

SECTION II. MICRO SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

SOCIAL WORK COMPETENCIES – DIGNITY AND WORTH

Dignity and Worth	<p>Once the Ndour’s arrive at the hospital, Mrs. Ndour is visibly shaken and is crying uncontrollably. Her cries are loud and can be heard by other patients and patients’ families. The medical staff seem irritated by her wailing as evidenced by them rolling their eyes and mumbling under their breath about how loud she is and that she is disturbing other patients.</p> <p>Because the social worker respects Mrs. Ndour’s expression of sadness and despair, the social worker offers Mrs. Ndour another private space where she can express her emotions about her son’s medical condition. Mrs. Ndour agrees to go to the private area but says she needs to “lay hands on” and pray over her son, which she believes will help his path to recovery. Adama is allowed to see and touch and her before being escorted to the private location. While in despair, the social worker offers Adama water, coffee, tea, or even snacks.</p>
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SOCIAL WORK COMPETENCIES – DIGNITY AND WORTH - MICRO PRACTICE ACTIVITY

CSWE core principle – DIGNITY AND WORTH OF A PERSON

Social workers treat each person in a caring and respectful fashion, mindful of individual differences and cultural and ethnic diversity. Social workers promote clients’ socially responsible self-determination. Social workers seek to enhance clients’ capacity and opportunity to change and to address their own needs. Social workers are cognizant of their dual responsibility to clients and to the broader society. They seek to resolve conflicts between clients’ interests and the broader society’s interests in a socially responsible manner consistent with the values, ethical principles, and ethical standards of the profession.

Foundation activity: Write a two-sentence verbatim script containing what you would say to Mrs. Ndour that displays your respect for her and her family crisis, after you offer her refreshments.

IFSW core principle - RECOGNITION OF THE INHERENT DIGNITY OF HUMANITY

Social workers recognize and respect the inherent dignity and worth of all human beings in attitude, word, and deed. We respect all persons, but we challenge beliefs and actions of those persons who devalue or stigmatize themselves or other persons.

Advanced activity: Write a two-sentence verbatim script containing what you would say to the medical staff who are perturbed by Mrs. Ndour's cries.
