

Who are School Social Workers?

- School Social Workers are mental health professionals with specialized training in assessing and intervening a variety of individual and family concerns.
- School Social Workers work in public, private and charter schools to further the academic mission of schools.
- School Social Workers are the link between the home, school and community, to promote and support the academic and social success of students.
- School Social Workers provide both direct and indirect services to students, families and schools to promote students' academic and social success



The School Social Work Association of Arizona (SSWAAZ) is Arizona's professional organization for school social workers. SSWAAZ is a state chapter of the School Social Work Association of America.

"To promote school social work through advocacy, professional development & collaboration, thereby empowering students to achieve educational success"

-SSWAAZ mission-

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School Social Work Services



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS FOCUS ON SYSTEMS THAT IMPACT STUDENTS

Services to Students

- Individual and group counseling
- Develop personal and social skills
- Access community resources
- Crisis Intervention and Risk Assessments
- Referral and connection to mental health services
- Nurture skills that develop resiliency
- Assistance with obtaining resources for basic needs
- Develop Individualized Behavior Interventions
- Advocacy within and outside the educational system
- Mediation and Restorative Practices

Services to Schools & Districts

- Provide consultation, collaboration and direct support to school personnel
- Coordination of prevention programs
- Crisis management
- Serve on school intervention teams
- Provide Professional Development to staff
- Lead Social Emotional Learning initiatives
- Develop and facilitate programs for drop-out prevention, truancy, alternatives to suspension, etc.
- Provide consultation regarding school law & school policy including IDEA & 504 Plans

Services to Families

- Supporting families to understand their child's emotional, developmental and educational needs
- Strengthen family relationships and parenting skills
- Assist families in accessing community resources and navigating systems
- Advocate for families within the educational & larger communities

Services to Communities

- Act as liaison between school & community
- Develop partnerships to support students and families
- Provide education about student and family needs

