

**School Social Workers can be contacted through the school office or by contacting Student Services, 402-436-1688.**



**1-888-866-8660**

For the hearing and speech impaired with TTY equipment call 1-888-556-5117

[www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov](http://www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov)

- Trained counselors 24/7/365
- Children's behavioral issues
- Parent/child conflict resolution
- Youth mental health referrals

**Need help? Don't know where to start?**  
Dial 2-1-1 or go to [www.ne211.org](http://www.ne211.org).

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BECAUSE FAMILIES MATTER*

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## School Social Workers



### Connecting Schools, Families & the Community

- Supporting and working with school staff
- Providing mental health services for students and families
- Coordinating mental health programming
- Advancing awareness of social issues
- Leading prevention programs
- Promoting home-school communication
- Connecting families with community resources
- Providing crisis intervention



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**School Social Workers** are employed by Lincoln Public Schools to support the mission of success for all students.

**School Social Workers** bring unique professional knowledge, skills and perspective to the school system. Social Work values basic human rights and the worth of individuals, including the right to self-identify problems, needs and goals.

**School Social Workers** actively intervene to address barriers that affect the student's ability to learn.

**School Social Workers** assist students, families and schools to identify needs and facilitate positive change.

**School Social Workers** adhere to Social Work Code of Ethics and are licensed mental health professionals

## School Social Workers Focus on Systems that Impact Students

### SCHOOL SYSTEM

**School Social Workers help school staff to:**

- Identify, intervene and refer students with mental health needs
- Understand how family, cultural and community factors affect students
- Provide prevention programs: violence, drug/ alcohol abuse, sexual abuse, child abuse and neglect
- Address attendance issues
- Manage crisis situations
- Use community resources to meet the needs of students and families

### FAMILY SYSTEM

**School Social Workers help families to:**

- Participate effectively in their child's education
- Understand their child's emotional, developmental and educational needs
- Strengthen family relationships and parenting skills
- Use community resources

### COMMUNITY SYSTEM

**School Social Workers help the community to:**

- Identify needs of students and families
- Work together with students, families and the school
- Provide information to schools about community resources

## Removing Barriers to Learning

School Social Workers focus on barriers to student success including:

- Family Issues
- Grief
- Mental Health
- Stress
- Substance Abuse
- Trauma
- Violence

School Social Workers use a team approach as they work with:

- Administrators
- Counselors
- Community Agencies
- Family Members
- School Nurses
- School Psychologists
- Teachers

School Social Workers accept referrals from:

- School Staff
- Family Members
- Students
- PBIS Teams
- SCIP Teams
- Office Referrals
- Attendance Data

