

SSW 5006 - SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Course Objectives

- Develop an understanding of child development and various childhood problems
- Study the programmes, Policies, legislations and organisations in the area of child Welfare & Development.
- Acquire knowledge and skills in social work intervention of early childhood care and development in agencies and communities.
- Learn the situation and emerging problems of youth.
- Study the programmes, policies, legislations and organisations in the area of youth Development.
- Acquire knowledge and skills in working with different section of youth and skills in organizing programmes for youth

Course Outline

Unit 1 Introduction to child development

Emerging philosophy of child development Needs and problems of a growing child, Theories of child development:-psychoanalytic theory, psychosocial theory, cognitive–development theory, learning theory

Unit 2 Situational Analysis: National and State Level

Situational analysis of normal children, Situational Analysis of children with special needs:- child labour, child abuse, street children, child trafficking, juvenile delinquents, children of sex workers, children affected by natural calamities and manmade disasters, children suffering from terminal / incurable disease (HIV/AIDS), children with disabilities

Unit 3 Programmes and policies for Children

Existing policies, legislations - National and International Institutional care and management – scope, limitations types

Non Institutional programmes - adoption, foster care, sponsorship, child line Programmes for child welfare - health, nutrition, education, recreation, child right National and International organization in the field of child welfare

Community based social work practice with children-role of community and its institutions in abuse and neglect of children, Early detection of childhood disabilities, Development of sensitizing programmes for the protection of children.

Unit 4 Youth and their issues

Definition, characteristics, needs, aspirations, Problems of youth: unemployment, youth unrest, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS Suicide, generation gap and terrorism, Situational analysis of youth in India: Student and non- student youth in rural and urban area

Unit 5 Policies, programmes and interventions among youth

Governmental and nongovernmental programmes for youth: educational, recreational, vocational, guidance and counselling, leadership and health. Policies: National youth policy

Youth welfare organizations: international, national Youth for social change, Social Work Interventions among youth

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