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What Do School Psychologists Do?

School psychologists tailor their services to the particular needs of each child and each situation. School psychologists use many different approaches and may play many different roles, but most provide these core services:

Consultation

- Give healthy and effective alternatives to teachers, parents, and administrators about problems in learning and behavior
- Help others understand child development and how it affects learning and behavior
- Strengthen working relationships between educators, parents and community services

Assessment

Use a wide variety of techniques at an individual, group, and systems level to evaluate:

- Academic skills and learning aptitude
- Personality and emotional development
- Social skills
- Learning environments and school climate
- Eligibility for special services

Intervention

- Work face-to-face with children and families
- Help solve conflicts and problems in learning and adjustment
- Provide psychological counseling for children and families
- Provide social skills training, behavior management, and other strategies
- Help families and schools deal with crises such as death, illness or community trauma

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

SOURCE: National Association of School Psychologists