

Examples of the most common forms of citation and referencing in APA6 format

Citation

- The author or authors' last name(s) and year of publication should be included in all citations. When authors' names are part of the sentence, it should appear like this:

Lennhoff and Lampen (2000) discuss the importance of activities in residential settings in helping young people develop self-discipline.

- When the authors name is not part of the sentence, the citation is formatted like this:

Touch is critical to human development across the life-span, particularly in childhood (Brazelton and Cramer, 1990).

- All direct quotations should also have a page number, formatted like this:

Keenan describes the concept of life-space as 'the most effective framework for the development of a coherent theory of social work method and practice in group care settings' (2002, p. 221).

Or this:

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Longer quotations (40 or more words according to APA6) should be displayed in a freestanding block of text, in a new line, indented, and without quotation marks. Like this:

Anglin (2004, p.178) highlights how difficult it is to avoid contributing further to children's experiences of rejection:

Perhaps more than any other dimension of the carework task, the ongoing challenge of dealing with such primary pain without unnecessarily inflicting secondary pain experiences on the residents through punitive or controlling reactions can be seen to be the central problematic for the carework staff.

- When citing several sources at once, separate them by a semicolon, like this:

Containment is often referred to as a primary task in residential child care (Ward, 1995; Simpson, 1995; Woodhead, 1999; Sprince, 2002).

- Multiple authors: for sources written by two authors, always cite both. For sources written by three to five authors, write all authors' name upon the first citation. Thereafter, use the first authors name followed by 'et al.' For sources written by seven or more authors, use 'et al.' in the first and subsequent citations.

Smith, Jones, Green and White (2003) contend that it is important to list all authors when first citing their work.

Learning the conventions of APA6 takes time (Smith et al., 2003).

References

- Authored books - authors come first, then year of publication, then title of the book, then place of publication, then publisher (notice the italics, capitalisation and use of full stops, commas and the colon).

Garabaghi, K., & Stuart, C. (2013). *Right here, right now: Exploring life-space interventions for children and youth*. Don Mills, Ontario: Pearson Education Canada.

- A chapter from an edited book - author of and name of book chapter come first, then the year of publication, then the editors' names, then the name of book, then the place of publication, then the publisher (notice the italics, capitalisation and placement of editors first initial).

Garfat, T. (2008). The inter-personal in-between: An exploration of relational child care practice. In G. Bellefeuille & F. Ricks (Eds.), *Standing on the precipice: Inquiry into the creative potential of child and youth care practice*. Alberta: MacEwan.

- Journal article - author's name, year of publication, title of article, name of journal, volume number, issue number, page numbers and doi (notice use of capitalisation and italics).

Ward, A. (2006). Models of 'ordinary' and 'special' daily living: Matching residential care to the mental health needs of looked after children. *Child and Family Social Work*, 11(4), 336-346. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2206.2006.00423.x

- Government report (hard copy version)

Scottish Executive. (2007). *Looked after children and young people: We can and must do better*. Edinburgh: Crown Copyright.

- Government report (electronic version)

Scottish Executive. (2007). *Looked after children and young people: We can and must do better*. Retrieved from <http://scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2007/01/15084446/0>