Children & Youth Policy

Catalog

http://catalog.wustl.edu/search/X
Use the "Advanced Search" box. Then, you can combine words for your topic with some of the Library of Congress Subject Heading words listed below. The "Advanced Search" mode also has limit options so you can limit to a year grouping or to English language items. If you have too many results, you can also limit your topic's words to the title field.

adolescence, adolescent, boys, child, children, childrens, daughters, delinquents, dropouts, girls, grandchildren, granddaughters, grandsons, infant, infants, juvenile, minors, orphans, preteens, scouts, sons, stepchildren, stepdaughters, teenage, teenagers, toddlers, youth

Databases

The following databases focus on topics related to children and youth:

- Child Welfare Information Gateway
  http://basis.caliber.com/cwig/ws/library/docs/gateway/SearchForm
- Education Full Text
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/educft.html
- ERIC Educational Resource Information Center
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/eric.html
- Family & Society Studies Worldwide
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/fssw.html

The following databases focus on topics related to social work and society. They include many articles related to children and youth:

- ASSIA Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/assia.html
- International Bibliography of the Social Sciences
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/ibss.html
- Social Services Abstracts
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/socservabs.html
- Social Work Abstracts
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/swa.html
- SocIndex with Full Text
  http://library.wustl.edu/databases/about/sift.html

Evidence-Based Resources

The Social Work Research Guide has a tab for Evidence-Based Resources. There is a subpage for Children, Youth, and Family. The subpage includes guidelines, policy, statistics, and websites:

http://libguides.wustl.edu/content.php?pid=13158&sid=1091995
Social Welfare and Policy
The Social Work Research Guide also has a tab for Social Policy. Topics covered include legislation, economics, opinion, and local resources. [link]

Statistics
The Social Work Research Guide has a subpage for Statistical Resources: [link]

Video and Multimedia
The Social Work Research Guide has a tab for Video/Multimedia. There is a listing for the subject: Children/Families & Youth. [link]

Websites
The Social Work Research Guide has a tab for Websites. There is a section for children and youth. [link]

The tab for Websites also includes the "Social Work and Social Services Websites" list of organizations arranged by topic: [link]

Words for Children

EXAMPLE DATABASE SEARCH

Example: I need articles on bullying in the middle school.

Step 1 - Identify the Concepts
bullying, middle school

Step 2 - Place the Concepts into Columns
bullying  middle school
Step 3 - Write Synonyms and Related Phrases

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>bully</th>
<th>middle school</th>
<th>middle schooler</th>
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<td>middle schools</td>
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<td>bullying</td>
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<td>junior highs</td>
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Step 4 - Choose Appropriate Databases
ERIC, Education Full Text, Academic Search Premier

Step 5 - Apply Search Strategies for ERIC database

Boolean operators: OR, AND
Truncation with the asterisk symbol
Phrase searching with the quote marks
Limits: publication years, English only, articles, peer reviewed

**Applying the Search Strategies to the Example for the ERIC Database:**

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bully* ORbullie* "middle school**" OR "junior high**" OR "sixth grade**" OR "6th grade**" OR "seventh grade**" OR "7th grade**" OR "eighth grade**" OR "8th grade**" OR "grade 6" OR "grade six" OR "grade 7" OR "grade seven" OR "grade 8" OR "grade eight"

AND

Limits: 2000-2010, English Only, Articles, Peer Reviewed
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Step 6 - Run the Search

Use the advanced search mode when it is available.
Type each column into the database as a separate search.
Use the search history/previous searches tab to combine the search sets.
Follow the database's format for writing the set numbers.
  For example: s1 AND s2 AND s3
  For example: #1 AND #2 AND #3

Step 7 - Examine the Results (Words to Include/Exclude, Strategy Changes)

Look at the results and decide if the results meet your needs. If not, consider the following ways to modify the search.

If your search produces too many results, consider the following:
  Use phrase searching instead of word searching (apply the quote marks).
  Restrict key terms to the title field.
  Apply more limits or tighten the existing limits.
  Use NOT to get rid of results that use the terms in a different context.
  If a database thesaurus is available, use the thesaurus search.
  Use proximity operators if available in the database.
  Include another concept in the search (AND another column of phrases).

If your search produces too few results, consider the following:
  Check your spelling. Misspelled words produce fewer results.
  Truncate the terms.
  Look at the words/descriptors used in a good result. Revise the search to include the new words.
  Look in a thesaurus for more synonyms and then revise the search.
  Add broader terms (for example: eating disorders to a search on anorexia).
  If a database thesaurus is available, choose broader or related terms.
  Use both the American and British spellings and both the American and British terms.
  Broaden some of the limits that you applied.
  Choose a different database.
  Run the search with fewer concepts (do not AND one of the columns of phrases).

When looking at the results for the example, notice that cyberbullying appears in a couple of the citations. Let's revise the search to focus on cyberbullying. Combine the new terms with OR.

Step 8 - Revise the Search and Run the Search Again
Remember: use OR to type the phrases for a column.
use AND to combine the set numbers of the columns.

Revising the Example to Include Cyberbullying:

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<tr>
<th>bully*</th>
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<th>cyber* OR computer* OR electronic* OR internet*</th>
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AND

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