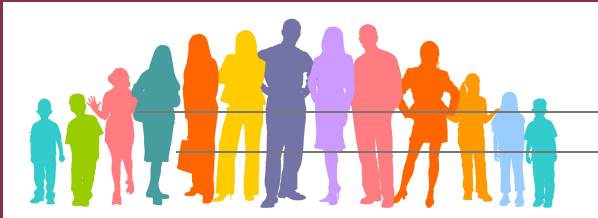


## WHY do today's schools need School Social Workers?

Children today are increasingly victims of many social forces that negatively affect their role as students.

The family is in a state of change and until it becomes stabilized, in whatever form, children's unmet physical and emotional needs will continue to interfere with their ability to learn and adjust to school.



## WHO are School Social Workers?

School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals with a degree in social work who provide services related to a person'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.

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# GETTYSBURG AREA SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK

Serving as a liaison within the school system between the student and the school staff and outside the school system with the parents and community resources





Services provided include (but are not limited to) :

- Individual counseling and/or assessment when deemed appropriate. This may be ongoing, for a short period of time, or in response to a crisis
- Group counseling
- Parent advocacy/training when related to student needs.
- Coordinating contact between parents and school personnel, as well as agencies when specific consent is given.



- Participating in special education assessment meetings as well as Individual Educational Planning (IEP) meetings.
- Obtaining and coordinating community resources to meet students' needs.
- Providing case management for students and families.
- Advocating for community/school service to meet the needs of students and families.
- Assistance with housing and homelessness
- Truancy intervention

This VOLUNTARY program provides SHORT or LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE to families and students grades K-12. It offers support, advocacy, and resources to help students achieve academic, social, and emotional success

