



program, as outlined by the Framework for School Counseling Practice, has a direct impact on student achievement. The development and implementation of these programs requires leadership from well-trained, highly competent elementary school counselors and includes a collaborative effort with school administrators, classroom teachers, school and community stakeholders.

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MEETING THE NEED

Elementary school counselors are educators uniquely trained in child development, learning strategies, self-management and social skills, who understand and promote success for today's diverse students. They implement a school counseling program to support students through this important developmental period. The program provides education, prevention and intervention activities, which are integrated into all aspects of children's lives. The program teaches knowledge, attitudes and skills students need to acquire in academic, career and social/emotional development, which serve as the foundation for future success.

Elementary school counselors do not work in isolation; rather they are integral to the total educational program. They provide a proactive program that engages students and includes leadership, advocacy and collaboration with school staff, administration and community/family members in the delivery of activities to help students school

