

FROM EXCLUSION TO INCLUSION

The Role of School Social Workers

School social workers empower students, strengthen families, and create supportive schools where **every student belongs** and can thrive.

EXCLUSION

When students face barriers, they feel unseen, unheard, and unsupported.



ISOLATION

Students feel alone and disconnected.



CHALLENGES

Unmet needs can impact learning, behavior, and well-being.



BARRIERS

Poverty, trauma, discrimination, mental health, and family stress create obstacles.



MISSED POTENTIAL

Students may disengage and lose hope in their future.



SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS:



Build relationships and trust



Listen, support, and advocate



Connect students and families to resources



Remove barriers to learning



Promote mental health and well-being



Collaborate with families, teachers, and communities

INCLUSION

When students are supported, they feel valued, connected, and empowered.



BELONGING

Students feel seen, safe, and connected to their school.



SUPPORT

Needs are met so students can learn and grow.



OPPORTUNITY

Every student has access to the tools and opportunities to succeed.



POTENTIAL

Students build confidence, achieve goals, and imagine bright futures.



School social workers don't just help students overcome challenges—
we help build schools where every student belongs and can thrive.



ADVOCATE
for equity and social justice



COLLABORATE
with families, schools, and communities



EMPOWER
students to build skills and resilience



CREATE
welcoming, inclusive, and supportive schools

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When we support the whole child, we help them achieve more than they ever thought possible. ♥