A Research Guide for SCW 472
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Books tab
Library Catalog - http://library.cu-portland.edu/
Use the catalog to find books, DVDs, and videos in the Concordia Library.
- Search by Keyword on your topic.
  - e.g. unemployed OR underemployed
- Search by Subject on your topic.
  - e.g. Illegal aliens – United States
  - e.g. Rape victims – services for
  - e.g. Adult children of alcoholics

Note: Electronic books are identified by “online access.” To view them, click on the View It tab then the link to the ebook collection (e.g. ebrary Academic Complete). Login using your network username (e.g. jfranklin) and password.

Find Articles tab
Databases - Find articles in online journals, magazines and newspapers.
Access from the DATABASES link on the library homepage. Login to the Intranet using your network username and password.

SocIndex AND Academic Search Complete
Search by keywords. Consider combinations of concepts (age, ethnic group, location, social issue).
- e.g. young adults AND marijuana
- e.g. Native Americans AND alcohol*
- e.g. women college students AND sexual assault

Click on subject links from an article that fits your topic. (e.g. emigration & immigration law)
Check the Full Text box to see only full text articles.

Psychology and Behavioral Sciences
Use same search strategies as with other Ebsco databases.
Combine terms using AND or OR.
- e.g. mental health AND Russian immigrants
- e.g. marijuana usage AND social anxiety

Additional databases
PsychArticles for mental health topics
Sage Journals Online for articles on any social work topic
Business Source Premier for economics topics like unemployment data
PubMed National Institute of Health site for journal articles on health topics
Education Research Complete for school social work or education related topics
LexisNexis for articles from U.S. and international newspapers

Journal Finder (A-Z): Use this search to find a particular journal title or an article from a citation.
- e.g. a journal title: Social Work
- Search: Vulnerable Children & Youth Studies

Questions? Ask Your Librarian.
Data & Statistics tab

Demographics: information about the population; income, education, number of children, etc.

U.S. Census Bureau: https://factfinder.census.gov for data and statistics on populations. Information goes from national to the local level. Has tools to create individual tables and thematic maps.
Zanran Search Engine http://www.zanran.com/q/ for data formatted in graphs, charts & tables
Portland Maps: https://www.portlandmaps.com/ for local information on households, crimes, percentage of populations for particular target groups

Search tip: When searching for statistics, use the word data instead of statistics e.g. data AND foster children (for statistics on foster child care)

Social Policy-> Legislation, Laws & Regulations tab Locate & track laws

Federal:
Congress.gov http://beta.congress.gov/
Track legislation by topic or bill number to find the actual law for a public policy.
Govpulse.us http://govpulsue.us Search by topic or location to track legislation that impacts the local community.

State:
Oregon State Legislative Information: https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/20171
View text, analysis, testimony, and other information on bills introduced in the Legislative Assembly going back to 2007.
Oregon Revised Statutes: https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/bills_laws/Pages/ORS.aspx
The ORS is the codified laws of the State of Oregon. It is arranged by subject and incorporates all laws, and changes to laws, enacted by the Legislative Assembly. It is published every two years.
Oregon Administrative Rules: https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/processLogin.action
Administrative Rules are created by most agencies and some boards and commissions to implement and interpret their statutory authority (ORS 183.310(9).
Washington State Laws and Agency Rules:
http://leg.wa.gov/LawsAndAgencyRules/Pages/default.aspx

Implementation of legislation i.e. policy information
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) http://www.clasp.org/
Focuses on child and family welfare policy. Includes full text journals in welfare policy, couples and marriage, reproductive health, child care and early education and in workforce development.

Assistance Listings * formerly known as Catalog of Federal and Domestic Assistance https://beta.sam.gov/ contains detailed program descriptions for over 2,000 Federal assistance programs; includes historical data.
Office of Human Services Policy https://aspe.hhs.gov/ A good starting point for information on government policies and programs. Links to information by topic, program, population, etc., on the program and studies about those programs.

USA.gov https://www.usa.gov/ The gateway for government information. Includes links for tracking legislation, agencies and agency regulations, tribal governments, a cross agency topic listing, government forms, with special sections for nonprofits and government to government info.