

Three Rivers Community College

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HSE K241**

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Work With Agencies and Communities

Course Description: An introduction to the study of community organization as a method of social work practice, which has at its major objective, the practice, planning and implementation of programs directed toward some aspect of community change. The skills, methods and functions of community service workers will be explored and integrated into other skills and methods of social science practice, which are a part of a student's overall learning experiences in the social service program.

Required Text:

Community Organizing in a Diverse Society (Rivera), 3rd Edition, 1998

Learning Objectives:

- . To help students have a better understanding of the historical, social, economic and political context of community organization as a method of social work practice;**
- . To acquaint students with the various practice settings for community organization;**
- . To help students to understand the various roles of the professional social worker (enabler, broker, advocate, activist, etc.); and**
- . To provide learning opportunities for students to make practical applications of community organization skills.**

SOCIAL ISSUE: Protecting Children from Sexual Predators

Assignments:

- . Mid-term examination**
- . An Analysis of a Community Problem**
- . Public Forum Assignment**

Attendance is critical for all students, as the class will be developing and planning a public event in May at the College. Poor attendance and/or participation will be reflected in final grade.