

**LITTLE WOUND SCHOOL  
POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

**JOB SUMMARY:** The Social Worker responsible for supporting students and advocating for their emotional, mental and physical wellbeing. Their duties include counseling students, connecting at-risk youth with helpful resources and conducting home visits to provide additional support.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Provide comprehensive school social work services to parents, students and school staff, addressing barriers that limit a student from receiving full benefit from their educational experience.
2. Respond to referrals from school administration, parents, teachers, and others by providing direct services and by assisting families in accessing appropriate community resources.
3. Consults with parents, teachers, and other school personnel to determine causes of problems and seek solutions.
4. Arranges for medical, psychiatric, and other tests and examinations that may disclose cause of difficulties and indicate remedial measures.
5. Attempts to alter attitudes and behavior of parents and teachers that cause or aggravate problems.
6. Serves as liaison between student, home, school, and community resources such as family service agencies, child guidance clinics, courts, and protective services, doctors and clergy members.
7. Conduct home visits as a method to access the family and conduct interviews in response to school referrals.
8. Serves as consultant to school personnel regarding students or situation which is not referred for direct service.
9. Develop and implement professional development training for educational staff and parents, as requested.
10. May lead group counseling sessions to enhance social development of individual students and provide peer support in areas such as grief, stress, or chemical dependency.
11. Interview parents in acquire case histories as required.
12. Provide information to parents regarding family service agencies.
13. Works closely with school counselors and other counseling personnel to coordinate services.
  1. Complete all reports as required by supervisor.
  2. Maintains confidentiality standards as required.
  3. Perform other tasks as assigned by supervisor.
  4. Adheres to LWS policies and procedures.

**EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Human Services degree required. Master's of Social Work (MSW) preferred.
2. Three years experience working in social services field.
3. Familiar with the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and surrounding areas.
4. Possession of a valid SD Driver's License