



# The Whole Child



# A Plan for Success



# Prepared for Life's Next Steps



*What's really happening with a student? It takes a caring adult to build a relationship and peel back the many layers to put the puzzle together.*

- » Check & Connect is one of the ways in which student support specialists begin meaningful conversations and form powerful one-on-one relationships.
- » To help students work through problems inside and outside of the school walls, trained student support specialists guide students to set goals, check-in weekly, and stay focused.



## THE FORMULA FOR SUCCESS: ABC+P

- » Attendance, behavior, coursework, and parent and family engagement are indicators of student success.
- » When a student is struggling in one or more of these areas, a student support specialist is the caring adult who is trained to help.

## GOAL-SETTING & MAKING IT HAPPEN

- » Creating a student support plan empowers students to set goals and achieve them.
- » Students are exposed to new opportunities such as career fairs and college tours.

## MAINTAINING THE CONNECTION

- » Student support specialists are relationship-builders, and they see unique potential in each student.
- » They make lasting connections with students who, without their one-on-one attention, may be overlooked.

*"Communities In Schools students are dropping out at half the state's rate, and our students often face multiple barriers on their path to success."*

**Blaine Morehead**  
Wells Fargo  
Board Chair, CISNC

## DID YOU KNOW?

Working with the community, we prepare students to fill jobs that keep industries thriving. Here's how we do it in one community.

**STEP 1**

### Career Fair

Seniors learn about different careers available within and outside their community from a guest speaker.

**STEP 2**

### Collaboration

Seniors are paired with community college professors and industry trainers in plumbing, electrical and HVAC fields.

**STEP 3**

### Career-Ready

When students graduate, they'll have community college credits, a mentor, and real-world experience as highly trained employees in local companies.

## WHAT'S *the* IMPACT?

**An economic boost.** High school graduates have an increased purchasing power, one day owning homes and cars, and creating jobs.

On the contrary, the average high school dropout costs taxpayers more than \$292,000 in lower tax revenues and increased costs to society, including incarceration costs.<sup>1</sup>

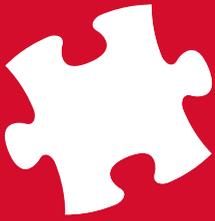
By leveraging resources to support student success, CIS returns \$11.60 to the community for every dollar invested.

<sup>1</sup>Sum, et al. (2009)

**16,199**  
students received  
targeted/intensive supports in 2015-16



**98%**  
of seniors graduated in 2015-16



What's happening inside and outside of the school walls? Understanding the whole child ensures we're bringing the best solutions to our students.



Each student deserves a plan for success. Student support specialists meet with students, set goals, and check in regularly throughout the year.



Students are career-ready as they take their next steps. Their increased purchasing power fuels the future.



## ABOUT US

Communities In Schools believes the formula for student success is ABC+P: attendance, behavior, coursework and parent/family engagement. We work directly inside more than 300 public schools across the state, creating tailor-made plans for those students with the greatest risk of dropping out. We empower 1.5 million students nationally to stay in school and on the path to graduation each year. Our trained student support specialists do this by partnering with school leadership, mobilizing the community to offer students extra support and doing whatever it takes to help them succeed.



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

2015-2016  
CHARTING A COURSE  
TO SUCCESS

40 SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED  
337 SCHOOLS SERVED



150,244

STUDENTS SERVED BY SCHOOL-WIDE SUPPORTS

PERCENT OF STUDENTS WHO MET OR PROGRESSED TOWARDS GOAL

ATTENDANCE GOAL  
86%

BEHAVIOR GOAL  
90%

COURSEWORK GOAL  
90%

TARGETED/INTENSIVE SUPPORTS

16,199

STUDENTS RECEIVED TARGETED/INTENSIVE SUPPORTS

98%

OF SENIORS WHO RECEIVED TARGETED/INTENSIVE SUPPORTS GRADUATED

96%

OF STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED TARGETED/INTENSIVE SUPPORTS WERE PROMOTED TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL

## FULL CIRCLE of SUCCESS

Walking down the hallway was once a challenge for sixth-grader Delilah Jones. Locker doors slammed, and snickers emerged from a group in the corner. School was a nightmare.

The bullying continued in the classroom, and eventually Delilah became too distracted to focus. When the day seemed too much, she pretended to be sick, missing days of school. As a result, Delilah's grades began to fall.

Things changed when she met Edith Penny, then a site coordinator with Communities In Schools of the Rocky Mount Region. Penny coordinated supports to help Delilah in the classes she was failing. She also pulled Delilah from the bullying environment.

*"That was a really tough time for me ... it was to a point where I didn't want to come to school at all. I don't know how I passed the sixth grade. I thank CIS for getting me past that."*  
**Delilah Jones**



Soon, attendance was improving, and so were Delilah's grades. With a new support system, Delilah began to see a bright future and discovered college was a real option.

Today Delilah is a student support specialist with CIS of the Rocky Mount Region. Her next step after high school was to graduate from East Carolina University, which prepared her for this new role. Now, she's raising up the next generation of future leaders headed for big things.

## CIS STUDENTS TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Class of 2016



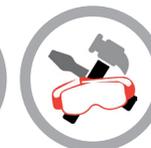
80%

Post-Secondary Education



11%

Workforce



5%

Certification/Apprenticeship



4%

Military