

HOW ARE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS THE LINK FOR SCHOOLS?

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS HELP EDUCATORS BY:

- *Assessing children's environmental needs*
- *Networking with community agencies and organizations to assist students*
- *Coordinating and developing specialized services for students, parents, and families*
- *Developing and implementing plans to enhance students' school success*
- *Reporting child abuse and neglect situations*
- *Understanding better how facts such as family, culture, socioeconomic status, and physical and mental health can affect students' performance*

"Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try."

Gail Devers



Child Intervention

School Social Workers conduct face-to-face discussions with parents or guardians while working with students. Through an assessment of the child's circumstances, families may be incorporated into the plan of action. The social worker is also the liaison between the family and community resources.

Individual Counseling

School Social Workers are available to provide counseling services to children and adolescents.

Groups Available

*Anger Management
Develop self-discipline
Grief and Loss
Coping with crisis situations
Build self-esteem
Enhance problem-solving and decision making skills
Learn to resolve conflicts
Learn social skills*

Community Resources

*Holiday Adopt a Family (for eligible families)
Thanksgiving Basket Program (for eligible families)
School/Business Partnerships
Parent Involvement
Free Dental Clinic
Volunteer Opportunities for youth
School Supplies & Backpacks (for eligible families)*

Parent Support

*Parent classes
Parent Workshops
Referrals for community assistances*



When should I refer a student to my school social worker?

A student should be referred when the student shows sign of social & emotional difficulties which are interfering with the student's success at school.

Possible indicators that an intervention is necessary:

- Frequent absences & Tardies*
- Failure to complete school work*
- Poor hygiene/appearance*
- Excessively quiet and withdrawn*
- Frequent illnesses*
- Appear abused or neglected*
- Constantly disruptive*
- Extremely aggressive*

Child Intervention

Services are provided to assist children so that they may succeed inside and outside of school despite any personal issues. A social worker may work one-on-one with a child who is experiencing some difficulties to better understand the child's issues and develops a plan of action to get the student back on the right track toward success.

School Administration

Throughout the intervention process, school social worker consults with the teachers & school administrators. Social worker might counsel teachers regarding children who exhibit troublesome behaviors in the classroom. The social worker develops ongoing programs that can support healthy growth and development among all school children.