

INTERVIEW WITH A SCHOOL COUNSELOR REQUESTED FOR IPC 513

Prior to conducting your interview, review the reading on the Comprehensive Guidance and Missouri Model Guidance Program. The interview report should cover information based on the questions below and an analysis of the school's program based on the goals and principles listed on the handout you received. If you are interviewing a counselor in Illinois, use these same questions to determine in what ways they also follow a comprehensive plan. Your report can be in either paragraph (narrative) form or in a Q and A format. Please answer each question fully.

1. Name of interviewee/school/position
 - a. Include educational background, certifications held, professional training
 - b. Years in current position, previous related experience.
2. What kind of direct services do you perform? (individual, group, classroom guidance, psychological/educational testing)
3. What kind of indirect services do you perform? (Consult with parents/teachers, training, planning/implementation of programs, student orientations, advising, scheduling, coordination of special events, etc.)
4. What are you trying to accomplish as a counselor? What are your goals? Which ones are for all students? For target populations or selected students?
5. How do you prioritize your goals and time to meet so many needs?
6. What skills are needed for you to be successful in your role and interventions? What skills would you like to develop?
7. What kind of counseling or guidance units have you developed? How are they arranged as a set of sequential activities? Which have been the most successful?
8. How are you accountable? How do you let others know about your work? Are you making a difference?
9. What are the most pressing legal and ethical issues that you encounter as a counselor? How do you deal with them?
10. What kinds of students or situations do you have the most difficulty working with? How is your value system challenged in relation to your work?
11. How do you deal with professional burnout? What are your professional goals? What words of wisdom do you have for beginning counselors with school experience? Counselors without school experience?