

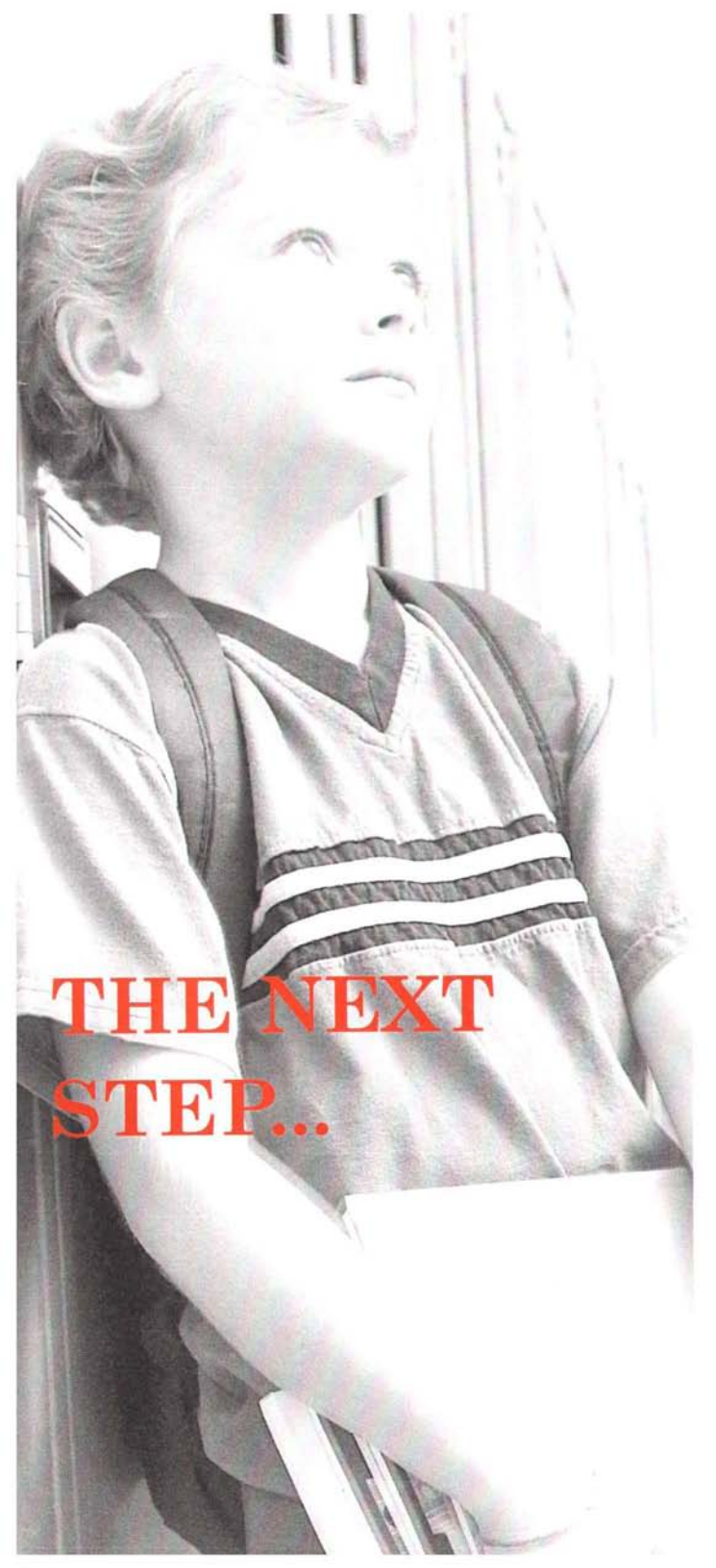
# School Based Service Work



## What Is School Based Service Work?

The School Based Service Work Program (SBSW) is a partnership between OKDHS and the school system to create a social service position to help students and their families who have been identified as being at risk or in crises. The classroom is likely to provide the first observable clues suggesting the presence of significant family issues. When there are known or even suspected issues that threaten family solidarity, the SBSW has access to other environments, such as home and community, to aid in identifying the problem. It is believed that the easiest way to work with families is to be identified with one of their children.

The SBSW works only with the partnering school's students and their families, provides preventive services and, if needed, applications for TANF, Medicaid and Food Stamps. The worker also acts as a resource for the school and OKDHS. The worker may participate in weekly Team Conferences regarding families' and children's needs with teachers, counselors, school administrators and child advocates within the confines of OKDHS confidentiality.



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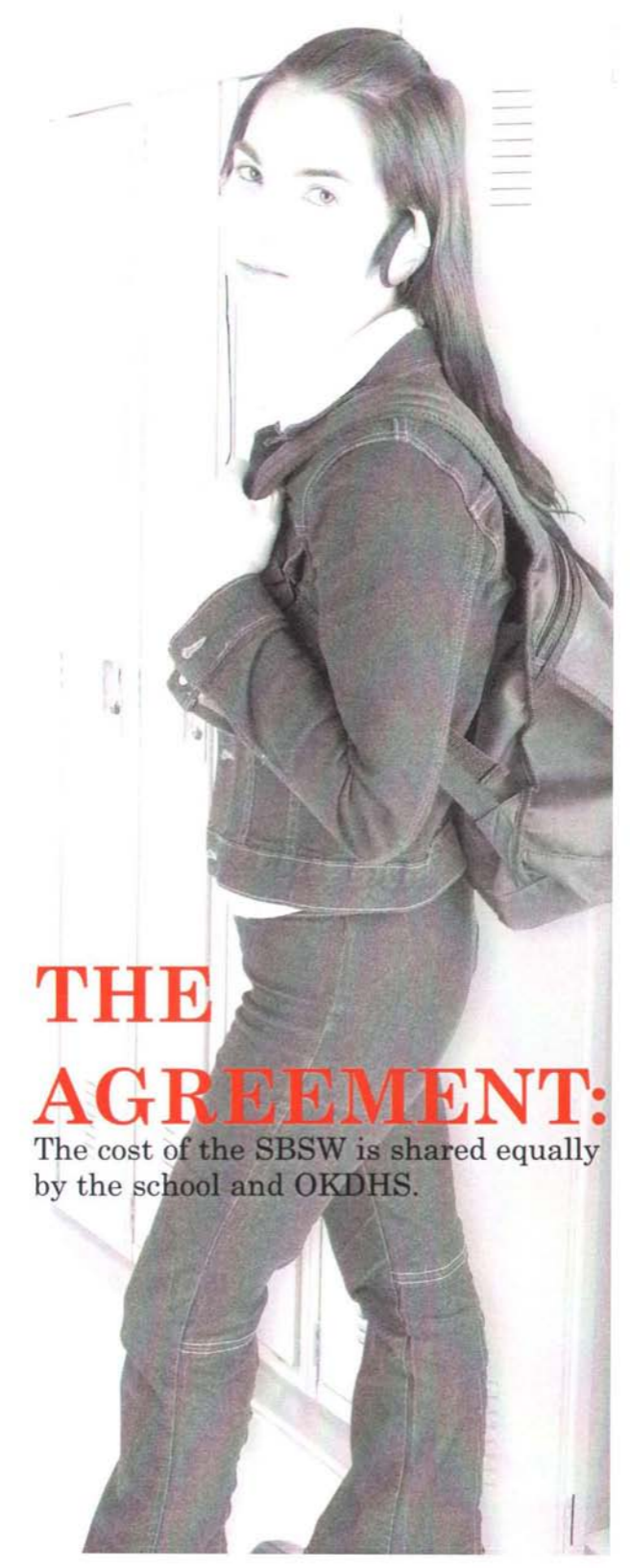
The School Based Service Worker (SBSW) is a full-time out-stationed worker and will receive the same benefits as other state employees.

### **GOALS OF THE SBSW PROGRAM:**

- Increase attendance of individual students
- Provide preventive services to families
- Increase services to children
- Increase development of positive relationships between home and school
- Reduce barriers to school and community services by families and staff
- Increase awareness and understanding of OKDHS services and regulations by school staff

The actual work to be done by the SBSW may vary somewhat but generally includes the following functions:

- Participates in team staffings and client conferences
- Conducts home visits when requested or needed
- Provides in-service to teachers and other school personnel
- Is readily accessible to students and their families during periods requiring intervention
- Develops and facilitates parent education and support groups
- Provides access to an array of OKDHS service needs
- Serves as the liaison between school officials and student/clients' families
- Develops and participates in truancy programs



# THE AGREEMENT:

The cost of the SBSW is shared equally by the school and OKDHS.

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