

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Social Work
Master of Social Work (MSW)

Paper SWS 508: CORRECTIONAL SOCIAL WORK

Objectives:

- Develop understanding of the concept and philosophy of correctional social work and correctional facilities in India.
- To study the institutional and non-institutional services available in the correctional context.
- Develop practice skills in prevention, correction, aftercare and rehabilitation work in criminal justice.

Course Content:

UNIT-1

Basic concepts of correctional social work: Theories of punishment; Correctional services: concept, philosophy and changing perspectives; UN Standard Minimum Rules for Treatment of Prisoners; An overview of the development of correctional policies and laws in India.

UNIT-II

Institutional and Non-institutional Correctional Services: Origin of Prison, Prison reform movement and penal reforms in India; Structures, functions and limitations; Prisons, Open institutions, Beggar homes, Rescue homes, Short-stay homes, Protective homes, Half-way homes, De-addiction centers etc.; Health facilities in institutions; Concept and principles of Probation, Furlough and Parole; Community correction programmes: Role of police, judiciary and voluntary organizations; Role of social worker in prisons; Neighbourhood and mutual-help groups.

UNIT-III

Aftercare : Defining concepts – aftercare, rehabilitation and reintegration; Principles of aftercare; Structures and services – aftercare hostels, state homes, vocational training services and schemes for rehabilitation; Reintegration and follow up; Critique of aftercare and rehabilitation services – problems and gaps; Post-release problems and issues faced by persons in custody in relation to shelter, vocational training, livelihoods, counselling, family and community support and negative influences in society; Role of Social Worker in aftercare; Emergence of the voluntary sector – current trends in aftercare and rehabilitation.

UNIT-IV

Social Work Intervention in Correctional Setting: Application of appropriate social work methods in correctional institutions; Lack of correctional personnel; Role of social worker in probation, parole and after care; Preparation of home study reports; Community legal aid programme; Social exclusion, crime and rehabilitation; HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse in Prisons; Social work intervention in prevention of crime and rehabilitation of prisoners; Rights based approach to rehabilitation.

UNIT-V

Social Work at Police Stations and Courts: Application of appropriate social work strategies for safeguarding the rights of under trial prisoners; Right to bail and Legal aid;

Social Work with Drug Habitues; Working with children of prisoners; Prisoners' Vs. Victims' Rights; Rights of groups with Special Needs - Mentally Disturbed, Challenged or Geriatric Prisoners.

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