**HSERV 51 West**

**Research Guide:** [**https://cabrillo.libguides.com/hserv50**](https://cabrillo.libguides.com/hserv50)

**Name:**

1. **What Human Services Topic are you researching?**

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| What interests you about this topic? |  |
| Who are the stakeholders for this topic? |  |
| What keywords and phrases are related to this topic?  Use your textbooks and class notes |  |

1. **Background Information** Use the sources on your research guide to find background information on your topic. Write notes about what you learned here:

**3. Articles & Books**

* Use your keywords to search for articles in *SuperSearch*
* Here you can get very specific – for example, “homeless immigrant children in California”
* Email yourself at least two articles, including the APA citations
* Combine your keywords using these search tricks:

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| **OR** | | **“Quotes”** | **Truncation\*** |
| Adolescents OR teens OR youth OR young adults | | “risk factors” | Teen\* to search teen, teens, teenager, etc., |
| Article 1 |  | | |
| Article 2 |  | | |

* Under “Source Types,” limit your results to books 
* Here you may need to do a more general search – for example, “Homelessness” vs. “Homeless immigrant children in California”
* Email yourself a chapter from at least one book, including the APA citation

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| Book |  |

**4. Websites**

* Pick one of the recommended websites & search for information on your topic
* Do an Advanced Google Search for information on your topic
* Pick your best source. Why do you believe this to be a credible source?

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| Who is the author? What are their credentials? |  |
| Who is the publisher? |  |
| How current is the information? |  |
| What are their sources – where is their information is coming from? |  |
| APA Citation | Example:  Community assessment project. (2017). Retrieved from <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5176dcd7e4b0e5c0dba41ee0/t/5a0c83eee4966b4ad903814c/1510769658644/CAP+23+Report_FINAL.pdf> |

**5. Revisit your topic:**

* Do you have any new ideas or questions?