



The Role of Mental Health Professionals in the School Setting

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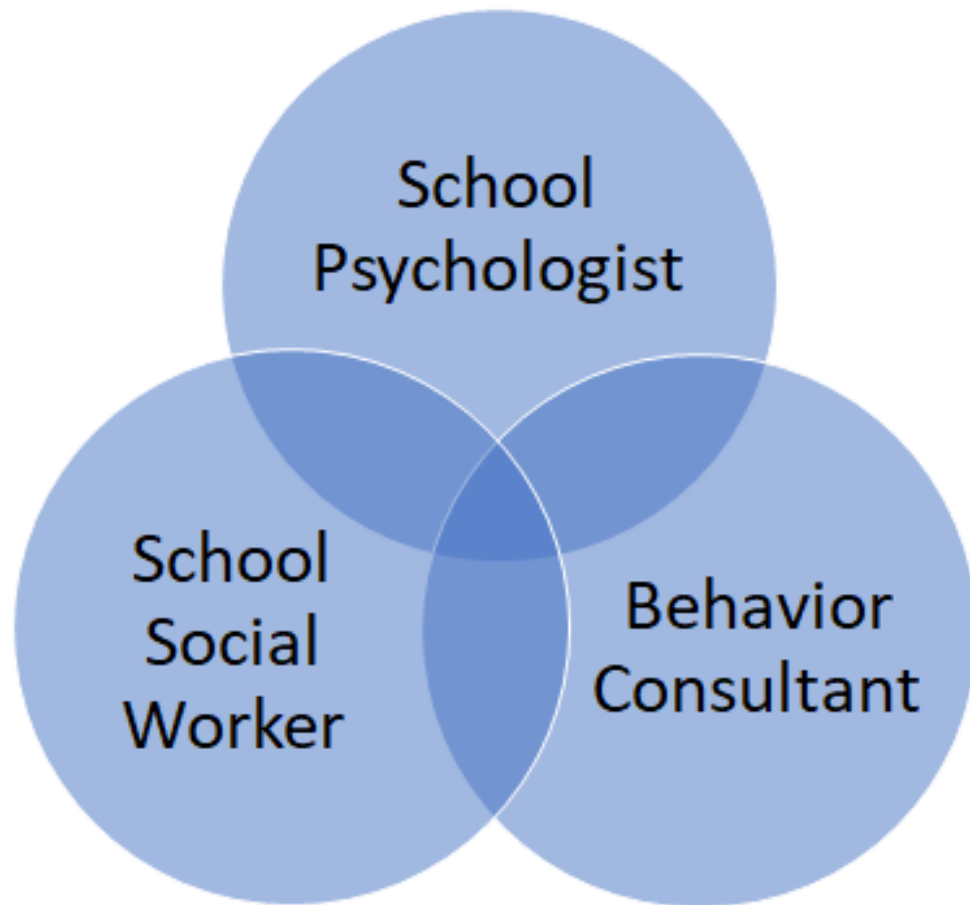
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GREAT COMMUNICATION



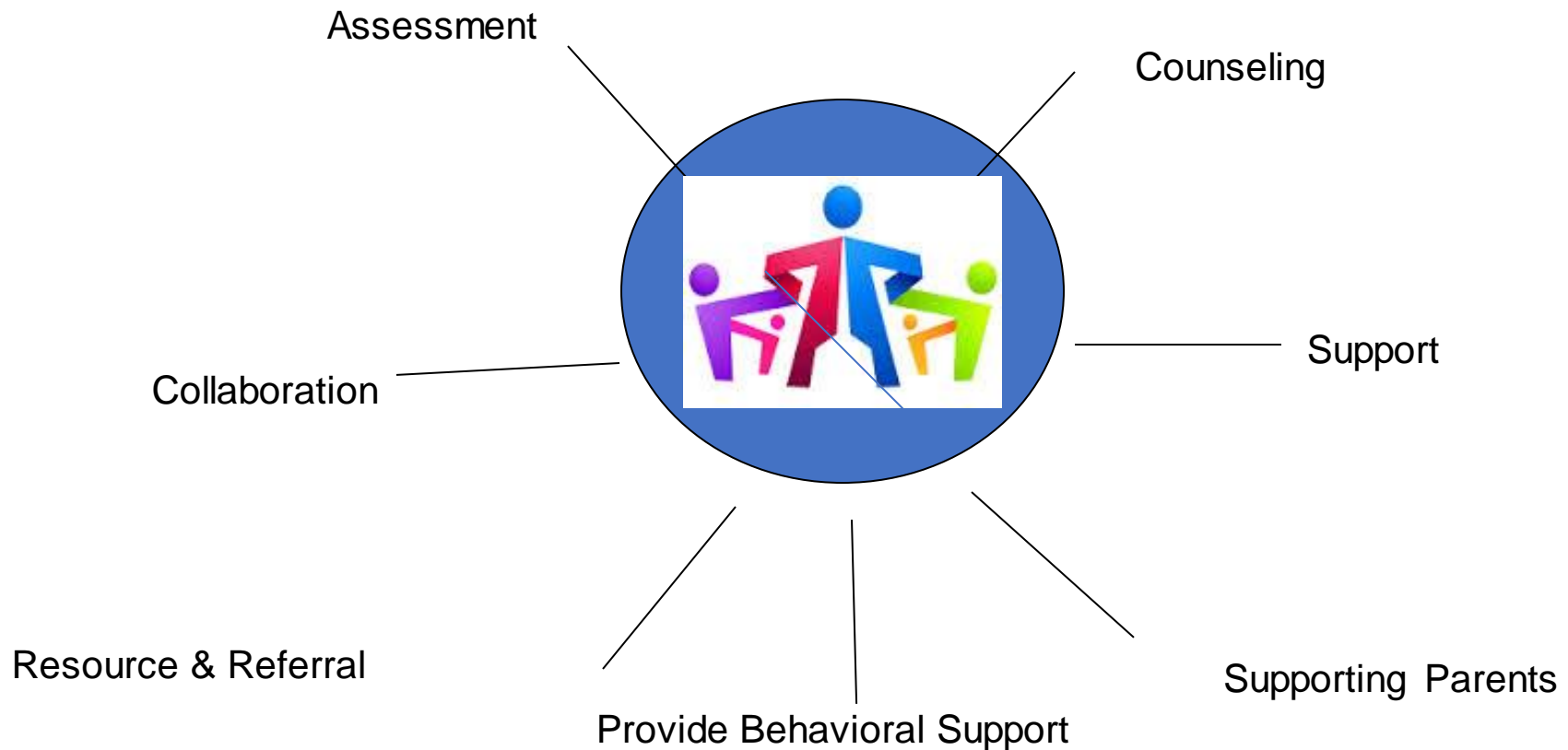


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Psychologist

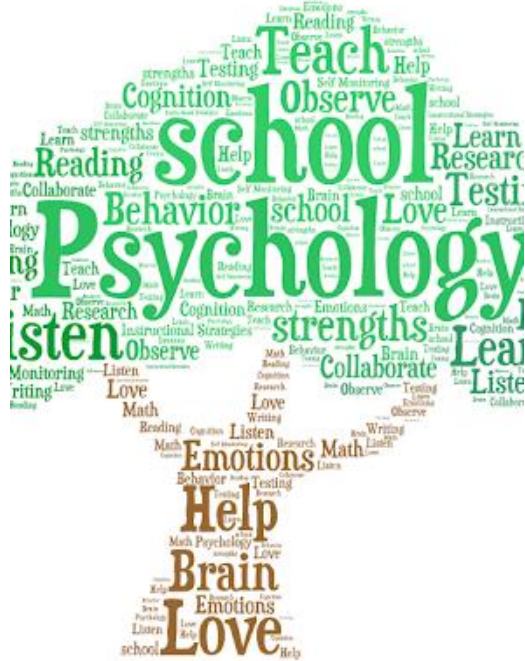
School
Social
Worker

Behavior
Consultant

Responding to Student & Family Needs:



What Is The Role Of A School Psychologist?



- We collaborate with educators, parents, and other professionals in order to ensure a safe, healthy, and supportive learning environment for all our students.
- We support diverse learners and assist students in succeeding academically, socially, and emotionally.
- We strengthen family and school partnerships by:
 - *helping families engage with teachers/staff*
 - *assisting in navigating the special education process*
 - *helping families understand their child's learning and mental health needs*
 - *enhancing staff understanding and responsiveness to diverse cultures/backgrounds.*



What Does This Look Like In The Buildings?

- Individual/group counseling.
- Assistance with those who are undergoing crisis, trauma, or life-changing events.
- Parent/staff training.
- Support for the implementation of school-wide positive behavioral supports.



What Does This Look Like In The Buildings?

- Conducting psychological assessments (cognitive, social-emotional, behavioral).
- CSE/SCSE Chairperson.
- Identifying students who are at risk.
- Consulting with teachers and staff.
- Supporting classroom management.
- Analyzing /interpreting student data.
- Assisting in navigation of special education processes.
- Assisting in the development and implementation of a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

How Do School Psychologists Get Involved With My Child?



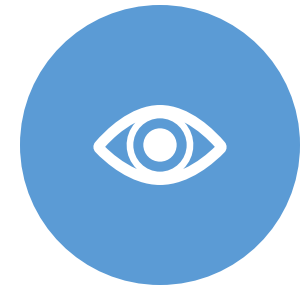
BUILDINGS MEET ON
STUDENTS WHO NEED PRE-
REFERRAL STRATEGIES.



CONSULTATION WITH
TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS.



PARENT PHONE CALLS OR
EMAILS.



OBSERVATIONS MADE WHEN
IN CLASSROOMS, LUNCH,
RECESS.

What is a School Social Worker?

Trained professional who works with students in a variety of areas including:

- Social Behavioral
- Academic
- Emotional

Team member - works collaboratively with:

- Parents
- Teachers
- School psychologists
- Administrators
- Students

Support system for:

- Students
- Parents
- School personnel





Services to School Personnel:

- Consultation with teachers and staff to support our students
- Staff development
- Crisis intervention
- Participation in the school-based support team
- Participation in student support and other multi-disciplinary teams, such as CSE
- Support for staff
- Prevention Work



Services to Students and Families:

- Crisis intervention
- Enhancing students social and emotional growth
- Collaboration with community resources
- Individual and group counseling
- Special classroom and school-wide presentations
- Parent education training
- Providing information and referrals
- Assisting with OPWDD eligibility
- Connecting families with community resources and supports



What is the role of the behavioral consultant?

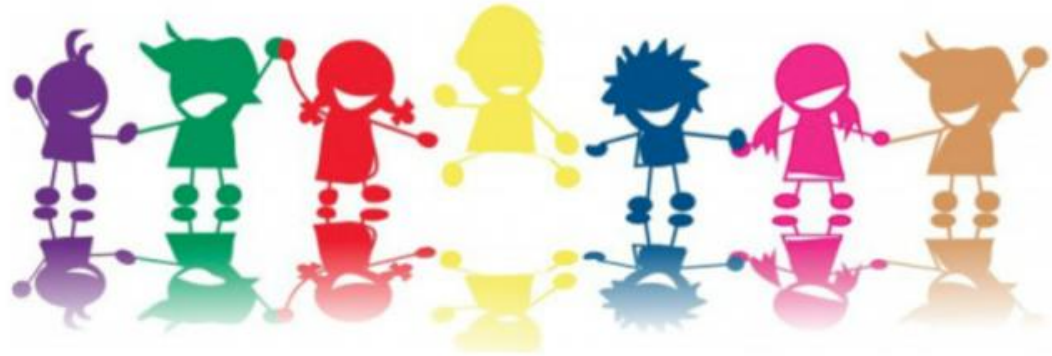


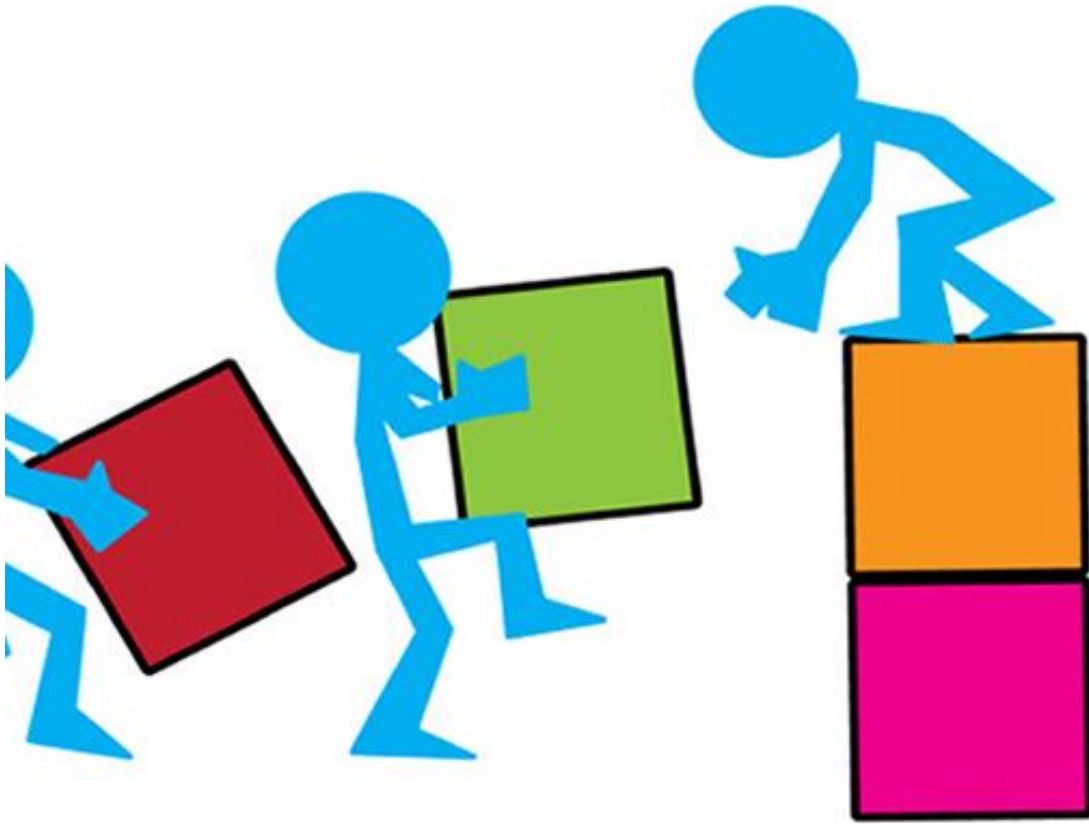
Behavior Consultant...

- Is board certified
- Consults with teams to determine supports for students
 - Administration
 - Teachers
 - School psychologists
 - Social workers
- Provides suggestions and techniques for implementation
- Conducts functional behavior assessments
- Creates positive behavior support plans/behavior intervention plans

Student and Family Services

- Observations
- Assessments and reports
 - FBAs
 - PBSPs/BIPs
- Collaboration with teachers and support staff
 - Techniques
 - Suggestions
- Modeling
- Progress monitoring
- Parent Training
- Interviews
- CSE
- Team meetings





Providing services

- Support required in addition to school psychologist/ social worker
- Short term supports
- IEP Consult

We're
here to
help!

Primary Mental Health Professionals:

- Monica Saavedra, School Psychologist (Hemlock)
- Jessica Berenbroick, School Psychologist (Homestead)
- Happy Arstark, School Psychologist (Locust)
- Tracey Catalanotti-Martinez , School Social Worker (Hemlock, Homestead, & Locust)

Elementary Mental Health Professionals:

- Monica Saavedra, School Psychologist (Stewart)
- Dr. Gina Tornincaso, School Psychologist (Stewart)
- Michele Vincent, School Social Worker

Middle School Mental Health Professionals:

- Kady Burke, School Psychologist
- Dr. Melina Mendelson, School Psychologist
- Keegan Baker, School Social Worker

High School Mental Health Professionals:

- Jessica Berenbroick, School Psychologist
- Dina Bombardiere, School Social Worker

Transition and Support Fair

- Mission:

To connect our families to local agencies and supports available in the community.

**January 30th, 2020
Garden City High
School Cafeteria**

- Previous Participants Include:

- ✓ JCC
- ✓ Friend Zone Kids
- ✓ CHADD
- ✓ Parent to Parent
- ✓ Hopefitness
- ✓ The Center for Rapid Recovery
- ✓ Ken's Krew
- ✓ Nassau Boces
- ✓ AHRC
- ✓ EPIC
- ✓ Andrew Cohen
- ✓ ACLD
- ✓ And many more...

Questions

