Social Work with Children and Families Curriculum Annotation Assoc. Prof. PhD Irina Todorova

This curriculum will outline the principles underpinning the assessment of children in need and their families. The curriculum content is focused focuses on the difficulties in the lives of some families and the care of their children.

Curriculum content:

1. What's happening to today's families and children? The Marriage Problem: Why Many Are Choosing Cohabitation?

2. How long do marriages last nowadays? What is the Average Marriage Length? Why?

3. What is the child's role in the modern family? What are the reasons people want kids? Why do some families choose not to have children?

4. How does infertility affect families? What are the mental and social effects of infertility? Families formed through assisted reproductive technology.

5. Why don't some parents care about their kids?

6. What is a Family-type placement center for children and youth, Foster Care and Adoption?

7. Understanding adoption. The Challenges Adopted Children Face and how we can help? Issues in Transracial and Transcultural Adoption.

8. Why do adopted kids always want to find their biological parents even if their adopted parents make them more than happy?

9. How does divorce affect the family members? Psycho-social consequences of broken homes on children. Long-term impact of growing up in a blended family.

10. What Is domestic abuse?

Interactive *methods* are used in teaching students.

At the end of the course, students will be able to conducting assessments to identify the needs and concerns of families, developing and implementing intervention plans, and providing counseling and therapy services. They will be able to work closely with families to address issues such as parenting difficulties, emotional concerns, child welfare, and crisis situations, domestic violence. The students will be able to collaborate with other professionals and community resources to ensure that families receive the necessary support and services to overcome challenges and improve their overall quality of life.

Method of assessment

Case work from social practice