Psychological Maltreatment Defined

The Roots of Psychological Maltreatment

Characteristics of the Psychologically Maltreated Child

Family Dynamics and Detecting and Treating Psychological Abuse

Ritualistic Abuse

Week 8: Intervention: Reporting and Investigation

Culturally Sensitive Intervention

The Intervention Process

Assessing Risk and Protective Factors

Handling Emergencies

Assessment Interviewing Adult and Child

Week 9: Midterm Evaluation

Complete Discussion of Material to Date

[Note: Individual faculty should adjust the course schedule for breaks/holidays, such as Labor Day or MLK Day, Spring or Thanksgiving break, and reflect them in the syllabus.]

Midterm Exam

Week 10: Intervention: Case Management and Roles of Other Professionals

Case Management Considerations - Family Reactions, Custody of the Children

Other Professionals Involved in the Intervention Process

Week 11: The Legal Response to Child Abuse and Neglect

The Legal Rights of Parents and Children

Types of Court Intervention

Sex Offender Registration

The Media and the Court

Week 12: Treatment: Physical Abuse and Neglect

Providing Treatment Family-Centered Services

Treatment of Physically Abusive Families

Treatment of Neglectful Families

Treatment of Sexual Abuse

Week 13: Foster Care as a Therapeutic Tool

Problems with Foster Care

Alternatives to Foster Care

Therapeutic Potential in Foster Care

The Role and Importance of the Natural Parent

The Role of Foster Parents

Other Placement for Abused or Neglected Children

Week 14: Adults Abused as Children

Society's Misconceptions

Reasons for Adults' Disclosure

Residual Effects of Child Abuse and Neglect

Treatment of Adults Who Were Abused as Children

Working with Survivors

Week 15: Exam Week

Culminating Activity: Examination and/or Presentations

[Note: Each faculty member should determine the culminating activity and state it in the syllabus.]

IV. Evaluation Methods

The final grade will be determined as follows:

Participation	0 to 15%
Writing assignments	10 to 50%
Class presentation(s)	0 to 25%
Quizzes (may be in-class or take-hor	ne,
multiple choice and/or essay	0 to 40%
Exams (may be in-class or take-hom	e,
multiple choice or essay)	25 to 75%
Other forms of evaluation	0 to 50%
	Must total 100%

This arrangement is designed to provide faculty with maximum flexibility and academic freedom in regard to the design of their courses.

[Note: Individual faculty members should determine the methods of evaluation for student learning in the course. The methods and their proportion of the course grade should be listed in the syllabus provided to students. The percentages may vary from those indicated here; the parameters above are merely suggested minimum and maximum weights for different types of methods of evaluation frequently used in courses.]

V. Grading Scale

Grading Scale: A: 90% or higher B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: 59% or lower

VI. Attendance Policy

IUP expects students to attend class. University policy permits students unexcused absences without penalty as follows: 3 absences in classes that meet for 50 minutes 3 times per week (i.e., MWF classes); 2 absences in classes that meet for 75 minutes twice per week (i.e., (T, Th classes); and 1 absence in classes that meet for 150 or more minutes once per week.

[Note: Individual faculty members should develop an attendance policy for the course that it is in keeping with the university's policy (see the undergraduate catalog for Undergraduate Course Attendance Policy). The faculty member's attendance policy for the course should be included in the syllabus provided to students.]

VII. Required textbooks, supplemental books and readings

[One or more texts, such as the sample texts below, supplemented by other readings and videos.]

- 1. Brown, V.A. (2002). Child welfare case studies. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 2. Crosson-Tower, Cynthia. (2010). *Understanding Child Abuse and Neglect*, (8th ed). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 3. Crosson-Tower, C. (2002). <u>Exploring child welfare: A practice perspective</u>. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 4. Crosson-Tower, C. (2002). When children are abused: An educator's guide to intervention. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 5. Godby, J. A. (1994). A rock and a hard place: one boys triumphant story of confronting abuse, challenging AIDS and finding a real family. Signet.
- 6. Gregory, Julie (2003). Sickened: The Memoir of a Munchausen by Proxy Childhood. New York: Bantam Dell.
- 7. Hayden, T L. (1980). One child. Mass Market Paperback.
- 8. Martin, J.A. (2002). Foster care. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 9. Mignon, S.I., Larson, C. J., Holmes, W. M. (2002). <u>Family abuse: Consequences</u>, theories, and responses. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.
- 10. Pelzer, Dave. (1995). A Child called "It": One child's courage to survive. Deerfield Beach, FLA: Health Communications, Inc.
- 11. Pelzer, Dave. (1997). The Lost Boy: A Foster child's search for the love of a family. Beach, FLA: Health Communications, Inc.

VIII. Special resource requirements

Technology Skills and Software

Students enrolled in this course should possess the following technology skills:

- The ability to access information via the Web
- The ability to use an appropriate web based instructional software such as Moodle and associated tools, including discussion/chat, quizzing, and assignment submission features
- The ability to use word processing software and to save in either Microsoft Word or Rich Text Format
- The ability to use Internet communication tools, specifically e-mail
- The ability to demonstrate appropriate online conduct

Technical Support

Technical support for computer issues and technology related to this course is available from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania IT Support Center (724-357-4000, G-35 Delaney Hall). When you contact them you should be prepared to give specific details

regarding your technical issue(s), including what you were doing before the error occurred and the exact text of any error messages received. If you experience issues outside of the normal IT Support Center hours, you can also submit your error or question via e-mail at <u>it-supportcenter@iup.edu</u> or via electronic form available online in Moodle.

Disability Services

IUP is committed to ensuring equal access to education as intended by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Disability Support Services provides services to students with disabilities of all kinds, including learning, physical, hearing, vision, or psychological. Students who plan to request accommodations should contact the Disability Support Services Office at the beginning of each semester. To determine whether you qualify for accommodations, or if you have questions about services and procedures for students with disabilities contact: Office of Disability Support Services, 216 Pratt Hall, 724-357-4067.

Academic Integrity

IUP students are expected to maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity. You are responsible for knowing and abiding by the IUP Academic Integrity Policy, (website: http://www.iup.edu/teachingexcellence/nfo/acadintegrity.shtm). Practicing academic integrity means you do not:

- Provide or receive unauthorized assistance in coursework, including papers, quizzes, and examinations.
- Use unauthorized materials and resources during quizzes and tests.
- Possess course examination materials without the prior knowledge of the instructor.
- Plagiarize
- Engage in behaviors that are disruptive or threatening to others.
- Use computer technology in any way other than for the purposes intended for the course.

Plagiarism involves using the words, facts, or ideas of another person or source as if they were your own. It is illegal and violates both university policy and the principles of scholarship. To avoid plagiarism, you must properly cite other people's words, facts, and ideas that you incorporate into your work. If you paraphrase (put into your own words) or quote (use the author's exact words) from any source (including material from the Internet), the paraphrase or quote must be cited properly. Quotes need to be placed in quotation marks, with the page number(s) indicated in the properly formatted citation of the source. Plagiarism, cheating, and other forms of academic dishonesty are grounds for receiving an F on an assignment or exam, an F for the course, and referral to the university for judicial review and potential sanctions that may include suspension or expulsion from the university.

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[See also American Sociological Association teaching resources available at www.asanet.org.]

Conceptual Framework	INTASC Standards	NCSS Program Standards	Course Objectives	Course Assessment
1a	1	1 Culture and Cultural Diversity	(b), (e), (h)	Midterm Evaluation
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