

# State Certifications + Professional Credentials

A person wishing to practice as a school social worker in Indiana must hold:

- [a Master's Degree in Social Work \(MSW\)](#)
- [License Social Worker \(LSW\)](#) or [License Clinical Social Worker \(LCSW\)](#)
- [IDOE Student Services License](#), which requires practicum experience and knowledge of the school environment.

## Legal Regulations

School Social Workers adhere to a Code of Ethics set forth by the National Association of Social Workers. School Social Workers adhere to Indiana School Social Work Standards.

Core values include:

**service, social justice, dignity, worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.**

# INSSWA

INDIANA SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION

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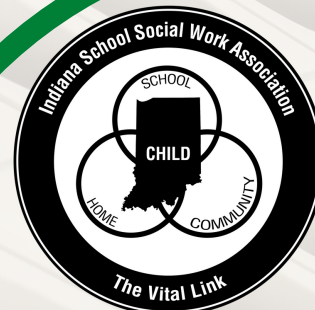
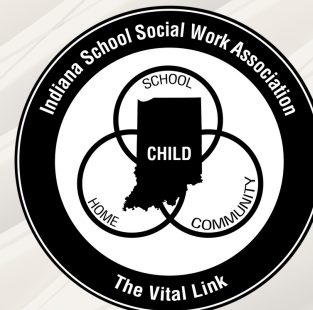
## About Us

INSSWA is an association of School Social Workers throughout Indiana who have been working with students and families to provide student assistance, mental health related services, and support in the school system since our establishment in 1997. We are committed to the improvement of the school social work profession and to the well being of children and their families.

**To speak with an INSSWA member in your district, visit [www.insswa.org](http://www.insswa.org).**

# School Social Workers

IT'S NOT JUST WHAT WE DO...  
IT'S WHO WE ARE



# School Social Workers Help:

## STUDENTS

- Increase academic success
- Improve Interpersonal relationships
- Cope with difficult and crisis situations
- Develop self-esteem and self-discipline
- Learn problem-solving, conflict resolution, and decision-making skills

## EDUCATORS

- Develop and implementing plans to enhance students' school success
- Provide ongoing emotional and behavior support to students
- Communicate information about how factors such as family, culture, socioeconomic status, physical and mental health can affect students' performance
- Identify and report child abuse and neglect situations
- Coordinate community resources to meet students' needs
- Identify and eliminate barriers to educational success
- Being the liaison between the school, home, and community
- Provide training to faculty and staff in such areas as anti-bullying education and Positive Behavior Supports

## Role In Special Education

### SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS CAN:

- Consult with both general education and special education teachers to develop and/or implement pre-referral assessments and interventions
- Design and implement behavior management plans
- Participate on the multidisciplinary assessment and intervention core team
- Provide social, emotional, behavior, functional, and adaptive assessments
- Meet with parent/guardian(s) to complete psychosocial histories
- Provide evidence-based social work services as a component of the Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
- Educate parents and school personnel regarding the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEIA) and Article 7

*School Social Workers  
are dually licensed*

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THE INDIANA PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
AGENCY AND THE INDIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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the school, home,  
and the community*

### **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SPECIALIZED SERVICES**

- Assessment of student needs through observation, interviews, and testing
- Treatment of mental and emotional disorders
- Individual and group therapeutic services
- Crisis prevention and intervention
- Work with students in both general education and special education settings
- Advocacy for students, parents, and the school district
- Education and training for parents and guardians
- Mental health information and referral
- Professional case management
- Collaboration and consultation with community agencies, organizations, and other professionals