

THE ROLE OF A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

School Social Workers are the link between school and community in providing services to students, families and school personnel to promote and support students' academic and social success.

SERVICES TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- Assessing students with mental health concerns.
- Developing staff in-service training programs.
- Assisting teachers with classroom management.



SERVICES TO STUDENTS

- Providing crisis intervention.
- Develop intervention strategies to increase academic success.
- Help conflict resolution and anger management.
- Helping children develop social-emotional skills.

SERVICES TO PARENTS/FAMILIES

- Interview the family to assess problems affecting the child's education.
- Work with parents to facilitate support in their children's school adjustment.
- Alleviate family stress for the child to function more effectively in school.



SERVICES TO DISTRICTS

- Develop alternative programs for drop-outs, truants, delinquents, etc.
- Identify and report child abuse and neglect
- Providing prevention programs for school violence, substance abuse, & teen pregnancy.
- Helping districts assess school climate and develop school safety plans.

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY LIAISON

- Obtain and coordinate community resources to meet students' needs.
- Helping school districts receive adequate support from social and mental health agencies.
- Coordinate systems of care to provide wrap-around services.



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