## Is This A New Service?

No. In South Carolina, school social workers have been a part of schools since the 1940's when they began as visiting teachers.

## Programs Served by School Social Workers

School social workers are assigned to the school(s) based upon identified needs of the student population and the district's overall strategic plan. School social workers also serve targeted populations and projects within the district such as:

- Title I
- Child Study Team (Trainable and Profoundly Mentally Disabled Population)
- Special Education (High Support Team)

## Mission Statement

The Richland County School District One School Social Work Program assists the instructional and school staff in making school a successful and relevant experience for all students. As members of the educational team, school social workers collaborate with students, their families, school staff, community agencies, and others to assess and intervene with students who are experiencing social, emotional, family, or academic challenges. The mission extends to helping students, families, and schools to prevent problems that could interfere with educational and social success.

## Contact us

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**Richland County School District One**
**Support Services**
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**Columbia, SC 29204**
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# Services Provided by School Social Workers

## School Focused Interventions

- Serve on IEP, MTSS and other school teams
- Conduct classroom observations
- Assist in developing intervention strategies and serve on crisis teams
- Conduct staff presentations on behavioral, emotional, developmental, environmental issues that impact student learning
- Conduct classroom presentations related to anger management, bereavement, positive peer relations, academic preparedness, and positive decision-making
- Complete psychosocial history and behavior rating scales



The Shamrockette Girl's Mentoring Group, led by Eau Claire School Social Worker, delivered Valentine treats to the residents at C.M. Tucker Nursing Care Center for their annual community service trip on Valentine's Day!

## Student/ Family Focused Interventions

- Provide case management to students at high risk for dropping out
- Assess and intervene on student attendance and truancy concerns
- Provide direct counseling to students (individual and group)
- Provide direct counseling to families/guardians of students
- Locate resources for students and their families
- Collaborate with agencies for children in alternative living arrangements
- Conduct parent training
- Conduct home visits
- Conduct risk assessments (suicidal and/or homicidal)

## Community Focused Interventions

- Locate available community resources to enable students to receive maximum benefit from the educational program
- Attend or serve on community committees
- Serve as a liaison with community agencies



## What is School Social Work?

School social work is a specialized service that assists students with academic learning by providing interventions that identify and address the social-emotional-environmental issues that interfere with the educational process. Working with parents/guardians, teachers, school administration, and community-based resources, the school social worker implements strategies that promote students' positive school adjustment. School social workers are members of the department of Support Services.

## How Can I Get School Social Work Services?

Anyone can make a referral to school social work services by contacting
(803) 231-6757

## Who Provides School Social Work Services?

Richland School District One employs licensed Master level social workers from accredited schools of social work education. School social workers have varied backgrounds in Child and Family Welfare, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice and Public Health as well as other areas related to children and families. School social workers are governed by the Social Work Code of Ethics, affiliated with the National Association of Social Workers and regulated by the South Carolina Labor and Licensing Board of Examiners.