

## Social Work & Family Support Services

The Social Work and Family Support Services offered at CARE are aimed at providing assessments, referrals and connections to community resources, parent education and support, consultation, advocacy, crisis support, community outreach, and positive social and behavioral interventions for the children and families served.

Services include:

- Completing social/emotional assessments and developing interventions to support the positive social and emotional growth of the child; make home visits to support the parents in providing positive parent-child interactions by providing families with information, skills and support related to enhancing the skill development of the child.
- Identifying family needs, and community services and resources that will help meet those needs; make referrals and help connect the family to those resources; help coordinate services; advocate on behalf of the child and family; and assist families with securing needed services, including housing, respite care, transportation, home modifications, specialized equipment, and nursing care.
- Providing individual, family, or group counseling to the parent and other family members of a child, as well as appropriate social skill-building activities to the child and parents; and providing emotional support to the child and family in times of crisis.
- Offering parent support groups and/or parent education, to help bolster family stability and promote child development; assist with and facilitate parent-to-parent networking; and linking families together as sources of support.
- Educating parents about and/or offering training opportunities, to strengthen self-advocacy, increase knowledge of their child's condition, and identifying positive ways to deal with the common stressors of caring for a child with special needs.

