

SWK 354- Human Behavior in the Social Environment II

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The basic ideas of the ecological systems perspectives explain how social work practice is based on a dual focus which includes the person and the situation, and the system and its environment. Social work practice occurs at the interconnection between the human system and its environment, and the ways each influence each other. Social work practice is best conducted when the transactions promote growth and development of the person while improving the environment, making a better place for all the systems that depend upon the environment for nourishment.

Microsystems, this level involve the direct contact among system participants. As social workers we want to identify some science categories that will allow us to understand or classify the behavior taking place in these systems. Mesosystems, refer to the broader environment, where we spend our social lives. Each client lives in a similar but different mesosystem.

Exosystems are the larger institutions of society that influence our personal systems. These include institutions like government agencies. Individuals are not directly involved.

Macrosystems, these are the larger subcultural and cultural in which the three previous systems are located. Macrosystems are the most influential on social activities.