SW 841: Generalist Social Work Practice II
Assignment 4: Intervention Evaluation for Three Key Concerns
DUE: Tuesday, 03/29/05

For three of the three to five concerns you selected for intervention, write an abstract of a published intervention evaluation article for each of these three concerns.

One of each of the following types of concerns must be represented by an abstract:

- **Child**: a concern (cognitive, emotional, or behavioral problem) experienced by maltreated children that probably results from physical maltreatment.
- **Parent**: a concern experienced by the maltreating parent (parental risk factor) that contributed to the maltreating behavior (alcohol or substance abuse may not be a concern chosen for this paper).
- **Social**: A social/community concern (environmental risk factor) that contributed to the maltreating behavior.

Each abstract should follow the outline on the following page. Each bulleted **boldface** heading left represents a section within an abstract.

**NOTE:** If you can find no studies for your selected concern where physical child abuse was also a concern, report on intervention evaluation studies for your selected problem where physical child abuse was not a specified concern.

Place an APA style cover page on this assignment. Citations and references should comply with APA style guidelines. This assignment should not exceed 600 words (excluding title page and reference page).
Abstract #

- **Reference (APA-Style)**
  (Authors. (Year). Article title. *Journal Name, volume(number)*, page range.)

- **Background:** Problem, Intervention(s), Subject Characteristics.
  (<200 words per abstract)

- **Research Design:** How were the interventions evaluated?
  (<60 words per abstract)
  
  - **Group Research Designs:**
    - a comparison of post-intervention outcomes for groups of individuals, families, or communities receiving different types of intervention,
    - a comparison of outcomes for groups receiving treatment and groups not receiving treatment - intervention vs. no intervention control, or
    - a comparison of pre-intervention and post-intervention outcomes for a single group.
    
    These comparisons are usually evaluated using statistical tests.

  - **Single System (single subject, single case) Analyses.**
    
    These designs usually follow a single individual, family, or community.
    
    A specific problem will be repeatedly measured over the progression of an intervention (and sometimes before the implementation of an intervention).
    
    Change is usually evaluated using replication procedures.

  - **Case Study/Field Study.**
    
    Case studies give a detailed description of an individual or family. Field studies give a detailed description of a community.
    
    Case and field studies typically are not used to evaluate the effectiveness of an intervention. They are often used to describe the process of intervention and to identify resources, problems, and/or idiosyncratic effects.
    
    Thus, these types of study are unlikely to be appropriate for this assignment.

- **Efficacy:** What were the conclusions about the effectiveness of the particular interventions?
  (<60 word per abstract)

- **Cultural Competence:** Were cultural issues addressed? How?
  (<60 words per abstract)