

## **CONSULTATION**

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One of the major roles of a counselor is that of a Consultant. Being the expert on how to respond to needs and behaviors, he/she may be sought by parents, teachers, administrators, or spouses, for guidelines on how to deal with a person or situation.

A Consultant is an individual with a special expertise, knowledge and skill in a specific area. He/she is the helper in a triad that includes the consultee – the person who consults, the client – the object of the consultation.

### **Nature and Purpose**

Consultation is the activity engaged in by the individual when his/her expertise is requested by another party or organization, usually to enable the latter to assist another – a third party or an organization (Gibson and Mitchell, 1999).

In the school setting, the most important benefit derived from Consultation is that work with the clients is facilitated. The significant others dealing with them are assisted in improving the environment or situation that contributes to the problem.