

Any further questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact us directly

## Interlake School Division

School Social Work Clinicians

### How to access a SSW in your community?

- ◆ Contact your child's school to begin referral process
- ◆ Once a referral is completed by school staff and signed by legal guardian ongoing services will be provided
- ◆ Self-referrals are also accepted and are available on-line and through your child's school

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Referral forms available on-line:

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Click on:

- ⇒ Programs
- ⇒ Student Services
- ⇒ Forms
- ⇒ Social Work Referral

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## Goals of a School Social Work Clinician

- ◆ Understand student behavior from holistic perspective
- ◆ Build on strengths to improve the social, emotional, and academic functioning of a student
- ◆ Build relationships with families, communities and school
- ◆ To ensure that programs are accessible to families and students
- ◆ Build upon families and students strengths in the community

## School Social Workers.....

- ◆ Advocate for families and students
  - ◆ Collaborate with the school, community and family to ensure the success of each student
- ◆ Prevent, educate, and provide interventions to at risk students
- ◆ Facilitate groups and individual counseling for families and students
  - ◆ Crisis Interventions
  - ◆ Threat Assessments
  - ◆ Assist with referrals to collateral agencies

## Possible Reasons for SSW Referrals

- ◆ Student experiencing loss, family illness, or changes to family structure
- ◆ Parent-teen conflict
- ◆ Student is exhibiting anxiety, depression, self-harming behavior
- ◆ Difficulty with adjusting to school environment
- ◆ Low self-esteem and self-worth
- ◆ Poor school attendance
- ◆ Poor connection with school, community and peers
- ◆ Substance abuse
- ◆ School– age pregnancy
- ◆ Family violence
- ◆ Separation and divorce
- ◆ Students at risk of dropping out of school

