The Rutgers DSW Program

Module Title: Reproductive Justice and Social Work

Instructor:

Residency:

Time:

Module Description:

As assaults on reproductive health continue across the country, the time is now for social workers to learn about the tenets of Reproductive Justice (RJ). A framework developed by minoritized groups in the 1990s, RJ moves the abortion discourse beyond “choice” and considers the elements that contribute to or hinder true bodily autonomy: the right to have a child, the right to not have a child, and the right raise a child in safe and healthy environments. As RJ especially considers the impact of legislation, policy, and intervention on vulnerable communities, it is especially relevant during today’s socio-political climate. This will introduce, define, and explore the tenets of RJ and how they directly apply to social work advocacy and practice. Concrete suggestions for advocacy and intervention will also be provided.

Module Objectives:

1. Understand how Reproductive Justice applies directly to social work
2. Identify and define the tenets of Reproductive Justice
3. Apply the tenets of Reproductive Justice to appreciate the impact of overturning Roe v. Wade on historically minoritized communities

Module Readings (required):


