

Social Work Services:

A Parent / Guardian's Guide to Success

Video Transcript

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Host: "Hello, and welcome! Today, we're exploring social work services as a related service in special education. These services play a vital role in supporting students with disabilities. Let's dive into what they are, why they might be necessary, and answer some common questions parents and guardians have."

Host: "Social work services in schools help address needs in a child's living situation that affect their school adjustment and performance. This includes preparing a social or developmental history on the child, providing counseling, and assisting families in navigating resources."

Host: "A child may need social work services if they confront obstacles in their home or community affecting their school performance, such as emotional needs, behavioral needs, or family dynamics. These services aim to support the child's well-being and educational success. The need for these services is not a statement on parenting choices, but rather an acknowledgement of life circumstances that are so often outside our control."

Host: "Social work services are provided by qualified school social workers who are trained to address the mental health and social-emotional needs of students. They work closely with students, teachers, families, and other professionals to support the child's educational goals."

Host: "These services can be provided during school hours and may take place in various settings within the school, such as a counselor's office or specialized spaces designed for privacy and focus. The timing and location are tailored to fit the needs of the student."

Host: "Depending on your child's specific needs, social work services may be delivered indirectly by supporting adults who work with your child, individually or in small group settings. Group interactions can help enhance social skills and peer relationships, while individual sessions and indirect support focus on personalized support."

Host: "Parents and guardians are kept informed about their child's progress through regular updates from the school social worker. This might include progress reports, meetings, or written summaries that outline the goals being worked on and your child's development."

Host: "If you have any questions about the services or how to support your child at home, reach out to the school social worker or educational team. Collaborate and maintain skills learned by

reinforcing what your child learns during sessions, maintaining open communication, and fostering a supportive home environment."

Host: "Social work services are a key component in helping students overcome challenges and succeed in school. By staying informed and engaged, you can play an active role in supporting your child's growth and well-being. Thank you for your commitment and partnership!"

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