INTRODUCTION TO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION LIBRARY ORIENTATION

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Goals

- Create a focused research statement and word-search pool
- Effectively use library catalogs to find information in any format on your topics
- Identify appropriate magazine/journal databases for your topics
- Locate paper and microfilm magazine articles in PCT's library
- Identify differences among journals, professional (trade) magazines, and popular magazines
- Find reliable websites using Website Reliability Criteria

Research Statements and Word-Search Pools

- Purpose of research statements
- How to create a good research statement
- Example: I need to find information about the pros and cons of spanking children.
- Keywords and related words

Application Activity 1

- Find Activity 1 on your "Activities Worksheet."
- Complete the questions there.

Library Catalogs

- Purpose of Library Catalogs
- PCT's Library Catalog: Quick search v. Powersearch
- Other Library Catalogs: When to use them, how to access them, and how to retrieve items from them (Document Delivery Service)

Application Activity 2

- Find Activity 2 on your “Activities Worksheet.”
- Complete the instructions as directed.

Databases

- Purpose of databases
- How to choose appropriate databases: Databases by Subject page

Application Activity 3

- Find Activity 3 on your "Activities Worksheet."
- Complete the instructions as directed.

Databases: From Citation to Article

- Define "citation"
- Citation parts: **Corporal punishment and physical maltreatment against children: A community study on Chinese parents in Hong Kong**
  Catherine So-kum Tang. **Child Abuse & Neglect.** New York: Aug 2006. Vol. 30, Iss. 8; p. 893
- How to get an article on your topic:
  - From the database
  - From PCT's library: Demo process
  - From Document Delivery Service

Application Activity 4

- Find Activity 4 on your "Activities Worksheet."
- Complete the instructions as directed.

PCT Magazines by Curriculum/Journals v. Trade v. Popular Magazines

- Purpose of "Periodicals by Curriculum" page
- Process for locating "Periodicals by Curriculum" page
- Distinguishing among journals, professional (trade) magazines, and popular magazines

Application Activity 5

- Find Activity 5 on your "Activities Worksheet."
- Complete the instructions as directed.

The Internet: Finding Reliable Websites

- Criteria for identifying reliable internet websites:
  - Author's or organization's credentials?
  - Purpose for writing the work?
  - Accuracy of information presented?
  - Currency of the information?

Application Activity 6

- Find Activity 6 on your "Activities Worksheet."
- Do a search on your topic in google.com or ask.com.
- Complete the questions in Activity 6.

Bringing It All Together

- Research Statements and Word-Search Pools
- Library Catalogs: Ours and Others
- Databases to Citations to Articles
- PCT "Periodicals by Curriculum" Page
- Distinguishing among Journals, Professional Magazines, and Popular Magazines
- Criteria for Selecting Reliable Websites