



## About KSSWA

- An association of School Social workers throughout Kansas who work with students and families to provide assistance, mental health related services, support in the school system and community resources.
- KSSWA has been serving children through their school, home and community since 1973.

- KSSWA is a statewide organization committed to the improvement of the school social work profession and to the well being of children and their families.
- Both BSW and MSW students can join KSSWA as long as they are placed in a School based practicum.
- #1 reason to join KSSWA is that we are the only School Social Worker organization representing the needs of Kansas School Social Workers.

KSSWA is a professional organization dedicated to promoting School Social Workers through advocacy, professional development and communication within the profession.

**Get In Touch!**

Kansas School Social Work website:  
<https://ksswa.wildapricot.org/>



### **STATE CERTIFICATION, LEGAL REGULATIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS REQUIRED:**

To practice as a school social worker in the state of Kansas, one must hold a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW) from a CSWE accredited program or meets the requirements of K.A.R. 102-2-6 and pass the State of Kansas Masters Level competency exam.

School social workers are also to adhere to the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics.

## **School Social Workers Help Students to:**

Increase academic success

Improve interpersonal relationships

Cope with difficult and crisis situations

Develop self-esteem and self-awareness

Learn problem-solving, conflict resolution, and decision-making skills

Bridge communication between general education teachers, special education teachers and families.

## **School Social Workers are:**

The communication link between school, home and the community.

Members of the educational team.

Consistently promoting and supporting students' academic and social success by providing specialized services.

Able to provide specialized services such as:

1. Assessment of student needs through observation, interviews and testing
2. Treatment and supporting of student mental and emotional disorders/needs
3. Able to implementing individual and group therapeutic services
4. To Assist during crisis prevention and intervention
5. Known to work with students and families in both general education and special education settings.
6. An advocate for students, parents and the school district.
7. Able to provide education and training for parents and guardians.
8. To provide families with referrals to community resources as needed.

The Social Work profession began over one hundred years ago!

The first Social Work class was offered in 1898 at Columbia University.

The Social Work field is projected to grow by 13% between 2019-2029.

Social Workers are the nation's' largest group of mental health providers.

Employment of child, family, and School Social Workers is projected to grow 6% from 2014 to 2024 In 2022, there were 720,000 social workers in the nation.

## **Fun Facts about Social Workers**

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