# Finding Social Work Information: How to Use SocINDEX

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#### Look under "Finding Information" for "Find Resources by Subject"



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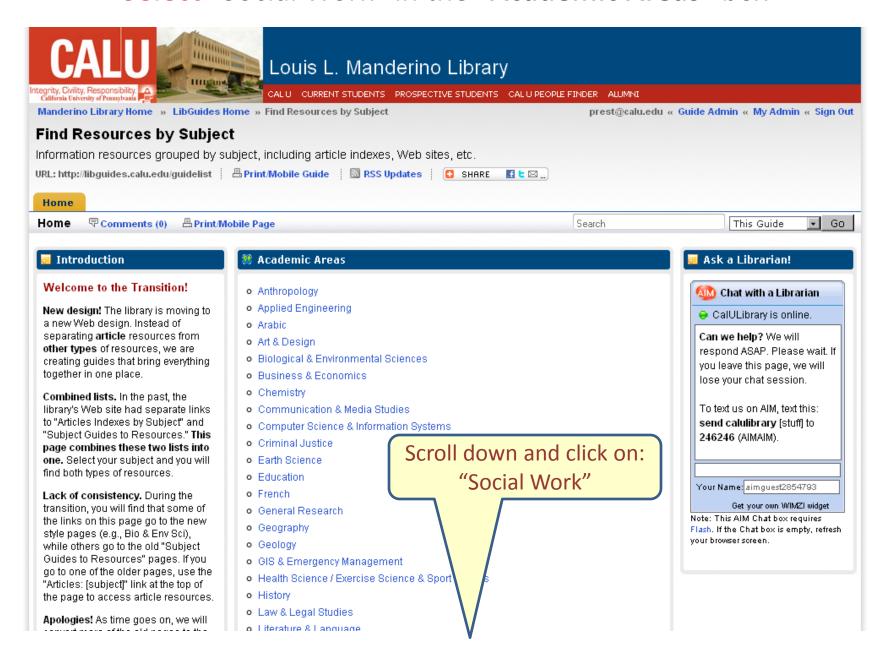
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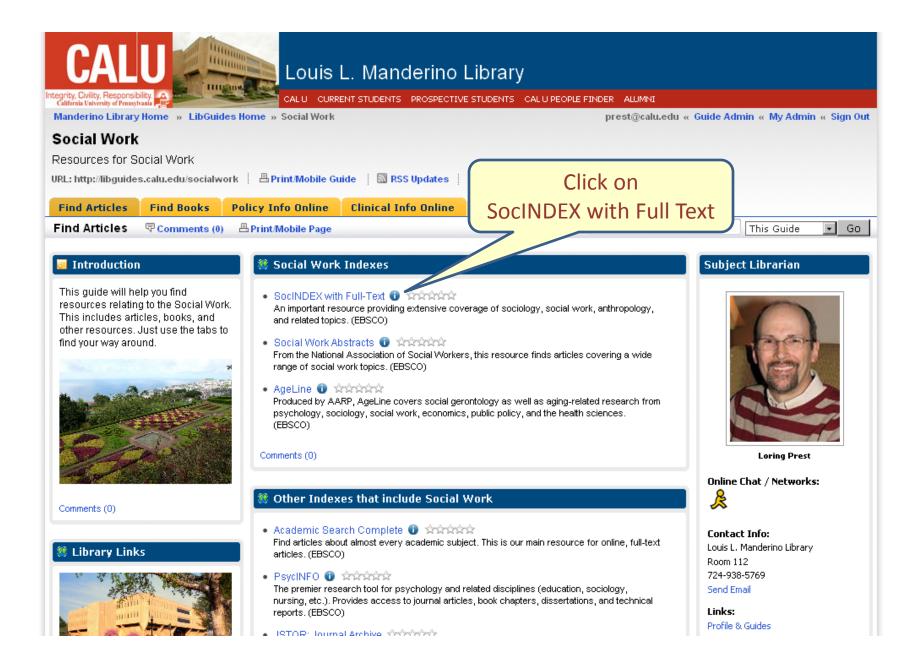
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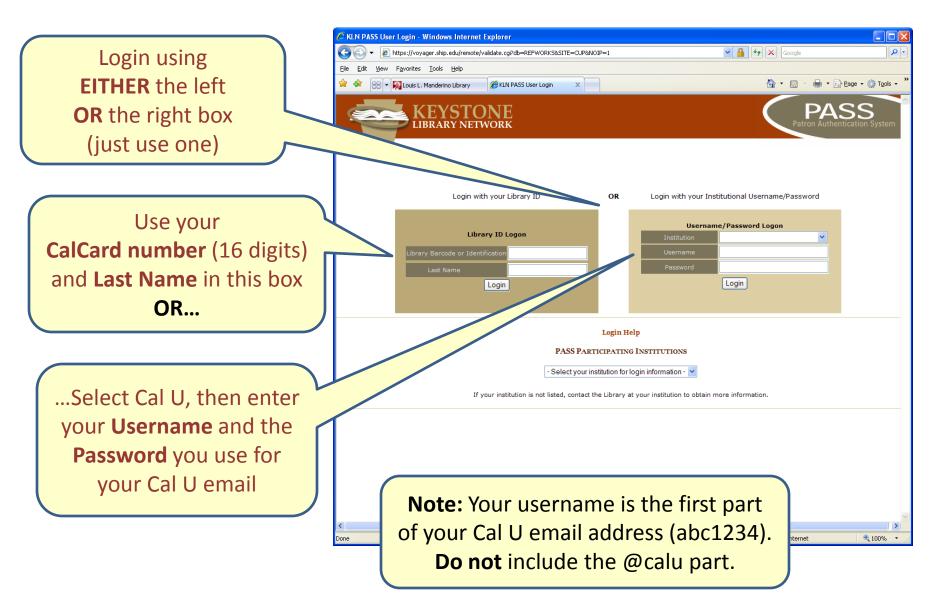
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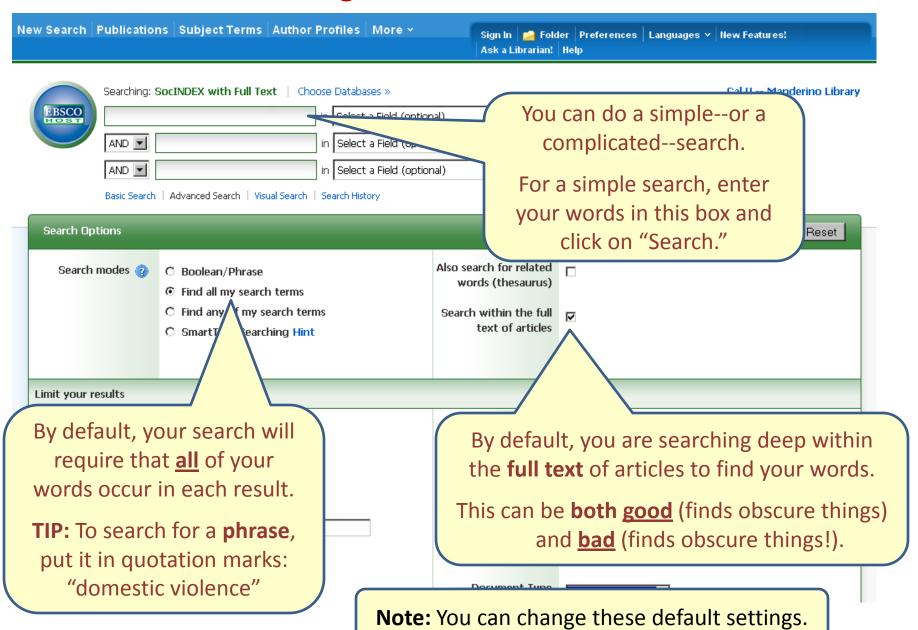
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#### Welcome to "SocINDEX with Full Text"

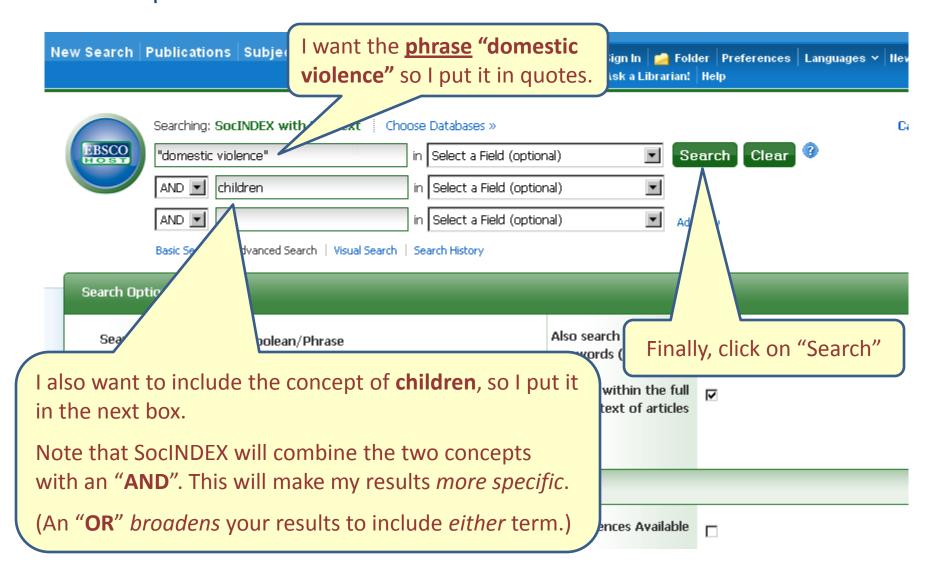
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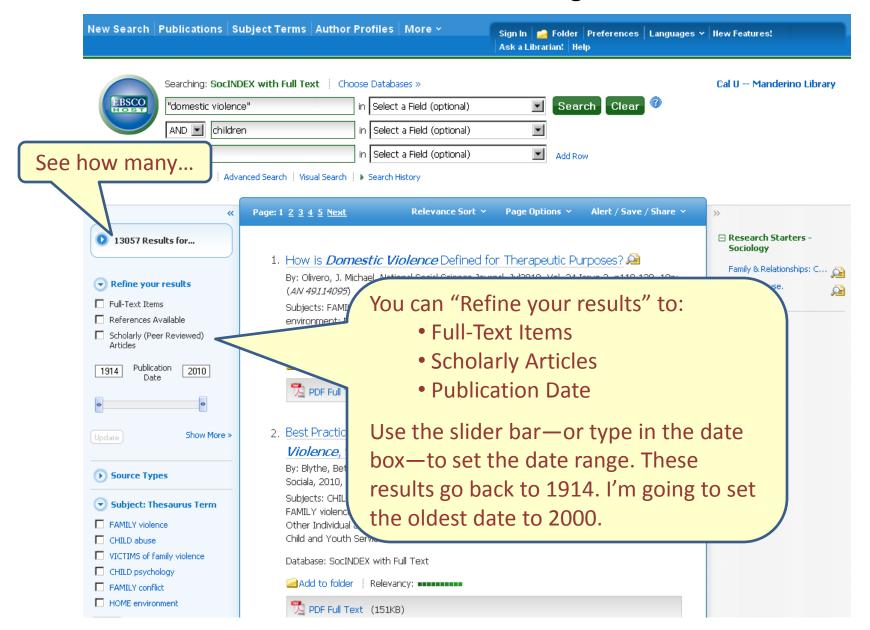


#### Let's do a **search** on the topic:

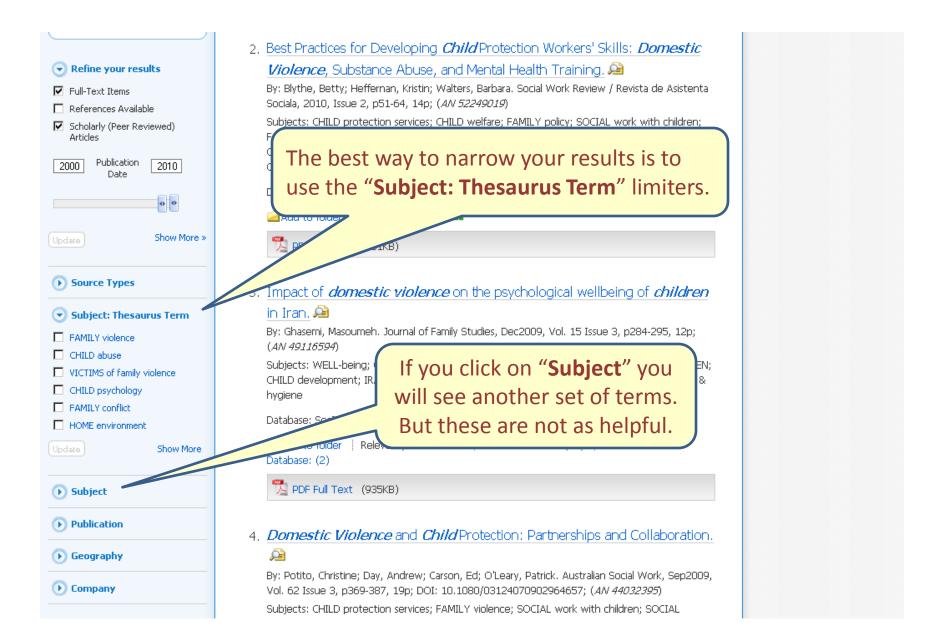
"The impact of domestic violence on children." Here's how I'd search.



### This finds **over 13,000 results**! Let's reduce this to a more manageable number.



#### Narrow your results using the **Subject: Thesaurus Term**, option.



# Wait a minute! This is confusing! What's the difference between a Subject and a Subject: Thesaurus Term?

- Subjects are...
  - General words chosen by the authors to describe the content of their articles.
  - There is **no standardization**, so authors can use different words to describe the same concept.
  - For example: some may use "dogs" and other may use "canines."

## What's the difference between a Subject and a Subject: Thesaurus Term?

- Subject: Thesaurus Terms are...
  - Subject headings from a preset list of terms used to describe the content of an article.
  - These terms are standardized so related concepts are all assigned the same thesaurus term.
  - For example: Every article mentioning either "dogs" or "canines" or "poodles" is listed under the term "dogs."

# What's the difference between a Subject and a Subject: Thesaurus Term?

- Subject: Thesaurus Terms...
  - Thesaurus terms are more useful than keywords when you want to find every article on a particular topic. Just use the right term.
  - You can use the "Subject Terms" tool (in the blue menu bar at the top) like a dictionary (or more precisely, like a "thesaurus") to find the right term for your concept.
  - Try it...you'll like it!!

# Now that you understand, let's continue to narrow our results using the **Subject: Thesaurus Term**, option.



a thesaurus term, you know it will really be about that subject. This is why they make your results better!

#### **Accessing** Your Results: PDF, HTML, and Linked Full Text

#### How is *Domestic Violence* Defined for Therapeutic Pur

By: Olivero, J. Michael. National Social Science Journal, Jul2010, Vol. 34 Is: (AN 49114095)

Subjects: FAMILY violence; ASSAULT & battery; FAMILY conflict; MARITAl environment; MARITAL relations; FAMILY relations; UNITED States; DEFIN

All of our results are available in full-text online because we limited our search to **Full-Text Items**.

But they come in **different types**...



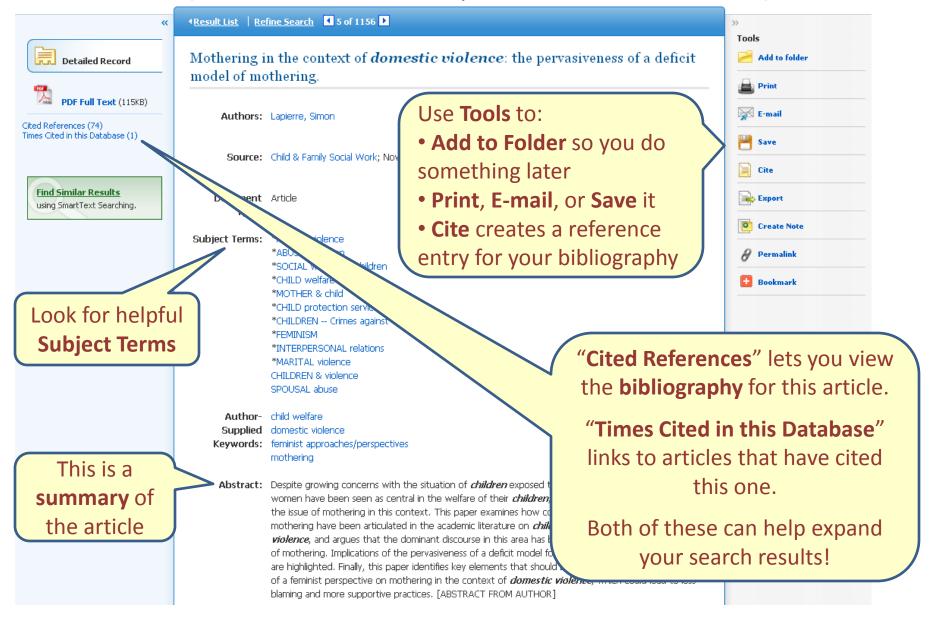
An "HTML Full Text" article means you get all of the text (but not the images) of the original. It will not have the same formatting or appearance of the actual journal article.

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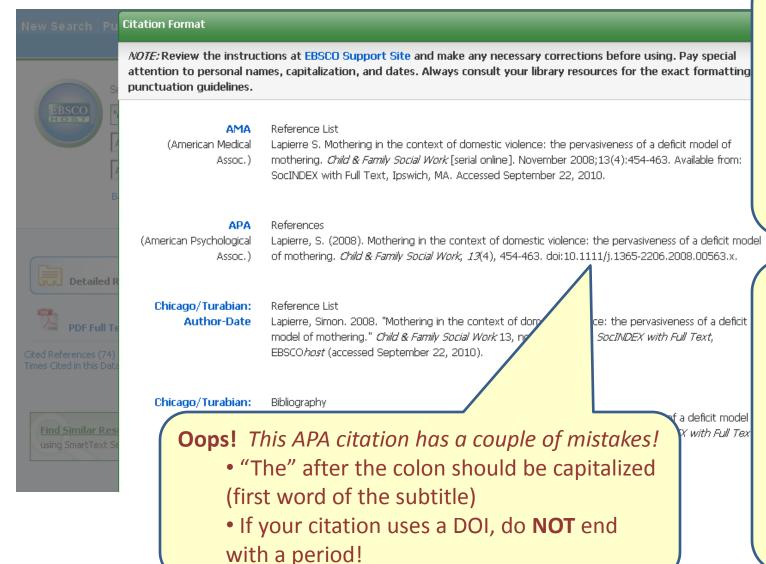
A "Linked Full Text" article will take you to another database to get the full text. It might be either HTML or PDF.

#### **Learning** from Your Results! What the **Record** Shows You.

(Click on one of the titles in your results to view the record.)



### How to use the **Cite** Feature! Click on the "**Cite**" Icon and you will see this:



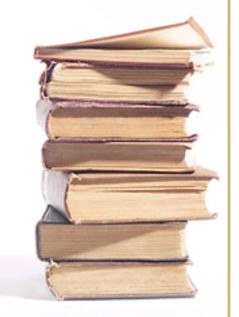
A window will appear with citations in various formats for the article you are viewing!! (not just some example)

You can then cut and paste the format you need into your document.

BUT...
It's not always
100% right, so
check the
formatting!!

# Final Thoughts

- SocINDEX with Full Text is a great resource for finding articles regarding Social Work topics.
- This is actually just an introduction to the many features and options available to you!!
- Nevertheless...

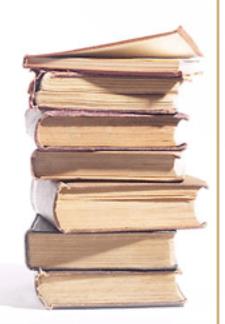


# Final Thoughts...continued

 I hope this presentation helps you to get started with SocINDEX.

 If you need help, or want to learn more details about using EBSCOhost, please contact me or the library!!

Thank you!!



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