Selected Information Resources for Assignments
Advanced Policy Analysis, Social Work 7570
This guide is online at http://go.osu.edu/BJqq (then click on Social Work 7570)

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OSU Libraries Catalog:  http://library.osu.edu    OhioLink Catalog: http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search

More Resources:  Public Affairs Resources: https://go.osu.edu/78b

Law Review articles:

Nexis Uni (formerly LexisNexis)
After reaching the database click the box for Law Reviews in the left box. Enter key words. The Advanced Search offers enhanced search features.
Phrase search: Use quotes “physical impairment”
Combining terms: “physical impairment” AND access to education
Word proximity can focus a search: physical near/5 impairment (words can be within 5, any order)
Physical w/5 impairment (words within 5 in that order)

Index to Legal Periodicals – index to 600 journals and hundreds of books, 1981-present

Publications about U.S. Federal Policies, Programs, or Rules (Regulations)

Policy Studies:

Academic Search Complete: Find articles in a wide range of journals and popular periodicals

CQ Electronic Library: access to information about congressional activities, includes CQ Researcher (Analysis of important issues); CQ Magazine (Weekly; key issues in Congress); CQ Almanac (1945-2016; an annual summary of activities in Congress)

Nexis Uni (formerly LexisNexis)
Database defaults to a search of news sources. Enter key words. The Advanced Search offers enhanced search features. See sample search features under Law Review articles above.

Access World News Research Collection
Database offers newspapers, blogs, newswires, journals, broadcast transcripts and videos. There is a special link for Ohio newspapers

Think Tank Search
Find think tank studies from the internet. Focus your search with relevant phrases in quote marks or specific keywords.

Congressional Research Services (CRS) Reports
The CRS produces research studies on public policy topics and legislation
At Proquest Congressional database, 1) go to advanced menu, 2) uncheck all boxes in left column [see “select all” box] 3) check CRS Reports, 4) search with keywords (uses quotes for a phrase)
Programs Funded:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance  http://beta.sam.gov
“Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) provides a full listing of all Federal programs available to State and local governments (including the District of Columbia); federally-recognized Indian tribal governments; Territories (and possessions) of the United States; domestic public, quasi- public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals.”

Search a phrase with quotes: E.G.: “temporary assistance for needy families”; “early intervention”
Note: If using CFDA the advanced menu may work best for program names.

Rules (Federal Regulations or administrative rules that have the force of law)

Federal Register 1936-present; (e.g. 76 FR 79193 means Volume 76, page 79193)
Search the FR at https://www.govinfo.gov/#advanced and search using Advanced menu; choose Federal Register from the center list. If you know the section needed go to https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/FR
The FR is published daily (M-F). Find “Proposed Rules, Rules, as well as Notices from the Federal Register – often referred to just as “Notices.” Public Submissions (e.g., comments, citizen petitions, early submissions) and Supporting Materials often associated with regulatory actions can also be found on this site.” “Rules” are final and are integrated into the Code of Federal Regulations (access below).

Code of Federal Regulations 1996-present (e.g. 45 CFR 1355 means Title 45, section 1355)
Find in https://www.govinfo.gov/#advanced and search using Advanced Menu; choose the Code from the center list; If you know the section needed go to https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/CFR “Codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the Federal Government. It is divided into 50 “titles” that represent broad areas subject to Federal regulation. Each volume of the CFR is updated once each calendar year and is issued on a quarterly basis.”

U.S. Laws, Congressional Documents

Congressional Glossary  https://www.senate.gov/reference/glossary.htm
Link to brief definitions of terms used in Congress
Legislative Process  https://www.congress.gov/legislative-process
Information about how Congressional bills are proposed and considered in the House and Senate

Congress.gov  https://www.congress.gov/
The official website for U.S. federal legislative information. Includes Legislation (1973-), Congressional Record (1995-) containing text of House and Senate speeches and proceedings; House and Senate Committee Reports (1995-), and additional information

Statutes at Large (eg. 119 STAT 17 means v. 119, page 17)
Publication of the full text of Public Laws (1789-) passed by Congress and signed by the President. Organized by Congress and law numbers. Access using https://www.congress.gov/ (1994- Search for PL # in “all legislation tab); https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/STATUTE (1951-) or key words at https://www.govinfo.gov/#advanced; Also Hein Online (1789-), or Proquest Congressional (Bill search, 1789-present)
United States Code (e.g. 42 U.S.C. 1305 means Title 42, section 1305)
The current edition with updates is the codification of existing US laws, not including federal regulations. USC also includes references to amendments. Portions of public laws may be relevant to different parts of the USC. Browse the USC: https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/USCODE; Search USC by key words at https://www.govinfo.gov/#advanced and search using Advanced menu; choose United States Code from the center list.

United States Code Congressional and Administrative News 1941-date.
Moritz Law Library, National Collection, 2nd Floor, KF48 .W45
Each month current laws are published in USCCAN’s advance sheets and reissued as bound volumes after the end of each session of Congress. Selectively reprints committee reports for enacted legislation.

Programs at the State Level

State Bill Tracking Databases
Topical guide to legislative activities in the states.

Deciphering common federal legislative/regulatory citations:

109 P.L. 4 or P.L. 109-4 P.L. refers to Public Law or law passed by Congress and signed by the President - 109th Congress, Public Law #4
119 STAT 17 Volume 119 of the U.S. Statutes at Large, page 17 -text of public laws
42 U.S.C. 1305 Title 42 United States Code, section 1305 (codified US laws)
109 Enacted H.R. 1160 House bill 1160 of the 109th Congress, enacted into law.
109 H.R. 1160 Same as above but may not have been enacted into law
H.R. 1160 House bill 1160; Congress # should be recognized from the publication
111 S. 1818 Senate bill number 1818 of the 111th Congress
S. 1818 Senate bill 1818; Congress # should be recognized from the publication
76 FR 79193 Volume 76, page 79193 of Federal Register
45 CFR 1355 Title 45, Section 1355 of the Code of Federal Regulations

“short title” or popular name of the law eg. Welfare Reform Extension Act of 2005 –.