

How Social Workers and Case Managers Can Work Effectively with Attorneys

- A very significant though frequently overlooked reason for collaboration is to help share and ease the lawyer's burden.
- Collaborative arrangements can help reduce the stress that lawyers often experience.
- Attorneys can spend much of their time trying to resolve non-legal problems that are intertwined with legal issues.
- Social worker/case managers roles offer support for clients who have more complex issues rooted within their legal issues.
- Social workers/case managers can offer the additional time and a different perspective on issues that are external to the legal case, but that still affect the client's ability to participate in the necessary legal processes.
- Clinical services & coordination of services (Ex: Lifetime, CHCS, UHS)
- Crisis intervention
- Psycho-social assessment & Substance Abuse assessments (Ex: In Court)
- Advocacy (Ex: Diversion programs, PT, Bonds, MTR's)
- Working with community groups
- Psychoeducational (Ex: Anger Mgmt, MRT)
- Community development (Ex: Consortiums, SARA, PICC Unit)
- Liaison work with other agencies
- Staff training/education (Ex: Trauma Informed Care)