



How Communities In Schools Leverages Its Resources

Communities In Schools is supported by some of the most rigorous and discerning philanthropic organizations in the world, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

CIS achieves its mission by gathering much-needed resources and then channeling them to the children and families most in need. So many of these resources already exist, but are simply not accessible. They are spread throughout the community, creating a fragmented and uncoordinated support system. Public schools are the best place to coordinate these resources, and through this coordination, CIS creates a safety net that delivers our “Five Basics” that are necessary for children to stay in school and prepare for life:

- A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult
- A safe place to learn and grow
- A healthy start and a healthy future
- A marketable skill to use upon graduation
- A chance to give back to peers and community

The created safety net facilitates teachers to teach, students to learn, safety in schools, and preparing kids for graduation and life. We are making outstanding progress with the kids whose families make less than 30 percent of the average American family income and thus, are the most at-risk for dropping out of school. During the 2006-2007 school year, results from the network remained impressive.

Among CIS-tracked Students

- 78 percent improved their attendance
- 80 percent improved their academic performance
- 82 percent were promoted to the next grade
- 78 percent of CIS eligible seniors graduated
- 76 percent of CIS’s graduating seniors went on to some form of post-secondary education; 9 percent entered the workforce; 3 percent entered the military.

CIS Cost Effectiveness:

The efficiency and effectiveness of Communities In Schools rises from the ability of its nearly 200 local affiliates and 14 state offices to leverage human and financial resources in support of its mission to serve youth. Only 5 percent of the roughly 53,000 volunteers and 16,000 community partners working nationwide to bring students the support they need to stay in school and graduate prepared for life, are paid CIS staff. The vast majority of CIS human resources are volunteers, or reassigned or repositioned staff, and community partners who contribute their time and expertise with no additional cost. The CIS national office provides critical support, allowing state and local affiliates to be far more successful at attracting these resources. An investment in the CIS National Office supports critical research and evaluation, training and capacity building throughout the network, public awareness, and other functions designed to facilitate engagement with youth at the local level.

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Total 2007 National Office Budget: \$21 million

Total 2007 CIS State Offices' and Local Affiliates' Budget: \$202.1 million

Volunteers/Volunteer Hours

Volunteers: 53,463

Volunteer hours: 3.06 million

Value: \$59,623,711

Community Partners

Community Partners: Approximately 16,000

Cost Per Student

Average cost per student = **\$180**

The average cost per student decreased **\$2** from last year

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