

# **HOME-SCHOOL SUPPORT WORKERS**

## **Description**

School District No 22, with funding from the **Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD)** contracts with the **North Okanagan Youth and Family Services Society (NOYFSS)** and **Whitevalley Community Services** to provide home/school support workers in a variety of positions in the community.

## **Purpose**

The School District will use the grant to improve the educational performance, including academic achievement and social functioning of vulnerable students.

## **Guidelines**

- Funding is to be allocated to schools based on vulnerability (for example: Rates of Family Income, MCFD involvement, and Aboriginal student population). Other indicators, e.g. transiency may be considered.
- School district, in collaboration with MCFD regions and their communities have the flexibility to determine the evidence-based strategies that will be funded.

## **Service**

There are currently 6.4 home school support workers. The majority of these workers are assigned to schools. One worker is assigned to the Discovery Program. Jim Godin, .5 FTE works with children demonstrating sexualized behavior problems at the elementary school level.

## **Identification, Planning and Programming**

In general the home/school support workers work under the direction of the school based team. They provide a variety of services to support the student and family.

## **Referral Process**

Referrals are made to the assigned school support worker by the school-based team. The school-based team will establish the reporting procedure for the home/school support worker.