Problem in social contexts

Situating client problems in social contexts

- Person in environment
- Individual, family, and community
 - Economic, political, cultural

Practice as Indiv. and Social

Reaffirming that SW practice must be both Individual and Social

- Solutions focused on both individual and social
- Micro and Macro "part of singular integrated practice"

Ideology is Importa nt

Recognizing the importance of ideology

- World views & ideologies are made up of values, beliefs and ideas that guide behavior and thinking
- Ideological practice social workers role is to expand how clients understand and think about problems

Consciousness Focused

Changing consciousness, becoming subjects

- Oppression creates experience of "object," loss of agency
- Increasing self-efficacy by empowering clients as "subject of [their] own narrative."
- Clients move from passive objects to be subjects able with agency to interact with systems

Social Worker Role

Role of the Social Worker

- Collaborative, not expert, non hierarchical
- "Participatory inclusive practice" relationship, power sharing, co-production of services, involvement of all
 - Critical self reflection of social worker