

# SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals with a degree in social work who provide services related to students' and/or family's social, emotional, and life adjustment to school and/or society. School Social Workers are the link between the home, school and community in providing direct as well as indirect services to students, families, and school personnel to promote and support students' academic and social success. School social workers are uniquely qualified to work with students who are economically disadvantaged, have poor attendance, and have special needs. School Social Workers are licensed by DPI and adhere to their School Social Work Standards as well as the National Association of Social Work Code of Ethics.



## ABSS School Social Workers' Mission Statement

School Social Workers advocate for and enhance students' academic, social, and emotional growth through collaboration with the school, family, and community.

### **SERVICES TO STUDENTS:**

- Developing intervention strategies to increase academic success
- Providing crisis intervention
- Assisting the student in developing appropriate social interaction skills
- Counseling (individual and group)
- Assessment of social/emotional needs
- Monitoring of attendance
- Advocating for students in schools & community

### **SERVICES TO SCHOOLS:**

- Alleviating barriers to academic success and addressing dropout intervention/prevention, and improving graduation rates, with regard to attendance, homelessness and mental health concerns.
- Providing staff with essential information to better understand factors affecting a student's academic performance and behavior (cultural, societal, economic, familial, mental health)
- Participation in special education assessments by completing social-developmental histories and parent interviews
- Developing and providing staff development programs
- Assisting teachers with behavior management through behavior plans and Triple P Parenting strategies
- Providing consultation regarding school laws and policies related to compulsory attendance, IDEA, child abuse and neglect, and homeless education

### **SERVICES TO FAMILIES:**

- Conducting home visits and interviewing families to assess problems affecting the child's educational progress and/or attendance issues
- Providing Child & Family Team Meetings for families to have a voice in planning for their child
- Working with parents to facilitate their support in their child's educational experience and/or adjustment to school
- Providing Triple P Positive Parenting resources to parents for behavior or social functioning concerns
- Alleviating family stress (domestic violence, financial strain, homelessness, etc.) to enable the child to function more effectively in school and the community
- Assisting parents in accessing programs available to students with special needs
- Assisting parents in accessing and utilizing school and community resources

### **SCHOOL-COMMUNITY LIAISON**

- Coordination, facilitation, and participation in Child and Family Team Meetings
- Mobilizing community resources to meet students' needs
- Helping the school system receive adequate support from social and mental health agencies
- Advocating for new and improved community/school resources to meet the needs of students and families
- Participation on community councils and interagency teams as a representative of the LEA