



What do School Social Workers and Visiting Teachers Do?

School Social Workers and Visiting Teachers unite the efforts of the home, school, and community in resolving problems which prevent students from meeting their educational goals. These professionals provide school personnel with information about the lives of students that take place beyond the walls of the classroom. The impact of home and community factors can then be evaluated to determine if services can be beneficial for the student. While learning about students, School Social Workers and Visiting Teachers may assist parents in gaining an understanding of programs and objectives of the school, and how their help is needed.



Social Assessments:

Social Assessments help schools understand a child's experiences. With a better understanding of a child's background and frame of reference, services and instructional strategies may be tailored to a child's needs. Social assessments may include interviews, rating scales, and even checklists.

Referral Services:

As part of the assessment, a Visiting Teacher or School Social Worker may connect families with services in the community that may strengthen the family and school partnership.



Truancy Assistance:

Visiting Teachers and School Social Workers may assist students that are having difficulty attending school. Visiting Teachers and School Social Workers may partner with the family and truancy officers to improve a student's connection to their home school.

As part of this partnership students and families may learn about alternative programs and placements that better meet a student's needs.

Visiting Teachers and School Social Workers pledge to listen to a families' needs with full attention, provide nonjudgemental information, and give an honest assessment of the situation to other professionals on the team.



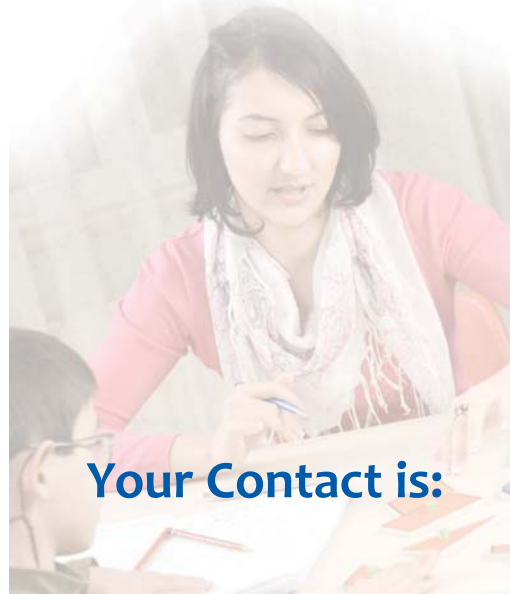
Professional Services

Professional services provided by School Social Workers and Visiting Teachers help schools and families form strong teams. These services may include:

- Social Assessment
- Referrals for group, individual or family counseling
- Staff development and consultation
- Outreach between home, school and community
- Implementation of research-based preventative programs
- Coordination of pupil services
- Crisis Intervention
- Attendance and drop-out prevention



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