FAMILY SCIENCE RESEARCH SURVIVAL KIT

Consulting a librarian   (Ask Early! – Ask Often!)

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Serious Tools for Serious Searchers   Rod Library - Databases A-Z

- **Family & Society Studies Worldwide**

  Subject headings include: child support --- law & legislation, child abuse --- law & legislation, child welfare, children --- health --- law & legislation, family violence, decision making – moral & ethical aspects, legislators – attitudes, legislation

- **PsycINFO**

  Subject headings include: Government-Policy-Making, Policy-Making

  Consider limiting "Methodology" (at the bottom of the page) to **Empirical Study** (research)

- **PubMed** (health and medicine – consider Advanced Search))

- **Social Services Abstracts**

- **Social Work Abstracts**

- **Sociological Abstracts**

- **Web of Knowledge** (**for locating the most cited research**)

… might also try: Rod Library - Databases A-Z

- **Academic OneFile** (after you get your results – limit to Academic Journals)
- **Academic Search Elite** (limit to "Scholarly")

Use **Google Scholar** to find **Known Articles**

To get the **Find it! @ UNI off campus when using Google Scholar** either use Google Scholar from the Rod Library page or set your computer as follows:

1. choose "Scholar Preferences"
2. type "Northern Iowa" in the "Library Links" blank and click on "Find Library"
3. put check in box next to "University of Northern Iowa
4. click on "Save Preferences" button (top of page)

Law, Legislation, and Policy Databases   Rod Library - Databases A-Z

- Public Affairs Index - EBSCO (public policy)
- LexisNexis Academic
  (click on Search by Subject – then choose an option such as Law Reviews under Legal)

Iowa Law and Legislation

- Iowa Legislature -   http://www.legis.iowa.gov
- Iowa Code -   https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/iowaCode

Hard to Find Items

Google Scholar   https://www.library.uni.edu/google-scholar
Google Books   https://books.google.com/advanced_book_search

Search Tricks   (**WARNING** – these don't work with Google or Google Scholar)

Put an asterisk - $*$ - at the end of the root of a word to find all versions:
        e.g. abus* …. abuse, abused, abusive, abuses, abusers, abusing,

        (warning … LexisNexis uses the exclamation symbol $!$ instead of the asterisk)

Combine separate concepts with "and" …..
        e.g. homeless* and Iowa

Combine similar concepts (synonyms) with "or" and parentheses
        e.g.   child* and (neglect* or abus* or abandon*) and legislat*