

Social Workers

"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock. If you want to touch the present, touch a flower. If you want to touch the future, touch a life." – Author Unknown

Our SWISD School Social Workers bring an exceptional wealth of knowledge and skills to our school system. Each of our Social Workers are trained mental health professionals who assist students, families, and our community in the following areas:

- Mental Health Concerns
- Behavioral Concerns
- Positive Behavioral Support
- Academic and Classroom Support
- Consultations between teachers, parents, and administrators
- Individual and/or Group Counseling

SWISD School Social Workers play a significant role in encouraging and furthering our mission to provide an adequate environment for teaching, learning, and attaining competence and confidence. The Social Workers, as a part of the SWISD family, enhance our ability as a district to meet our academic mission, especially where school, home, and community collaboration is crucial to our students achieving success.

The majority of our Social Workers' responsibilities are centered on crisis assistance, support and management. Those crisis include:

- Suicide intervention and ongoing support
- Threats of harm to others and/or school (terrorist threats)
- Mental Health Support (depression, anxiety, and others as identified)
- Child Abuse/Adult Abuse (sexual, physical, and neglect)
- Sexual and other Physical Assaults (rape, attacks, domestic violence, etc.)
- Grief Counseling (death, trauma, and other losses as a result of transitioning)
- Assistance with runaway and homeless youth
- Information and Referral Services
- Staff Consultation (campus and district inquiries)

Some additional services that are provided include:

- Consultation and educational sessions for students, families, and/or staff
- Peer mediation and conflict resolution
- Supportive social service assistance (food, clothing, medical, utility, etc.)
- Direct supportive services via school supplies, hygiene, and holiday assistance
- Team Leader and instructor for the Parenting Partners Program
- Assistance, support, and case management for the Lighthouse Mentoring Program
- Served on District SHAC
- Other duties as assigned