



# Wayne County Community College District

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### SW 104 Introduction to Child Welfare

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**CREDIT HOURS:** 3.00

**CONTACT HOURS:** 45.00

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is designed as an introductory level exploration of child welfare issues of neglect and abuse. Students will review historical problems experienced by children and examines violence against and maltreatment and welfare laws and programs. Focus on special practice problems in public child welfare, protective services, assessment of at risk children, in home family centered practice and implementation of the Child Welfare Act. Students will be introduced to various levels of prevention and policy formulation.

**EXPECTED COMPETENCIES:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand how the US child welfare system functions and under what authority as well as major provisions that guide and fund it.
- Describe the interrelationship of values, social norms, culture, social and family policy, and how they impact policy formulation.
- Describe historical child welfare events and how they shaped policy and affected diverse and vulnerable populations in the history of the United States, including major events, leaders, and legislation.

**ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

Student performance may be assessed by examination, quizzes, case studies, oral conversation, group discussion, oral presentations. The instructor reserves the option to employ one or more of these assessment methods during the course.

**GRADING SCALE:**

90%-100% = A  
80%-89.9% = B  
70%-79.9% = C  
60%-69.9% = D  
<60% = E