Our mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.
Our National Model

Students deserve access to resources and supports to address individual and systemic barriers to staying in school and achieving success. Our national model of Integrated Student Supports ensures a comprehensive school-based approach which identifies needs and leverages community resources to ensure positive impact.

One Student’s Success

Shared from Communities In Schools of Benton Franklin

At eighteen, Sharon made a bold move to quit working her five jobs and concentrate on school. As she entered her senior year of high school, she carried painful memories of homelessness, life in a teen shelter, changing schools, days of hunger, and dealing with other challenges girls face living on the street.

When Sharon started at River’s Edge High School in Richland, she met Communities In Schools site coordinator, Paulina, who works side by side with students like Sharon to understand their unique life situations and connect them with needed supports. To help build Sharon’s confidence, this included being matched with a mentor, Jordan, to provide guidance and help Sharon realize that she was truly cared for.

As Sharon made progress on the goals she set with Paulina and Jordan, she started to see the return to her joyful, hopeful self. “Before, my education was second priority and surviving was first,” says Sharon. “Then, I switched it around. I started thinking of the future once again and making plans and doing my homework.”

With her new outlook, Sharon excelled in school and competed in NASA’s international Human Exploration Mars Rover Challenge in Alabama. She also graduated with honors, which meant a lot to her as a first-generation Guatemalan, the eldest sibling in her family, and as a woman. As she reflects on where she began, she is thankful for support from teachers, her site coordinator, mentor, and other caring adults who helped her along the road to success.

“Communities In Schools really helped me through my rough times in school. I was always motivated, given positive reinforcement and hope and belief I could accomplish my dreams no matter how big or small.”

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Good Return on Investment

Every dollar invested in Communities In Schools to help students stay in school creates $11.60 of economic benefit when they graduate and contribute to their communities. (EMSI Economic Impact Study, 2012)

Achievement Circle

The Achievement Circle recognizes contributions to any affiliate of the Communities In Schools of Washington statewide network between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. Every dollar is critical and we express our sincere thanks to everyone who supported us this year.

Valedictorians
$100,000+
Costco Wholesale
Discuren Charitable Foundation
RBC Trust Company
Serve Washington (AmeriCorps)
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Revenue Key

- Corporations (15%)
- Foundations (18%)
- Federal & State Grants (6%)
- City/County (6%)
- Schools/Districts (32%)
- Individuals & Events (16%)
- Nonprofits (6%)
- Other (1%)

Revenue

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SafeCo Insurance Fund
Sights For Students Threshold Group
United Way of Pierce County
Network at a Glance

- 80,579 students benefited from the CIS model of Integrated Student Supports
- 4,173 students received case-managed support
- 58,197 students received schoolwide services and 18,209 students received other support services
- 14,768 parents were engaged

Demographics of Case-Managed Students

- 88% Economically disadvantaged
- 67% Students of color
- 21% English Language Learners
- 16% Experiencing homelessness

Student Goal Achievement

- 87% improved academic performance
- 76% improved attendance
- 87% improved behavior

Services Delivered By

- 111 Site Coordinators supported by 23 AmeriCorps members
- 496 Community Partners provided needed resources and support
- 1,494 Community Volunteers contributed 56,235 hours of service to address student needs

Help us change the picture. Volunteer, donate, and connect at ciswa.org.

Local Affiliate Network
Barriers to student success vary across Washington. Our network of 12 independent affiliates work in strong partnership with school districts to provide a local approach to identify student needs and leverage community resources to make a difference.

School District Partners
Auburn School District
Bellevue School District
Blaine School District
Central Valley School District
Cheney School District
Clover Park School District
Eastmont School District
Federal Way Public Schools
Ferndale School District
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Renton School District
Richland School District
Seattle Public School
Spokane Public Schools
Tacoma School District
Tumwater School District
West Valley School District
Yelm School District

^ In 2017-2018 we expanded into Eastmont School District
★ Expansion districts for 2018-2019
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