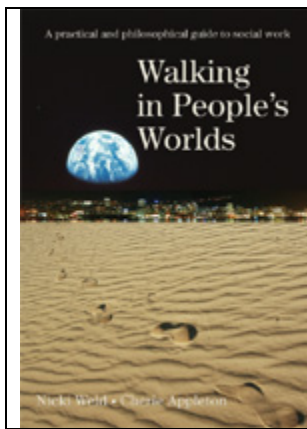


Walking In People's Worlds:



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Description

Walking in People's Worlds cuts through complexity to offer creative solutions. An inspiring 'must read' for all those involved in and connected to social work.

Walking in People's Worlds goes to the very heart of social work, offering students and professionals alike a reflexive exploration of the practical, emotional and spiritual components of social work practice. Examples from practitioners' experiences are provided throughout and include the often unseen, positive contribution of statutory child protection workers.

Examples are analysed through the application of solution-focused, strengths-based and emotional intelligence theory. Strategies are offered to support and strengthen the ways that social workers can partner with children and families to bring about positive change.

This book is intended for social workers, but it will also be useful to people working in wider social service areas, including counselling, especially with children and families. The examples used are drawn from statutory child protection and health social work.

Through their disciplined and passionate engagement with the most difficult everyday and everynight problems that social work practitioners face, the authors have distilled the best of practice wisdom. They offer a refreshing and hopeful vision of solution-focused, strengths-based practice that is achievable and can make a real difference.

Dr Andrew Turnell, Resolutions Consultancy, Perth. Co-author of *Signs of Safety and Working with Denied Child Abuse*

This book offers a personalised introduction to a strengths-based approach to social work, drawing on the authors' personal experiences and holistic orientation. Its practical and straightforward style makes it an accessible and friendly read. The emphasis on relationship-based forms of practice and a commitment to personal reflection and mindfulness can only be welcomed at a time when social work is becoming increasingly bureaucratised.

Tony Morrison Independent Child Welfare Consultant Rochdale UK

This is a very readable book that would be of interest to both students and practitioners. The ideas are inspiring and there is a great deal of practice wisdom in these chapters.

Liz Beddoe, Head of Social Work and Human Services, The University of Auckland

An important addition to the literature for social workers employing solution-focused strengthbased practice. Easy to read, pragmatic and focused on the important concepts. This book is a breath of fresh air that will encourage practitioners to value the effective use of self and help them get positive results as they grapple with issues that impact on their daily work with children, youth and families.

Rob Sawyer, Director, Olmsted County Child and Family Services, Rochester, Minnesota

Inspired by the voices of families and practitioners.

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