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University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code: SOWK- 380	Course Title Child Protection	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences/Social Work Programme	Semester Fall 2010	Prerequisites SOW K-210-220-230,215-225-235 PSY-220A
Type of Course	Field Social Work	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course	Year of Study 3rd	Lecturer (s) Dr Charalambos Tziogouros
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Make the students aware of the rights of the children and the ways they are violated
- Analyze and explain the phenomenon of child neglect and child abuse
- Cover in detail the three types of violence against children-physical, psychological and sexual.
- Provide the students with basic skills for recognizing and managing incidents of child abuse and neglect.
- Thoroughly discuss the role of Social Workers as well as their duty regarding the protection of children and the defense of their rights.
- Explain the meaning of preventative work and methods used to ensure a multi-disciplinary approach to safeguarding children.
- Examine legal responsibilities for the protection and support of children in need and briefing on the procedures and the legislation of the Republic of Cyprus

L e a r n i n g O u t c o m e s :

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. recognize when the children rights are violated
2. examine critically the main theoretical explanations of the child abuse and neglect.
3. analyze their professional role in the field of the children rights protection
4. use the appropriate approaches in dealing with child abuse incidents
5. suggest and develop preventative strategies
6. utilize the related procedures and the legislation
7. reflect on their own values and feelings and be able to recognize how they may impact on themselves in dealing with child abuse and neglect

Course Contents:

1. The Convention on the Rights of the Child
2. Domestic Violence and Violence Against Children
3. Neglect and child abuse (physical, psychological, sexual)
4. Theories on child abuse
5. Impact of child abuse on children
6. Diagnostic evaluation of child abuse
7. Dealing with the abused child and the abusive parents
8. Prevention of the child abuse
9. The personal engagement and the responsibilities of Social Worker
10. Legislation and legislative issues

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical Exercises and Assignments.

Assessment Methods:

Participation, Mid-Term, Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Package of handouts and written notes prepared by the lecturer

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publishe	Yea	ISBN
Beckett, C.	Child Protection; An Introduction	Sage	2003	0761970819
Bucanan. A & Hudson. B	Promoting children's emotional well- being : messages from research	Oxford University Press	2000	0192631748 9780192631749
Chatzifotiou S.	Domestic Violence against women and children: Findings and challenges for Social Work	Thessalonica: Tziola Publications	2005	960-418-051-7

Prekate V. – Giotakos O.	Teachers' and parents' guide for the detection of child abuse	Athens: BHFA Publications, Medical Arts	2005	960-8071-97-6
Advisory committee for the prevention and combating the violence within the family	Manual of interdepartmental procedures for managing cases of domestic violence	www.familyviolence.gov.cy	2002	