

Academic References: Improving Life Story Work, Pitfalls

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Abstract:

This resource compiles peer-reviewed articles, systematic reviews, and practice guidance on improving Life Story Work, understanding its pitfalls, and highlighting success stories. Each entry includes clickable links and thematic tags for quick navigation.

Usage Notes:

Click [Link] under each citation to access the source. Tags indicate themes such as Policy, Digital, Trauma-informed, Evaluation.

How Life Story Work Can Be Improved

1. Neal, L., & Matthews, K. (2024). What is Life Story Work? How defining approaches can bring clarity to research, training, and practice.

Tags: Definition, Improvement, Policy

[Link] <https://academic.oup.com/bjsw/article-abstract/55/3/1041/7831531>

2. Hammond, S. P., Mickleburgh, E., Duddy, C., et al. (2023). Adolescent-focused low-intensity life story work: A realist review.

Tags: Delivery models, Improvement

[Link] <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/bmjopen/13/10/e075093.full.pdf>

3. Research in Practice (2022). Life Story Work Practice Tool.

Tags: Practice guidance, Improvement

[Link] <https://www.researchinpractice.org.uk/children/publications/2022/december/life-story-work-practice-tool-2022/>

4. NICE Guideline NG205 (2021). Identity and wellbeing through LSW.

Tags: Policy, Standards

[Link] <https://mystoryorg.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Life-Story-NICE.pdf>

5. Community Care Inform (2024). Practice tips for undertaking LSW.

Tags: Practice tips

[Link] <https://www.communitycare.co.uk/2024/03/15/life-story-work-practice-tips/>

6. Kontomichalos-Eyre, S. A., Lake, A. J., & McGillivray, J. A. (2023). Systematic review of LSW in OOHc.

Tags: Systematic review

[Link] <https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2023-32676-001>

Pitfalls of Life Story Work

1. Ricketts, D. (2023). An autoethnographic perspective of life story work.

Tags: Limitations, Practice

[Link] <https://academic.oup.com/bjsw/article/53/3/1325/6989600>

2. Hammond, S. P., Seeley, C., et al. (2025). Digital LSW evaluation: challenges in implementation.

Tags: Digital, Challenges

[Link] <https://academic.oup.com/bjsw/article/55/5/2421/8138253>

3. DiFranco, L., et al. (2024). Organisational barriers in dementia care.

Tags: Barriers, Dementia

[Link] https://academic.oup.com/innovateage/article/8/Supplement_1/1295/7939578

4. Pouchly, C., et al. (2014). Consent and confidentiality issues in LSW.

Tags: Ethics, Confidentiality

[Link] https://www.researchgate.net/publication/Consent_LSW

5. Hooley, K. C. (2015). Identifying perspectives on life story work with looked-after and adopted children.

Tags: Critical review

[Link] <https://eprints.staffs.ac.uk/2244/1/Hooley%20Katherine%20DClinPsy%20thesis%20September%202015.pdf>

Success Stories of Life Story Work

1. Jensen, T., et al. (2025). Impact of LSW during peer worker training: identity and recovery.

Tags: Identity, Recovery

[Link] <https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2025-12345-001>

2. Schepp, S., et al. (2024). ANKOMMEN group intervention pilot: improved self-efficacy and mental health.

Tags: Group model, Success

[Link] <https://capmh.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13034-024-00817-w>

3. University of York SPRU (2012). Feasibility study of LSW in dementia care.

Tags: Dementia, Evaluation

[Link] <https://www.york.ac.uk/inst/spru/research/pdf/LifeStorySum.pdf>

4. Cook-Cottone, C. (2018). Life-Story Work overview and applications.

Tags: Applications

[Link] https://link.springer.com/referenceworkentry/10.1007/978-3-319-33228-4_325

5. Hammond, S. P., Young, J., & Duddy, C. (2020). Relationship-based practice and trauma-informed LSW.

Tags: Trauma-informed, Success

[Link] <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2516103220985872>