

Who are the school social workers?



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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CLAYTON'S SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

ENSURING STUDENT SUCCESS BY REMOVING BARRIERS TO LEARNING



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What is school social work?

School social workers are trained mental health professionals who provide services related to a person's social, emotional and life adjustment to school and/or society.

The school social workers in Clayton serve as liaisons for teachers, administrators, parents and students between school, home and community agencies for the purpose of improving the overall learning experience for children.

School social workers conform to the National Association of Social Work (NASW) Code of Ethics and Standards for Social Work Practice. Learn more at socialworkers.org.

What does school social work involve?

School social work involves:

- addressing student and family needs
- promoting home and school communication.
- collaborating with and supporting school staff.
- supporting school's tiered intervention programming.
- establishing partnerships with community resources.
- implementing prevention programs.
- providing crisis intervention.

CONNECTING FAMILIES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

How can school social workers help me?

School social workers help **STUDENTS**:

- obtain academic, social and emotional support.
- become resilient, successful learners.
- cope in times of crisis.
- gain personal and academic competencies .

School social workers help **PARENTS**:

- participate effectively in their child's education.
- understand educational and developmental needs of the child.
- access school and community resources.
- understand special education services.
- strengthen parenting skills.
- understand policies and requirements.

School social workers help link **SCHOOL and COMMUNITY**:

- by engaging community providers in delivering services to families. Examples of providers include utility, mental health, respite, psychological and counseling services.
- by developing resources to meet the needs of students and families.

School Social workers help **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**:

- implement policies to address school safety, attendance, homelessness, substance abuse, teen pregnancy, suicide and sudden death, child abuse and neglect.
- ensure compliance with special education and 504 laws.

School social workers help **SCHOOL STAFF**:

- meet the educational goals of students from diverse backgrounds.
- understand how students are impacted by cultural, economic and other factors.
- identify students' unmet needs.
- work effectively with parents.
- discover new resources.
- participate in the special educational process.
- develop intervention strategies to increase students' academic success.

Some students have difficulty achieving academic success due to social, emotional and behavioral problems impacting school performance. School social workers help identify these students through early identification, prevention, intervention, counseling, and support.
