
Who We Are

The Family Court Social Work Unit of ACP is comprised of Licensed Social Workers that provide comprehensive and Individualized assessments to clients of the Assigned Counsel Program.

After Assessment with client, services and referrals are rendered tailored to the clients needs with a trauma focused solution focused holistic approach.

Our Social Workers strive in helping families achieve successful reunification with their children with the overall goal of decreased recidivism in the court system.

Our unique way to provide an interdisciplinary holistic approach to representing the indigent in family court has been effective, we have worked on several Article 6, 8 & 10 cases.

Location:

The Assigned Counsel Program
Family Court Social Work
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Family Court Social Work Program

The Assigned
Counsel Program

*Erie County Bar Association's Aid
to Indigent Prisoners Society, Inc.*



The Assigned Counsel Program Mission Statement

“The Program strives to help those who cannot help themselves, who face steep odds against the power of the State, and who struggle with poverty, mental issues, helplessness, and dread. The attorneys in the Program save lives and save families...”.



Why Social Workers?

Client centered approach allows client right to self-determination and empowerment, this will impact the engagement with attorney.

Comprehensive assessments conducted with each referral will provide attorney with information they may not have obtained initially.

Interdisciplinary holistic approach involving a social worker allows attorney to focus on legal obligations and not daily life stressors of the client.



How Can a Social Worker Help Me?

- Mental Health Treatment
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Housing
- Employment
- Education Enhancement
- Health Care
- Clothing
- Nutritional Support
- Public Benefit Enrollment
- Domestic Violence
- Veteran Benefits
- Advocacy Within Public Systems
- Court Contract Compliance

