

A commitment to social justice involves 1) the ability to critically analyze social problems or conditions and existing or proposed policy responses, 2) recognition of individual and institutional forms of oppression, and 3) the willingness and ability to participate in social action to correct injustices, fight oppression, and promote social welfare for all. The empowerment perspective implies active collaboration with client systems in an atmosphere of equality and mutuality in which the goals of intervention include maximizing social support and a balance between self-sufficiency and interdependency.