### Professional Counseling Experience



Laurie Smith

**School CounseloR  
Certified K-12  
  
Maryland Advanced Professional Certificate (APC), School Counselor  
  
School Administration I  
  
Pupil Personnel Certification  
  
STUDENTS of all ages need guidance and support, especially when going through academic, social, and personal issues. School counselors act as advocates for the student's well-being, listening to their concerns in a caring, non-judgmental way. There can be various issues that students come to see a school counselor for, such as bullying, depression, relationship troubles, low self-esteem, learning disabilities, poor academic performance, and parental issues (just to name a few).**

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#### School COunselor

#### SANDLEWOOD Elementary School, Baltimore COunty

##### 1995-2002

#### School COunselor

#### Magnolia Middle School, Harford COunty

##### 2006-2015

#### School COunselor

#### Prospect Mill Elementary School, Harford COunty

##### 2019- Present

### Education

**Towson University, Towson, MD**

*School Administration Certificate*

**John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD**

*Plus 30 Certification in Counseling Youth at Risk*

**University of Maryland Eastern Shore, MD**

*Masters in School Counseling K-12*

**Salisbury University, Salisbury MD**

*BA Major in Psychology and Communications*

### What Does a school counselor Do?

* Help students understand and overcome social or behavioral problems through individual and group counseling
* Provide individual and small group counseling based on student needs
* Work with students to develop skills such as organization, time management, and effective study habits
* Develop strategies with teachers, administrators, and parents to help students succeed
* Teach classes on topics such as bullying, drug abuse, and planning for college or careers after graduation
* Refer students and parents to resources outside the school for additional support if needed