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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER – SUBSTANCE ABUSE

CATEGORICAL PAY LEVELS:

Minimum Pay Level: 03  
Mid Pay Level: 04  
Maximum Pay Level: 05

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

The School Social Worker will perform social work related in the areas of substance abuse of students. He/she will contact parents as needed to promote the physical, social, and psychological well-being of students involved with substance abuse.

The School Social Worker will provide or arrange family counseling as needed to promote student emotional stability. He/she will arrange alcohol and drug counseling services from other agencies for the family and student as the family situation requires. He/she will act as a liaison between the school and family to promote an understanding of school policies and relationships and how the two can work together to educate the students involved in substance abuse. Provide general community education to area chapter houses. Provides in-service training to teachers and guidance staff.

LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. **03 Level** – provides full range of substance drug services to students and their families. Refers complex problems to other service organizations.

B. **04 Level** – provides full range of substance abuse services to students and their families, treating many complex problems independently.

C. **05 Level** – in addition to treating many complex problems, supervises 3 or more school social worker – substance abuse aides.

BASIC EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

Pay Level	03	04	05
Education	BA*/BS*	BS*/BA*	MS/MA*
Experience/Training (In substance abuse)	1	2	3

\* Appropriate State Certification or a bachelor's Degree in social work, and 6 semester hours in substance abuse courses or (the equivalent of CEU's). Emergency and provisional certificates may be accepted under the condition they are issued by State certification authority.

\*Master's Degree will be in social work or a related area. The qualifying experience required for levels above 03 Levels will have been in the area of social work with a substance abuse endorsement.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Good distant vision in one eye and ability to read without strain printed material the size of typewritten characters are required, glasses permitted. Ability to hear the conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid, is required, except that some positions may be suitable for persons who are blind or deaf. In most instances, an amputation of arm, hand leg or foot will not disqualify an applicant for appointment, although it may be necessary that this condition be compensated by use of satisfactory prosthesis. In addition, applicants must possess emotional and mental stability.