

Role and Function of Social Work Clinician

The role of the Social Work Clinician is to support and assist school staffs in meeting the overall objectives of the Division and the needs of individual students. In fulfilling this role, the Social Work Clinician acts as a member of the clinical services team. The duties of the Social Work Clinician would include, but not be restricted to, the following:

1. To provide support to students and teachers through
 - a) individual/small group counselling of students with social/emotional/personal problems related to their school and educational progress
 - b) classroom observations with follow-up
 - c) consultation with teachers
 - d) assessments
2. To provide support to school teams in planning individual student programs (social/behavioral/academic).
3. To provide specific recommendations and strategies, matching the goals identified by the school team.
4. To monitor and evaluate the implementation of strategies identified and recommended by the school team.
5. To recommend changes to strategies as programming needs change.
6. To promote understanding of a child's needs/strengths/abilities by parents, educators, and other supporting services.
7. To facilitate active co-operation and understanding among parents, educators, and other professionals. (Medical practitioners and Public Health Services, Child and Family Services, Mental Health etc.)
8. To provide support, family counselling and consultation regarding parenting skills with the families of referred students.
9. To make home visits, when deemed appropriate by the school team, for purposes of assessment and program delivery.
10. To provide written reports as outlined in "Assessment and Reporting".
11. To provide in-service and consultative services to school staff and to community when appropriate.
12. To provide threat assessment and Crisis Intervention support to students and staff.
13. To maintain a professional growth plan as approved by the Coordinator of Student Services.