

Chapter 7: Grounded Theory

Burton, M. (2008) Grounding constructions of carers: Exploring the experiences of carers through a grounded approach, *British Journal of Social Work*, 38(3):493-506]

Burton aimed to generate 'more meaningful constructions of the carers experience' and the second half of the article presents results from a grounded theory study based on focus group and interview data within 14 carers in total. Four main categories are discussed that emerged for all participants and the article is a clear and succinct exploration of a grounded theory study.

Frost, A. (2004) Therapeutic Engagement Styles of Child Sexual Offenders in a Group Treatment Program: A Grounded Theory Study, *Sex Abuse*, 16(3) 191-208

This study works with an interesting form of data collection, used given the problematic and challenging nature of gathering information from a participant group with considerable reluctance to self-disclose. The researcher uses a grounded theory approach to investigate how the participants manage the process of self-disclosure and presents four management styles that emerged during data analysis.

Rennie, D. L. (2000) Grounded Theory Methodology as Methodical Hermeneutics: Reconciling Realism and Relativism, *Theory & Psychology*, 10(4):481-502

This is a theoretical article exploring the realism-relativism duality that, it is suggested, can be addressed by a grounded theory methodology. The article reviews the philosophy of interpretation and sets out the case for a new approach to 'methodical hermeneutics'.