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"Social workers are frequently called to testify as experts in courts of law on a variety of subjects. Courts rely on information offered in evidence as the basis for decisions rendered, and oral testimony by witnesses is often the major source of evidence provided at a trial. Witnesses who testify as experts play a critical role in interpreting data, explaining complex material, and drawing informed inferences on the basis of their training and experience. Answering specific legal issues in particular jurisdictions often requires review of layers of applicable local, state, or federal laws that apply to a case. Although this law note is not intended to be a substitute for legal consultation regarding specific issues that affect social workers' expert testimony in a particular case, many examples are discussed, and social workers who do testify, or may be called to testify, as experts will want to have this volume ready to hand." -- Publisher website.

Theories, methods and skills are the bedrock of all social work practice; yet how they are used varies according to the needs of the client and the practice context. In this brilliantly systematic and comprehensive text, Karen Healy provides an integrated

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approach to social work methods and skills. Recognizing social work as a diverse activity that is rooted in common foundations, she explains how practice both shapes and is shaped by professional purpose. In particular, she: ? Advocates a dynamic generalist model for working with individuals, families, groups and organizations ? Provides a rigorous account of practice methods, influenced by critical social work theory, systems theory, strengths perspectives and research evidence ? Presents each method with unrivalled clarity and analytic coherence, using a range of exercises and reflective material to support personal engagement and understanding. Social Work Methods and Skills offers a step-by-step discussion of social work practice that will empower readers to develop and refine their professional toolkit for purposeful and innovative interventions. It is an essential resource for any social work student or practitioner looking to build, or consolidate, their understanding of the range of methods and skills available for effective professional practice.

This practical guide will help students navigate through all core areas of their course by providing them with a comprehensive introduction to contemporary social work. Written by subject experts, including best-selling Transforming Social Work Practice authors, this essential guide will introduce students to key theory and approaches, helping them to develop and build the skills and knowledge that they will need for practice.

This book will help students develop their understanding of how the internet is impacting on social work education and practice in 21st century. Essential reading for

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students interested in the influence of digital technology and social media, including the impact of digital divides, this book looks at how the value-base of social work can have a positive effect on service users and carers who engage with digital services.

This very practical guide will teach students everything they need to know to successfully apply theory, methods and approaches in real-life practice. It will assist in developing and hone their skills to make the best start in their practice placement and beyond as a newly qualified practitioner. To get the most out of this book, visit the companion website at <https://www.study.sagepub.com/rogers2e> to find journal articles, templates, 'how to' guides and brand new videos with discussion questions, and a glossary.

'This engaging and perceptive book fills a significant gap in the market. Whilst there are sound textbooks on the content and application of the law to social work practice, courtroom skills have received more complacent attention and Davis now challenges this robustly. In content the book deals comprehensively and informatively with the role of the social worker in the presentation of evidence and professional self in care proceedings. The strengths of the work are reinforced by the clarity of the author's style and structure, and the authenticity of the illustrative examples. These experiences of the author convey the reader direct to the courtroom and help make the book as readable as a good novel. Reflective questions are provided to help the reader to engage with the most important issues. Throughout her book Davis shows a clear

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concept of the professional role of the social worker and is empowering of good practice. Furthermore she never wavers from the centrality of the welfare of the child and her book shows sensitivity and commitment as well as informed practicality. This is an excellent and accessible book which gives an informed and practical introduction to courtroom skills to student social workers, but would also be valuable, and attractive in its vibrancy, to refresh the courtroom and evidence-gathering skills of more experienced social workers, including those in practice with clients other than children. I will be recommending this book to law students at level two but will also be recommending this work for the Social Care Library of the Local Authority for use by qualified staff and for training.' - Social Policy and Social Work Subject Centre (SWAP) 'Although written from the perspective of children and families social workers and covering mainly English legal proceedings, Davis's book should prove useful to all British social workers as a general guide to giving evidence in court... This book should be essential reading for social workers. It will undoubtedly help them to overcome their initial fears about going to court, providing practical tips to help improve giving evidence and coping with cross-examination.' - Involve Magazine Are you looking forward to giving evidence? What do you have concerns about? Do you know how to prepare written evidence that will be taken seriously in court? See *You in Court* is an accessible guide for social workers on being a witness in care proceedings. With little training and few resources available, social workers can find preparing for court a daunting part of their role. This book

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answers questions frequently asked by social workers in real cases, and gives information on court structures, basic rules of evidence, the roles of those involved in the proceedings, and court etiquette. It also discusses the process of giving evidence, including how to deal with cross-examination. The material is supported by case studies and checklists. This practical book is essential reading for social workers, particularly those working with children and families.

This new text will build on *Courtroom Skills for Social Workers*, by updating the legal and research content and strengthening the material on recording. There will also be additional contributions from service users and more practice examples, so as to make the book interesting and relevant for qualified social workers. It will assist social workers in meeting their CPD requirements for continuing registration and also offer a framework for short in-service training courses on court skills and recording, both areas in which social workers' performance comes under the scrutiny of other professionals. The first year of practice can be a particularly daunting and challenging time for newly-qualified social workers (NQSWs). This fully revised and updated book directly addresses the crucial transition period between finishing off the social work degree and managing the first years of practice. It offers down to earth, practical guidance on applying for your first post and managing your work load in the first few years. From useful sections on the Assessed and Supported Year in Employment (ASYE), supervision, dealing with conflict, court skills, report writing, and team work to what

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professionalism actually looks like in practice, this book will throw a life belt to not only NQSWs entering the workplace but for students on qualifying programmes who wish to develop their skills beyond graduation.

This second edition looks in detail at the role of the social worker who engages with older people. It enables the reader to develop the key skills required to understand the mental and physical needs of older people in society while encouraging plenty of discussion and critical, independent thought. Furthermore, this book is a source of contemporary research and offers the reader insights into government legislation and policy. It is an essential read for any student who wants to develop a distinctive focus on social work with older people.

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A core function of social work is to assist, empower, and protect the most vulnerable in society. Social workers make difficult decisions in complex and challenging situations every day. They work in organizations that have clear statutory duties. Therefore, it is essential that social work students know what their responsibilities are. Familiarity with law, legislation, and legal processes is consequently fundamental to sound social work practice. This best-selling book helps social work students gain this foothold in understanding law as it applies to social work practice. It avoids complicated legal jargon remote from the everyday realities of practice, offering instead a grounding in legally-appropriate, rights-based social work. It covers the full range of social work law,

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including services for children and families and child protection, adult care law, youth justice, court work, professional regulation, and human rights.

Reflective practice is a key element of learning and development on social work courses. This fully-updated new edition explores a range of approaches to reflective practice and includes sections on gender, reflecting on emotion and using reflection as a catalyst for change, as well as asking the fundamental question 'what is reflective practice?' Written in three parts, this essential guide starts with a broad exploration of reflection, drawing on some key texts that have informed its development. It then moves on to real practice issues including the management of social work practice and interprofessional working.

Since the inception of the Scottish Parliament in 1999, mental health law, policy, practice and ethos have changed dramatically in Scotland. This book provides a thorough grounding in the key issues in mental health and presents a clear picture of the current Scottish mental health scene. By highlighting the skills and values that are necessary for contemporary practice, it helps students to develop their knowledge and understanding to enable them to deliver an appropriate and responsive service for people facing mental health challenges.

Social work degree students must be confident in working with groups of service users as well as other professionals. This revised new edition introduces the practicalities of planning, establishing, facilitating and evaluating social work projects including small

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helping groups as well as interprofessional working parties. The authors examine the best methods in setting up a group, the issues around power and anti-oppressive practice, and how to cope with unexpected or unhelpful outcomes. This second edition features new material on sociodrama and psychodrama action methods, with more examples from actual groupwork projects.

Psychology is an important part of the social work syllabus, usually studied as a separate module in the first year, but also integrated within the academic curriculum. This fully updated edition will help students understand the concepts of psychology and apply them to their own practice. It shows that, for social workers, it is important for psychology to be studied in the contexts of social care, as it offers potential explanations of complex aspects of human behaviour and development. An overview of the key psychological approaches is given and the author demonstrates how these can be applied to social work practice.

This collection of original essays from leaders in the profession comments on the current state of social work in the United States, and how it ought to change, in light of social change in the US and the world as a whole.

This book investigates the main influences shaping social work practice now and in the future. Aimed at second and third year undergraduates and postgraduates, it looks at current developments such as the rise of the service user movement and the influence of European perspectives. In addition, it draws on national policy developments

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including Every Child Matters, Valuing People and Common Assessment Frameworks. It also develops themes around interprofessional/multi-agency work, common learning and enhancing the voluntary sector's role in service delivery. Supported by activities and case studies, it is an excellent follow-on to the Learning Matters title, 'What is Social Work?'

The Department of Health requires students on the social work degree to undertake at least 200 days in direct practice learning during their course. Practice learning often raises great anxieties for students, agencies and those who supervise and assess it. This book tackles those anxieties, explaining the ways the experience can deliver a unique learning opportunity for the student. It is ideal for students undertaking or about to undertake practice learning, student supervisors and practice assessors, as well as trainers and policymakers within social care agencies and healthcare professions where practice learning is also undertaken.

Working with children and families is a challenging, skilled and rewarding area of social work practice. It involves working in diverse settings with various groups of professionals, such as the police, schools, hospitals and community organisations. The current edition of this popular book has been updated to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to undertake essential work with children. It also explores social workers' values and attitudes in relation to the safety of children and includes references to important legislation such as Every Child Matters, Working

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Together 2006 and the Adoption and Children Act 2002.

The first year of practice can be the most challenging for newly qualified social workers. This book takes a practical look at the transition from student to practitioner and covers applying for a first post and managing the first years of practice, including specific guidance on topics such as induction, supervision and Post-Qualifying awards. Also covered are court skills, team working, report writing and record keeping. Each of these sections within the book contains critical commentary from both an employer's and newly qualified social worker's perspective, bringing alive the importance of these issues.

This book explores forensic social work and offers examples of legal conflicts practitioners may face in their practice. Discussing the origins of forensic social work and implications for future practice, the new edition of Forensic Social Work will help you offer better services to clients as it explores malpractice, licensing, credentialing, marketing for forensic clients, and presenting effective courtroom testimony. To view an excerpt online, find the book in our QuickSearch catalog at www.HaworthPress.com. Service users frequently encounter services at times of personal or family crisis. As a result, all social workers need to be aware of the impact of loss if they are to work effectively. This book looks at theoretical developments surrounding issues of change, loss and grieving, encouraging social workers to explore and reflect on the relevance of such issues to their own practice. Furthermore, the book discusses the potential impact

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of practitioners' own experiences of loss. Issues are explored with reference to the Codes of Practice for Social Care Workers, National Occupational Standards and examples of interdisciplinary working across contexts.

This book throws light on legal and courtroom processes and procedures, encouraging readers to see involvement with the courts as a positive element of their practice, rather than something to be afraid of. By encouraging social workers to develop the skills to perform confidently in the court environment, they will be better able to support service users faced with court involvement. This guide is presented within an integrated framework of law and social work and gives a unique opportunity to demystify courtroom and legal procedures and to identify the skills required of social workers involved in court work.

Learn reliable techniques to prepare and present effective testimony! “Soon after leaving graduate school I was thrown to the courtroom wolves with no preparation. No social worker should have to go through that,” says Janet Vogelsang, author of *The Witness Stand*. Few colleges of social work prepare their students for the inevitable involvement with the courts entailed by their profession. This timely book provides you with a blueprint for presenting yourself as a competent and credible professional in court cases. This indispensable guide tells exactly what happens in court, how to counter common strategies for discrediting your profession, and what to do when your client's attorney is obnoxious. *The Witness Stand* emphasizes the biopsychosocial assessment as the essential tool for a social worker called on to testify in court. Its helpful features include sample forms and affidavits and actual court

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testimony. The end-of-chapter summaries can be used for rapid review and as a "to do" checklist for preparing a court case. The Witness Stand offers practical, detailed advice on such matters as: how the legal system works how to handle contacts with attorneys and investigators what to do with documents and files how to prepare your testimony how to handle direct testimony and cross-examination how to define your social work expertise on the stand what to wear when you go to court The Witness Stand can help you deal with the anxiety-provoking complexities of the legal system. Instead of being confused or intimidated by legal arcana, you will be well-prepared, well-organized, and ready to present yourself as the confident, reliable professional you are.

`This is an excellent book and should be compulsory reading for social work students. It is clearly written, sensitively related to social work practice, with some first-rate examples; above all, it really "speaks" to the realities of contemporary statutory professional practice in the twenty-first century. Andrew Hill has written a thorough but readable text for students which they will find useful at any stage in their qualification degree.---David Shemmings, University of Kent --

This book is written to help social work practitioners and students on CPD courses make professional decisions with clients; from exercising statutory powers and duties to protect children from abuse, to making decisions about risk. This revised second edition has more of a focus on risk within social work practice as many social workers face daily pressure to make sound decisions in very difficult circumstances. In this complex arena of conflicting demands and considerations - from the public, the client, the family, the organisation - the professional needs a robust and yet flexible framework to inform practice decisions. Featuring illustrations

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from practice as well as case studies and practical activities to aid learning, this book provides a holistic view of decision making and risk as a core aspect of effective social work practice. This third edition provides a thorough grounding in the key issues in mental health and, by highlighting the skills and values that are necessary for contemporary practice, helps students to develop their knowledge and understanding to enable them to deliver an appropriate and responsive service for people facing mental health challenges. This edition also reflects the recent and important changes to mental health legislation policies and practice, including the implementation of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and the Mental Health Act 2007, which makes significant amendments to the 1983 MHA, including the introduction of the Approved Mental Health Professional.

Written in an accessible style, this title introduces theory as an explanatory framework that is drawn upon by the social worker to inform their decision-making process, by helping to 'make sense' of what is going on.

Are your students struggling to get to grips with what social work actually looks like in real-life practice? Are they wanting to know more about how they can develop the right skills and implement the right theory in many different practice situations? Then you have come to the right place! This book will provide your students with everything they need to know and more, helping them develop and hone their skills and make the best start in their practice placements. To get the most out of this book and access more materials to support them through their social work degree, visit the companion website at

<https://www.study.sagepub.com/rogers> to read journal articles, access 'how to..' guides and helpful links, as well as hear first-hand from frontline social workers, services users, carers and

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more.

Many social workers face daily pressure to make sound decisions in very difficult circumstances, occasionally having to manage impossible expectations. Politicians and the media may spotlight care decisions where a tragedy or complaint occurs. In this complex arena of conflicting demands and considerations – from the public, the client, the family, the organisation – the professional needs a robust and yet flexible framework to inform practice decisions. This book is written to help social work practitioners and students make professional decisions with clients; from exercising statutory powers and duties to protect children from abuse, to making decisions about risk.

At a time when accountability and the avoidance of risk are increasingly demanded of social workers, the ability to make clear and informed decisions is essential. This book, written for practicing social workers undertaking their ASYE and compulsory CPD, has been designed to help professionals make sound judgments in increasingly complex contexts and under pressure. The focus is on empowering front-line professionals through reflective practice, so that they are able to draw on multiple factors and perspectives and make sound problem-solving judgements. The book begins with the core concepts, client focus, and legal background before moving on to consider the collaborative processes and the nature of individual judgements. It then considers particular dimensions of social work decision making, such as safeguarding, taking risks, assessment and dynamic decision tools and processes. It then concludes by look at the organisational context of decision management, with a focus on supervision, training and effective communication.

This rigorous yet reader-friendly book reviews the state of the science on a broad

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range of psychological issues commonly encountered in the forensic context. The goal is to help professionals and students differentiate between supported and unsupported psychological techniques--and steer clear of those that may be misleading or legally inadmissible. Leading contributors focus on controversial issues surrounding recovered memories, projective techniques, lie detection, child witnesses, offender rehabilitation, psychopathy, violence risk assessment, and more. With a focus on real-world legal situations, the book offers guidelines for presenting scientific evidence accurately and effectively in courtroom testimony and written reports.

This fully revised and updated second edition looks at the study of social work management and organisations, focusing on relationships with crucial partners such as central government agencies, local partners and other social care organisations. Through an examination of current research and practice, the author explores the relationships between ideology, professional and personal values and decision making in organisational culture. Included in the text are case studies, activities and further reading lists to aid learning.

At a time of change and review within social care, it is relevant to explore traditional skills, knowledge and values associated with assessment in the context of changing practice. This book introduces and explores assessment in

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social work in a user-friendly, yet comprehensive way. The author reviews the interpersonal skills necessary for social work practice, applying them particularly to assessment and outlines fundamental knowledge and theoretical models that can inform assessment. The professional social work value base underpinning assessment and the power balance between assessor and the person being assessed are also taken into consideration.

Skills lie at the heart of all actions of a social worker, and inform all aspects of practice – from drawing on vital theoretical and ethical frameworks to applying the law and research findings to particular situations. This user-friendly and logically organised text book brings together in one place all the vital skill sets which students need to acquire in order to qualify as social workers. It reflects current practice frameworks and addresses a wide range of skills including communication and relationship building, professional writing, ethical practice, assessment and reflection. his engaging and practical book is essential reading for social work students taking skills and practice modules as well as being a critical tool for practitioners looking to enhance their skills in social work practice. Social workers are required to communicate in writing for a range of purposes and audiences. The new edition of this best-selling book aims to raise the profile of writing skills in social work practice. It encourages the development of writing

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techniques which will stand the reader in good stead throughout their professional career. Examples of the types of writing covered include: - Case-notes - Reports - Proposals - Literature reviews - Journal articles - Funding applications. Reflective exercises, hot tips for effective writing and further reading are included in each chapter. The book is also linked to the professional standards that structure training, practice and continuing professional development. It will be an essential study guide for all students, practitioners and managers in social work settings.

Interacting with the legal system can be stressful and intimidating for mental health professionals. This trusted book provides user-friendly strategies to help clinicians prepare for testimony in court and other legal proceedings. Using vivid case scenarios, the author explains legal terms and offers practical suggestions for avoiding pitfalls and managing ethical dilemmas. Clear guidelines are presented for record keeping, responding to subpoenas, preparing reports, and performing effectively on the stand as a fact witness or expert witness.

Reproducible agreements and other sample documentation can be photocopied from the appendices or downloaded and printed in a convenient 8 1/2" x 11" size. New to This Edition * Incorporates updates in research, case law, statutes, and practice. * Examines the developing role of mental health professionals as

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forensic consultants. * Increased attention to ethical issues, such as dual relationships, professional boundaries, confidentiality, and competence. * An appendix with reflection questions that extend the scope of each chapter. * Explores special issues that may arise in cases involving children * Supplemental materials for course use--including an instructor's manual--are available at the author's website.

Sexuality remains a neglected and largely taboo area within practice, but it can be a demanding aspect of social work. Social workers may be familiar with the importance of issues such as racism and ethnicity, but sexuality is also a very significant part of people's lives, closest relationships and sense of identity. This valuable resource introduces the topic, using a combination of perspectives to consider sexual diversity and examining related issues across the life course, including sexual orientation, disability, HIV, sexual abuse, mental health and sexual exploitation.

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