social work practice, such as awareness of power differences and empowerment perspectives. Although Meleis’s (1996) original framework on advancing the social work knowledge and skills needed for work with language minorities. Moreover, perhaps due to a presumption of social worker competence in dealing with language minorities, little discussion has appeared on the unique methodological challenges of and research strategies for working with language minorities, further hindering research in this area. The gap in Social workers have the task of addressing issues that are unique to ethnic minority youth in clinical practice; however, they may be ill equipped to begin practice with these youth due to a lack of specificity within generalist curricula. Using African-American youth as an example, the paper provides evidence that there are critical areas of development and functioning that diverge from the generalist perspective. Social workers are provided with strategies to fill gaps in their knowledge of ethnic-minority youth to enhance their direct practice with this population. Keywords: Ethnic minority youth Skill enhancement African-American youth. This is a preview of subscription content, log in to check access. Preview. Covering practice themes including risk, co-production, interpreting, multidisciplinary working and personalisation, this is vital reading for all students in social work, and practitioners undertaking continuing professional development. eISBN: 978-1-4473-2263-4. Subjects: Sociology. Across the decades, high-profile cases, such as the death of Tyra Henry (1984), Rocky Bennett (1998), Victoria Climbié (2000) and Hylene Essilifie (2007), among others, are often cited as evidence of the practice gap in appropriately meeting the needs of black and minority ethnic (BME) service users or in developing acceptable and effective interventions.
Practice models provide social workers with a blueprint of how to help others based on the underlying social work theory. While a theory explains why something happens, a practice model shows how to use a theory to create change. Social Work Theories. There are many social work theories that guide social work practice. Here are some of the major theories that are generally accepted in the field of social work: Systems theory describes human behavior in terms of complex systems.