General Resources

If you're not sure where to start, these resources will get you going!

Social Work Research Guide:  
http://ecok.libguides.com/sowk_2273

Specific Resources

These resources will be particularly helpful to you for your professional journal assignment.

SocINDEX with Full-Text (EBSCO)  
Offers comprehensive coverage of sociology, encompassing all sub-disciplines and closely related areas of study. Full-text is available for journals dating back to 1908, and abstracts for "core" coverage journals dating back to 1895.

Social Work Abstracts (EBSCO)  
Offers extensive scholarly coverage of social work and human services journals dating back to 1965. The database provides indexing and abstracts dealing with all aspects of the social work field, including theory and practice, areas of service and social issues and problems.

Discovery Service for Human Resources (EBSCO):  
Find articles and other E-resources for Human Resources.

Questions about citing the great sources you've found?

The main book that you need to cite your sources and format your work in the American Psychological Association (APA) style is the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.). You can find a copy in the library at the Reference Desk.

For starters, see these examples:

How to an article:


How to cite an interview:

In text only:  
(C. McNite, personal communication, January 4, 2016).

Since you're using APA citation style for social work related assignments, see the following for more help:

- The Purdue Online Writing Lab at https://owlenglish.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/1/
- The Writing Center
- Any librarian!
Research Process

1. Plan
How do you get started?
Understand assignment requirements.
Develop your topic.
Establish a timeline.
Consider appropriate search terms.

2. Search
Where should you look for your sources?
Databases
CatPac
Internet Resources
Other

3. Evaluate
Are your sources appropriate?
Examine sources for:
Currency
Relevance
Authority
Accuracy
Purpose

4. Use
What do you do with the information once you have found it?
Ask:
Does what I found fulfill the requirements?
How do I organize it?
How do I cite it?