Placement Briefing Session School Social Work Service

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What is school social work service?



Objectives of School Social Work Service

- To help with the personal, family, interpersonal or schooling problem
 - -- remedial

- To help develop personal potential and achieve healthy personal growth
 - -- developmental and educational

School & School Social Worker





School as Secondary Setting

 Works inside a setting where other professionals are majority

 The number of staff is low, but play important role in the school

Have interprofessional collaboration

Roles of school social worker

Counselor

Consultant

Coordinator

Educator

School Social Work Service

Service targets

Students

Parents/
family
members

teachers

School system

Work nature

Casework

Groupwork, program, project

Enquiries / consultation

Coordination of community resources

The development of school social work service

(1) Secondary school SW

(2) Primary school SW

(3)Pre-primary institution (kindergarten)
SW

Service development, types of cases, groups and programs



Secondary school social work: Service Development

1979: Government started the plan and implementation of school social service provided by NGO

: 1 social worker for 4 secondary schools

1986-1996: SWD carried out 3 reviews of the service

1995: 1 social worker for 2 schools

2000: 1 social worker for 1 school

2019: 2 social workers for 1 school

Service operation in secondary school

As at 1 September 2023, 34 NGOs operate stationing school social work service for 462 secondary day schools over the territory.

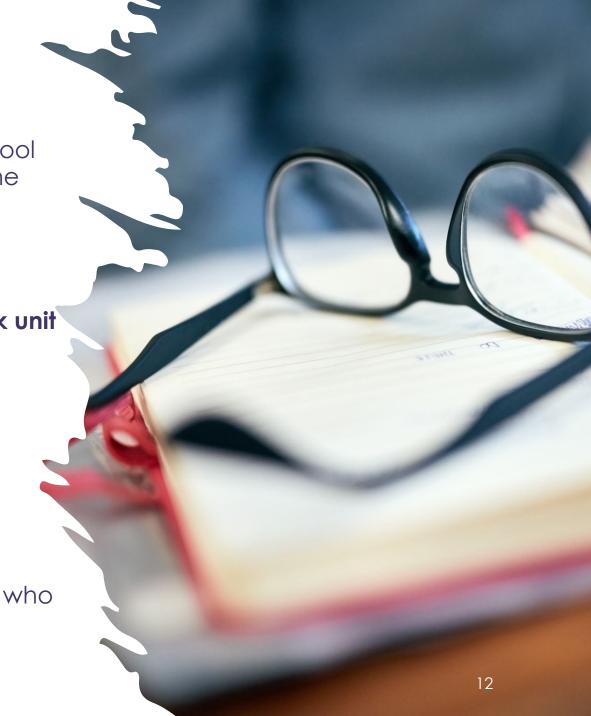
Two modes of service operation:

(1) Independent mode: Independent school social work unit

- -covers 70% of the school social work service
- -one school social work unit serves a certain no. of schools in different areas

(2) Attachment mode: Integrated team

- -covers 30% of the school social work service
- -2-3 secondary schools are served by social workers who are staff of an ICYSC
- -closely work with the ICYSC



Types of cases

- Related to schooling (unmotivated to study, study stress, study method, career planning etc.)
- School adjustment
- Developmental adjustment
- Peer relationship
- Behavioral problems
- Emotional/ mental health
- Sex-related issues
- Family related problems





Types of groups & programs

- Emotional management groups
- Social skills groups/ programs
- Career planning workshops
- Self-understanding workshops
- Stress management groups/programs
- Sex education programs
- Resilience programs
- Volunteer services
- Leadership training
- Fun fair / exhibitions
- Visits/day camps/outings



Primary school social work: Service Development

1980-1990s:

Pilot scheme in some primary schools Setting up of School guidance officer(SGO) and school guidance teacher (SGT) to provide services for students.

1 SGO for more than 3 primary schools.

- 2002: Government subvention had been given to primary schools to purchase school social service through service bidding
- 2018: 1 social worker for 1 primary school



Major types of cases

- Learning problem(Special Educational Needs)
- Behavioral problem
- Emotional problem
- Relationship problem
- Physical and health problem
- Family related problem



Types of groups & programs

- Social skills groups
- Emotional management groups
- Problem solving groups
- Parents workshops / talks
- Volunteer services
- Fun fair / exhibitions
- Visits / day camps /outings

Pre-primary Institutions (Kindergarten): Service Development

 2019: 3-year Pilot Scheme on Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions (SWSPI) was lunched
 1 social worker: 400 students

 2022: Social Work Service for Pre-primary Institutions is regularized



Types of service:

- Casework
- Parenting education groups and talks
- Referral to related services for children and families
- Professional consultations for teaching staff and parents

Schools for Social Development



- Under the category of "Special Schools"
- A total of 8 SSDs in Hong Kong
- Providing intensive support for students of P.1 to F.6 with moderate to severe emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Provides both long-term and short-term adaptation programmes for students

Activities held by school social workers

Group	 Adaptation group for P.6 students Educational and growth group targeting social skills / emotional management / self-efficacy / empathy etc.
Programme	 Volunteer services e.g. visiting elderly centres / elderly people living alone etc. Life planning programme e.g. life simulation game Field trips School visits at mainstream secondary schools
Others	 Sex education seminar / workshop Anti-drug education seminar / workshop (Cooperates with external organizations)



Q1: Are you an energetic/active/outgoing person?

Q2: Can you work independently but with accountability?

Q3: Do you mind being rejected by others?

Q4: Do you enjoy getting along with children and young people?

Q5: Are you willing to approach the teachers and parents actively?

Q6: Do you feel comfortable to comply with school cultures or rules?

Q7: Are you confident enough to **introduce yourself** in front of many people?

Placement Requirement

Daytime stationing at school, no evening stationing

Concurrent placement only

 Earlier proceeding of the sexual conviction record check before the placement is needed

Proper dress code and personal appearance

Placement Requirement

Choices of Placement	Workdays
Primary School Services	Usually on Tue and Wed Day Time
Secondary School Services	Usually on Tue and Wed Day Time
Other School Services (i.e. Kindergarten / Schools for Social Development etc.)	Kindergarten: One workday might be on another weekday other than Tue or Wed, depending on the agency day Schools for Social Development: Usually on Tue and Wed Day Time

Some placement requirements by schools

- School only gives one placement offer
- School requests 1 male and 1 female students
- School offer places to 1 MSW and 1 BSW students
- School offer places to MSW or BSW students

Agency purchase mode for placement supervision

Placement Arrangement

 The placement arrangement will depend on the available places provided by the agencies.

As the service in kindergarten is newly established, the no.
 of available places is very limited.







Q & A

THANKS!

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