

NEW YORK SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Occ.Code S-14
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POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Social Worker

REPORTS TO: Director of Special Programs

BASIC FUNCTION: Provide comprehensive school social work services to parents, students and school staff, addressing barriers that limit a student from receiving full benefit from their educational experience. Respond to referrals from school administration, parents, teachers, the Student Support Team, the Special Education Committee and others by providing direct services and by assisting families in accessing appropriate community resources.

MAJOR DUTIES:

- Provide school related counseling and support services to students and their families, through individual, group, or family sessions. Issues addressed include: social, emotional, educational, and vocational functioning and development of each child.
- Provides case-management services for students, involving the identification and coordination of referrals for internal and external services as appropriate to meet the special needs of each child.
- Assist in the development of IEP's where required. Participate in meetings and conferences with staff, parents and students to monitor progress.
- Work closely with parents through meetings, home visits, telephone and/or correspondence to ensure that parents understand the school's decisions and procedures particularly where cultural differences make communications difficult.
- Conduct parent interviews to acquire socio-developmental information as needed for intakes and reevaluations.
- Attend and participate in CPSE/CSE meetings, as needed.
- Manage crisis situations for students/families, which include performing assessments, making recommendations for resolution, and in providing appropriate referrals.
- Serve as liaison between the school and parents or outside agencies to ensure that family circumstances, cultural backgrounds, and school policies and procedures are understood by all concerned.
- Maintain accurate records and reports.
- Interview students and parents to discuss issues related to non-attendance and develop a plan of action.
- Participate in staff meetings to ensure that the goals and objectives of social services are understood and can be incorporated in the school's plans and programs.

- Participate in professional development activities aimed at current trends and best practices for the provision of comprehensive school social work services
- Develop and facilitate the Parent Counseling & Training service mandate for families.
- Develop and implement professional development training for educational staff, as requested.
- Coordinate the DASA and Anti-Bullying programs and collect and analyze related data.
- All other duties as assigned by the supervisor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- NYS Certification as School Social Worker.
- Masters in Social Work or related field.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Knowledge of deafness.
- SCPI Level of Advanced required.

TO APPLY:

Email resume and cover letter to employment@nysd.net or fax to 914-703-4004.

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