

JOB DESCRIPTION CONTRACTUAL POSITION

JOB TITLE: School Social Worker

JOB SUMMARY:

The School Social Worker assists students with academic learning by providing strategic services that identify and address the social-emotional-environmental issues that interfere with the educational process. Works with parents/guardians, teachers, school Principal/Principal's designee, and community based resources. Further, the incumbent implements strategies that promote students' positive school adjustment.

REPORTS TO:		Senior School Social Worker
SUPERVISION TO:	GIVEN	N/A

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Identifies and assesses academic problems through analysis of factors impinging on student adjustment including factors in the home, school and community.
- Serves as a liaison between families and the school to positively promote collaborative processes in educational planning for students by encouraging parent/guardian participation in the school setting.
- Completes psychosocial assessments to assist in the determination of special education services.
- Determines and implements appropriate therapeutic strategies to effect changes in behavioural social interactions of students and their families.
- Provides parent/guardian educational workshops on identified issues related to child development, stress reduction, discipline and safety, and teacher/parent/student communication.
- Collaborates with school staff and other school system personnel in implementing strategies to promote student learning.
- Participate as members of multi-disciplinary teams, and other school based teams to develop interventions for promoting student' academic success.
- Serves on both school based and system-wide committees to address educational issues, adjustment problems, safety issues, and program development for students.
- Provides crisis intervention services.
- Provides social work case management for students and families.
- Provides staff consultation on behavioral-emotional-environmental issues affecting student participation in the learning process.



- Conducts staff development on issues related to social-emotional-environmental factors that impact learning.
- Develops programs to address parent/guardian participation in the school and student engagement in the educational process.
- Conducts classroom meetings, psycho-educational social skills groups, and classroom presentations on identified areas of concern for the students.
- Maintains required clinical records and submits appropriate documents for statistical reports with adherence to program standards in school social work.
- Conducts home visits related to establishing communication and positive connections between the parent/guardian and school setting around identified issues.
- Conducts risk assessments on referred students.
- Conducts functional behavior assessments on identified students.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:		
KNOWLEDGE:	 Required knowledge and skills Have considerable knowledge of the principles and practices of Social Work. 	
SKILLS AND ABILITIES	Possess the ability to work collaboratively with people.Excellent written and verbal communication skills	

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

- A Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work from an accredited University.
- Experience in the education system
- At least two (2) years and/or any equivalent combination of training and experience.