

## **What is a School Social Worker?**

The role of the School Social Worker is to provide support to students who are having social and emotional difficulties that may be adversely impacting their education. School social workers help to enhance the full educational and individual potential of all students through early identification, prevention, counseling and support, eliminating barriers to learning. The following roles are listed in terms of priority: Emergency/crisis intervention, providing social work services to students who have social/emotional/behavioral goals as part of their Individual Education Plan. (Special Education), problem solving teams, referrals to outside of school agencies, prevention program development, staff training, classroom interventions, individual counseling for students whose social, emotional or behavioral difficulties are interfering with academic success.