

# The Role of Social Workers in Greek Schools

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## Introduction

This study examines the role of social workers in the Greek school system, focusing on their impact on student well-being, mental health, and academic success. Despite their growing presence, social workers in Greek schools often face challenges such as limited resources and a lack of recognition of their role within the education system.

## Research Problem

Social workers in Greek schools play a vital role in supporting students' emotional and psychological needs, but their work is often undervalued, and they face obstacles like insufficient funding, limited staff, and a lack of collaboration with teachers and parents.

## Areas of Research

1. **Role and Responsibilities:** Explore the specific tasks and duties of social workers in Greek schools.
2. **Impact on Student Well-being:** Assess how social workers contribute to students' emotional health and academic performance.
3. **Collaboration with Educators and Families:** Investigate how social workers collaborate with teachers, parents, and other professionals to support students.
4. **Challenges and Limitations:** Examine the challenges faced by social workers in fulfilling their role effectively.

## Research Methodology

- **Interviews** with social workers, school administrators, and teachers to gather insights on their roles and impact.
- **Surveys** of students and parents to assess the perceived effectiveness of social work interventions.
- **Case Studies** of schools with strong social work programs to identify best practices.

## Results

1. **Role Clarity:** Social workers often have a broad range of duties,

including counseling, conflict resolution, and crisis management, but their role is not always well defined.

2. **Positive Impact on Students:** Schools with active social workers report better emotional support for students and improved academic outcomes.
3. **Barriers to Effectiveness:** Limited resources, heavy caseloads, and lack of professional development opportunities hinder the effectiveness of social workers.
4. **Improved Collaboration:** Schools with strong collaboration between social workers, teachers, and parents show more positive results for students.

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