

School Social Work

The Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (GCCISD) School Social Work Department is a division of support personnel within the Guidance and Counseling Department. There are presently four Social Worker Interventionists who are each assigned to a high school and its feeder pattern junior school. Social Worker Interventionists provide unique services to students and their families that assist students in attaining the maximum benefits from their educational program. Their graduate level training enables the Social Worker Interventionist to understand and interpret the impact school, home and community has on children and youth. As a part of the educational team, Social Worker Interventionists assist and enhance student achievement in the classroom by developing strategies and interventions to improve academic, social and behavioral performance. Additionally, the collaboration with families and the community remove barriers that impede student performance and assist students in reaching their fullest academic potential to increase participation in all educational programs.

Social Work Mission:

GCCISD Social Worker Interventionists possess professional knowledge and skills that support Goose Creek CISD's goals. The mission of the Goose Creek CISD School Social Work Department is to support school system beliefs by engaging the home, school and community in a relationship that provides relevant educational opportunities for students to reach their maximum potential and become responsible, productive citizens. Additionally, the School Social Work Department strives to provide services to students and their families that promote student performance, school completion, and success in the workplace. GCCISD Social Worker Interventionist goals: to assist Goose Creek public schools in improving academic achievement, to support the promotion of a positive school climate, and to enhance parental involvement in the educational process.

From the Desk of the Social Worker Interventionist

The Social Worker Interventionist serves as a link between the school, home, and community by coordinating services and developing strategies and interventions to improve students' academic, social, and behavioral performance. Our training allows us to focus on students experiencing difficulties that interfere with their ability to attend school regularly, behave appropriately, or achieve academically. As a member of the educational team, GCCISD Social Worker Interventionists work collaboratively with members of the educational team to promote and support students' academic and social/emotional well-being through:

1. Consultation
2. Crisis Intervention/Counseling
3. Community Outreach
4. School-Community Liaison
5. Identification, Development and Coordination of Resources/services
6. Health Care (prescriptions, eye/ear /dental /medical)
7. Community support services (i.e., juvenile justice services, Department of Family and Children's Services, etc.)
8. Financial/economic assistance(glasses, clothing, agencies for assistance with utilities)
9. Family and Student Assessments
10. Prevention/Intervention Strategies
11. Mediation
12. Home Visits
13. Provide workshops, and trainings to schools, parents and communities on identified needs
14. Counseling (individual, group, family)
15. Agency Collaboration
16. Brief Solution Focused Individual Counseling
17. Program Development

Community Resources:

Harris County Community Youth Services Directory:

<http://www.hcps.org/cys%20directory%202012.pdf>

Harris County Resource Guide:

http://www.mhahouston.org/media/files/files/624b3916/The_Guide_2014-15_Final.pdf

Student Crisis Resource Card

****All available 24 hours 7 days a week****

- ❖ Teen Crisis Text Line - Text "LISTEN" to 741-741
- ❖ Teen Crisis Hotline – 713-529-8336
- ❖ Teen Dating Abuse 24 Helpline – 1-866-331-9474 * Text "loveis" to 22522
 - ❖ Online Chat service * www.loveisrespect.org
- ❖ National Runaway Safeline – 1-800-786-2929
- ❖ To Report Bullying or School Threats – SPEAK UP Hotline 1-866-773-2587
- ❖ RAINN: Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network – 1-800-656-4673
- ❖ Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-8255 * Text "talk" to 66746
- ❖ Immediate Emergency Assistance – 911