# Elements of School Social Work Services



### **Direct Services**

Direct intervention to address the immediate concerns of at-risk students.

#### **Purpose**

Prevention, Intervention, Crisis Response

- Coping with Stress
- Family Issues
  - o Divorce
  - o Domestic Violence
  - o Financial
  - o Parenting
- Grief/Loss Issues
- Medical Issues
- Mental Health Issues
- Parent Education
- Physical/Educational Neglect
- Physical/Sexual/Emotional Abuse
- Pregnancy
- Psychiatric Issues
- Relationship Concerns
- School-Related Concerns
  - o Absences and truancy
  - o Academic Achievement
  - o Bullying
  - o Dropout Prevention
  - o Harassment
  - o Misbehavior
  - o School Avoidance
  - o Special Education
  - o Tardiness
  - o Underachievement
- Sexuality Issues
- Substance Abuse

## **Indirect Services**

Work with school, community and agency personnel to address at-risk student concerns.

#### **Purpose**

Prevention, Intervention, Community/Agency response

- Community Collaboration
- Community Outreach
- Interdisciplinary Team Problem Solving
- Intervention Plan Development
- Policy and Supplemental Program Development
- Public Relations
- Research and Publishing
- School Improvement Planning
- School Social Worker's Professional Development
- Special Education
  - o Case Management
  - o Consultation
  - o Process Coordination
  - Related Services
    - Bio-psychosocial Assessment
    - Counseling (group, individual and/or family)
    - Functional Behavioral Assessments
    - Mobilizing family, school and community resources to enable the child to learn as effectively as possible in his or her educational program.
    - Positive Behavioral Intervention Plans
    - Social Developmental Histories
    - Working with those problems in the child's living situation that affect the child's adjustment in school.
- Staff Development for Educators
- Teacher/Administrator Consultation

### **School Social Worker Role**

Bio-psychosocial Assessment

Crisis Intervention Family Counseling

Home/School/Community Liaison Individual Therapy/Counseling

Mediation

Small Group Therapy/Counseling

**School Social Worker Role** 

Advocacy; Multidisciplinary Teams; Case Management; Outside Agency Liaison; Collaboration; Parent Education;

Consultation; Prevention; Coordination; Referrals;

Facilitation Support Student Learning Grant Writing; Home/School/Community Liaison;

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