Overlapping and Unique Roles of School Mental Health Professionals*

Adapted from Sun Prairie Area School District, Wisconsin

*** NOTE: This model is not intended to be comprehensive. It offers *examples* of *some* of the overlapping and unique roles of SMHP**

ALL School Employed MH

Research
Problem solving team (MTSS)
Student progress & accountability
In-service/Professional Development
Collaboration with community MH
Crisis intervention
Consultation
Parent education
Alternative & at-risk programming
Affective education
Classroom presentations

School Counselor

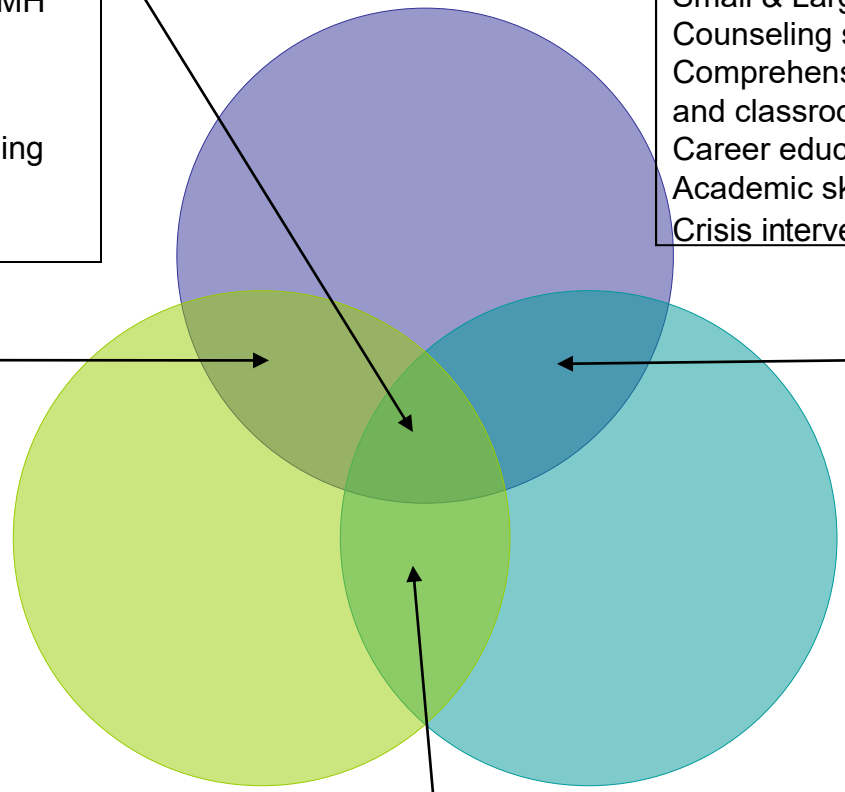
Student Advocacy for ALL students
Small & Large group counseling
Counseling support for ALL students
Comprehensive School Counseling curriculum and classroom lessons
Career education and exploration
Academic skills building and advisement
Crisis intervention and prevention

SC & SP

Learning appraisal
Educational collaboration

SC & SW

Behavioral collaborations



School Psychologist

Direct services (counseling, affective education, skill development, crisis)
Screening
Behavioral assessment & intervention
Evaluation (intelligence, achieve, social-emot, adaptive, cognitive processing)
Consultation
Case Management and due process compliance

SP & SW

IEP services
Behavioral Assmt
Behavior Contracts
Student Progress
Soc Emot Assmt

School Social Worker

Home-School-Community Liaison
Home visits and truancy intervention
Social Emotional & Behavioral Assessment
Direct services (individual/group therapeutic services, social and emotional learning)
Treatment of emotional disorders
Professional Case Management
Consultation for Behavior Intervention Plans