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

Provided by LPS School Social Workers
BECAUSE FAMILIES MATTER

Need help? Don’t know where to start?
Dial 2-1-1 or go to www.ne211.org.

1-888-866-8660
For the hearing and speech impaired with TTY equipment call 1-800-596-1317

www.nebraskafamilyhelpline.ne.gov

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

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

School Social Workers

Rev. 7/2015
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