

Trevis Killen, Ed.D., MSW

Current Position

Executive Director of Student Services

Educational Background:

- Bachelor of Arts Degree Psychology, Albany State University
- Master of Social Work Degree Social Work, University of Georgia
- Education Specialist Degree School Counseling, University of Georgia

Professional Background:

Dr. Trevis Killen's career in education spans eighteen years, starting as a Part-time Institutional GED Instructor for Lanier Technical College from 2004-2006 and School Social Worker for the Houston County Board of Education from 2006-2014. Next, Dr. Killen transitioned into educational leadership as the School Social Work Consultant for the Florida Department of Education in Tallahassee, FL, where he provided technical assistance and professional development focused on problem-solving, analysis of educational policies, foster care, compulsory attendance, and child abuse prevention from 2014-2015. Since then, Dr. Killen has taught social work classes for Middle Georgia State University, Southern Regional Technical College, and Mercer University. Presently, Dr. Trevis Killen serves as Executive Director of Student Services for the Jones County School System in Gray, Georgia.

Professional Experience:

- Executive Director of Student Services Jones County Board of Education
- School Social Work Consultant Florida Department of Education
- President of the School Social Workers Association of Georgia
- Vice President of the School Social Workers Association of Georgia
- School Social Worker Houston County Board of Education
- Adjunct Instructor of Social Work Middle Georgia State University
- Adjunct Instructor of Social Work Southern Regional Technical College
- Part-time Social Worker Foothills Education Charter High School
- Adjunct Instructor for Human Services Mercer University
- Part-time Institutional GED Instructor Lanier Technical College

<u>Relative Experience and Activities:</u>

- Coordinates the school social work program, school counseling program, health services department, homebound program, student tribunal hearings, crisis team, mental health services, McKinney-Vento services for homeless students, and foster care point of contact.
- Frequently provides supervision, consultation, and professional development for school counselors, school nurses, homebound teachers, administrators, and other assigned staff.
- Collaborates with agencies and organizations to provide wraparound services to address the whole child's needs.
- As the School Social Work Consultant for the Florida Department of Education, Dr. Killen provided technical assistance to school districts, school social workers, state agencies, and university training programs.

- Provided technical assistance and professional development on implementing state statutes, State Board of Education Rules, and federal law.
- As President of the School Social Workers Association of Georgia (SSWAG), developed annual goals and objectives during the SSWAG Executive Board retreat and created a budget in collaboration with the Executive Board.

Statement of Philosophy:

When support services are integrated into a multi-tiered system, academic and non-academic barriers to learning are removed. As essential members of school-based teams, student services professionals provide coordinated services that improve student outcomes by building the capacity of schools to address the whole child.

Vision for Pupil/Student Services:

Multi-tiered support services focused on prevention and intervention will ensure "All" students are successful by using data to plan for simultaneously engaging students in learning while removing barriers that impact behavior, academics, mental health, and development.