



Social Worker/Mental Health Treatment Specialist 2026-2027

Service	Service Description
Direct Service	• Social Worker/Mental Health Treatment Specialist with Masters level training in social work (or a related field such as counseling or psychology, in accordance with Act 86 of 2008), provides direct services to a student in his/her educational placement. • Frequency of services is determined by the IEP team and is linked to specific goals on the student's IEP, or by members of the school's child study team for those students who are not identified with special needs • Need for service may also be determined as part of the SAP process, outside of an IEP • Services can include individual and/or group counseling; support may also be provided in crisis situations • ER/RR/IEP Participation • Under a contract for a full time social worker, a therapy dog can be an enhancement to the social work services • Threat assessment and mental health screening
Social Work Support to School Personnel	Social workers/Mental Health Treatment Specialists are available to provide support to school district teams, including: • ER/RR/IEP Participation • Social history/updates • Support with classroom management strategies to meet the child's needs • Behavioral observation of students/data collection • Crisis management • Coordination and participation in psychiatric evaluations • Inservice/Staff Development activities • Threat assessment and mental health screening • Frequency of support to school personnel is determined by the IEP team
Social Work Programmatic Consultation / Interagency Communication	When an educational entity would like dedicated ongoing student/family support, a social worker/mental health treatment specialist may: • Provide consultative support to employees regarding behavioral and mental health related issues. • Be a Home-School-Community liaison for services such as: - o Ongoing referral, coordination, and assistance in the effective use of community services and family and related systems. - o Ongoing parent contact/consultation regarding counseling, behavioral support, agency support, health insurance/medical assistance, medication needs, etc.