What are some things counselors do?

**They help children develop academic achievement:** If a child is confused, distracted, or upset about things in his/her life, they cannot focus on academic studies in school. The counselor may help to alleviate some of this distress so the child can better concentrate for academic achievements.

**Curriculum Integration:** Connects counseling goals to regular education curriculum connecting us to the teacher’s goals.

**Consultations:** Communication between counselors, parents, teachers, and administrators to give and receive ideas to better meet the needs of our community.

**Referrals:** The counselor can refer you to someone who can work to help in your specific area of need.

**Career Resources:** Has knowledge in career planning, and can offer resources to better plan goals for the future.

**Community Resources:** Is connected to the local community outreach programs that may provide appropriate assistance when needed.

**Mediation:** Counselors can be “go betweens” for students, parents, teachers, faculty, and staff. They have good communication skills, and resources for getting to the root of problems.

**We know school policies, and procedures:** Counselors work closely with administrators keeping abreast on what is going on in the school system.

**Crisis management:** Works for prevention of crisis. Understanding, planning, advising, and arranging counseling services as interventions if necessary in case of crisis are just some of the counselor's duties.