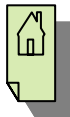


Domestic Violence and Child Abuse

A Library Research Guide

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The term domestic or family violence are broad terms that are used to describe the emotional, physical or sexual abuse that may occur within a family or household. The sources listed here represent only a sampling of the library's collection; you can begin locating books, magazines, journals and newspaper articles by using some of the resources listed below.



Beginning Your Research

Taking a few minutes to read about your topic in a specialized database, encyclopedia, dictionary or handbook may be one of the most effective and time saving research tips in this guide. These resources can help you define unfamiliar terms, locate quick biographical and bibliographical information, and verify dates and events.

Baker Encyclopedia Of Psychology & Counseling	Ref. BF 31 B25 1999
Encyclopedia Of Psychology	Ref. BF 31 E52
Corsini Encyclopedia Of Psychology And Behavioral Science	Ref. BF 31 E52 2001
Encyclopedia Of Human Behavior	Ref. BF 31 G6
Violence In America	Ref. HN 90 V5474
Encyclopedia Of Child Abuse	Ref. HV 6626.5 C57 2001

Law



Popular Legal Encyclopedia For Home And Business	Ref K 154 K58
Black's Law Dictionary	Ref KF 156 B532
Pastor, Church & Law	Ref KF 4865 H35
Desk book Encyclopedia of American School Law	Ref KF 4112.5 D47

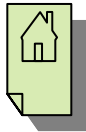
Find Articles

Try starting your search with a periodical index which arranges articles by subject. Choose an appropriate index from the many subscriptions at the Wilson Library. The indexes are located on the index table by the circulation desk. Often overlooked resources for journal articles are the bibliographies that can be found at the end of related journal articles or in books on your topic.

Wilson Library subscribes to an online database, *EBSCOhost*, which contains citations, abstracts and full text articles beginning in approximately 1990. Combining use of the paper indexes plus *EBSCOhost* will provide the broadest search for any topic.

Some journals that might provide information on child abuse and family violence:

- ❖ Family Relations (m)
- ❖ Journal of Marriage and the Family
- ❖ Adolescence (m)
- ❖ Child Development (m)



Finding Books

To locate books at Wilson Library you must use the computer. All materials in the library are accessible via the web. These online catalogs are powerful search tools, but to take full advantage of them you may need some help. Ask any Reference person for assistance. Winnebago Spectrum is the online library system. It allows you to search for books, CDROM's, records, videos, etc. However, it does not index journal contents.

Library of Congress Subject Headings

Wilson Library uses the "Library of Congress Subject Headings" (large red books at the Circulation Desk) to catalog material. These subject headings are slow to change but they are extremely useful in locating books and articles. Subject Headings for this topic include these examples:

- Abused children
- Abused husbands
- Abused wives
- Abused women
- Child abuse
- Dating violence
- Family violence
- Rape
- Sex crimes
- Stalking
- Violence (Law)
- Wife abuse



Internet Resources

The World Wide Web (www) provides a means of connecting to vast amounts of information via the Internet. One approach to research is to start with a site more likely to focus on offer scholarly resources. Critically evaluate your WWW search results.

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information

<http://www.calib.com/nccanch>

healthgrrl: Violence Resources for Women: <http://cybergrrl.com/fs.jhtml?/view/dv>

Domestic Violence Information Center <http://feminist.org/other/dv/dvhome.html>

National Domestic Violence Hotline www.ndvh.org

Family Violence Prevention Fund www.endabuse.org