



Social Work at Easterseals

The Social Worker helps link the many environments our children experience—in the home, school and community. The Social Worker provides direct and indirect services to students, families and school personnel to promote and support students' development and success.

What does the Social Worker do?

- Represent the families at weekly classroom team meetings
- Respond to parent's requests for information and resources as needed: diaper programs, housing and adaptive housing, daycare and respite, recreational opportunities, wraparound services and in home supports, and anything else that families may need help with
- Organize and run Parent Support Groups throughout the school year on various topics
 - If you have a specific interest, let me know!
- Visit families at home
- Assist families and Easterseals staff with communicating with outside agencies: doctors and specialists, other service providers, etc.
- Accompany families to significant appointments as requested including medical, clinical, etc.
- Provide counseling as requested around the challenges of raising children with special needs
- Provide information about community events, educational opportunities, and other resources
 - Look for these in your child's backpack and on Facebook!
- Coordinate the Holiday Gift Program with Delaware Valley Children's Charity
- Support families through the transition processes, from early intervention and home-based services, and looking forward to school age services
 - Provide information and attend school district IEP meetings as needed

Who is the Easterseals Approved Private School Social Worker?

My name is Isabel Gutwirth, I am a trained mental health professional with a Master's degree in Social Work. Prior to coming to Easterseals, I worked with children with disabilities and their families for five years, in both home and school settings. I studied Social Work at Bryn Mawr College and completed internships at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Mastery Charter schools. I have a great deal of passion for working with children and families and I am so looking forward to learning from you all and supporting your families in any and all ways that I can.

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