

**Communities In Schools of Brunswick County, Inc.  
2015-2016 Annual Data and Information Report**

*The following information reflects services offered by Communities In Schools (CIS) of Brunswick County, Inc. for children and families. The services address dropout prevention and the need for integrated student supports and coordinated community-based resources among communities of faith, county agencies, local government, businesses, civic groups, nonprofits, and the volunteer community.*

*Through formal partnerships with the Brunswick County Board of Education, Brunswick County Government and community partners, CIS facilitates the following programs: Action for Success Dropout Prevention Program, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center After School Programs – Elementary and Middle Schools, Parenting Education Program, Teen Court, Peer Court, Fee- Based Before and After School Program, Adopt a School and Volunteer Orientation Program, and Academic Scholarships.*

**Action for Success Dropout Prevention Program**

**Services Provided:**

- Evidence-based CIS Model of Integrated Student Supports provided at Cedar Grove Middle, Leland Middle, South Brunswick Middle, and Shallotte Middle Schools
- Case management of students with multiple risk factors for dropping out of school or not being promoted to the next grade level (lack of academic proficiency, behavioral issues, and/or truancy/poor attendance)
- School-wide services to reinforce student assets and address needs of entire school
- Success Coaches design an individualized Student Support Plan for each case managed student for support services and resource linkage
- Provide multiple layers of interventions such as Academic Tutoring, Behavioral Monitoring and Intervention, Attendance Monitoring and Intervention, Small Group Interventions such as Conflict Resolution/Anger Management Workshops/Self-Esteem Building, Professional Counseling, Service Learning Projects, Mentoring, and Parental Engagement Activities

**Measures of Success 2015-2016:**

- 284 students received individualized case management and other direct services
- 2,375 students received school-wide supports including school supplies, hygiene products, clothing, snacks, Rachel's Challenge, and Kindness Boomerang Week school wide activities implemented by the CIS Success Coach.
- 85% of the students referred for low academic performance in Math and/or Reading/Language Arts, showed improved academic performance as measured by reports card grades, End of Grade tests, and teacher surveys
- 84% of the students who were referred for behavioral issues exhibited a desired change in negative behavior as measured by school disciplinary records and teacher surveys
- 76% of the students referred for truancy issues improved attendance, as measured by school attendance records
- 100% of the parents targeted to increase their involvement with their child's education and school were more engaged, as measured by Success Coaches' parent contact reports, participation in parent/teacher conferences, parent volunteer hours, and parent participation in CIS sponsored parent engagement events or activities.
- 99% of students provided with case managed services were promoted to the next grade.

**Afterschool Program-21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers**

**Services Provided:**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center STEM Afterschool Club at 3 elementary and 2 middle schools
- Homework assistance, STEM programming, and educational enrichment to promote academic success and help students achieve appropriate grade level proficiencies
- Enrichment opportunities in life skills, recreation, community service, and exposure to community based

activities to promote personal development

- 469 student 21<sup>st</sup> Century afterschool scholarships and 173 summer camp scholarships were provided (100% of students participated at no cost)

**Measures of Success 2015-16 (Elementary):**

- 298 students attended the Afterschool Program during the school year—82% attended regularly
- 94 students attended Camp Invention summer camp
- 100% of students showed Reading and Math gains using Education City computer-based learning
- 97% improved Math and Reading skills as evidenced by teachers in the classroom
- 87% of students improved conduct per teacher surveys
- 91% arrived to class motivated to learn, per teacher surveys
- 100% participated in STEM activities with 80% of program time spent on STEM
- 75% increased class participation since attending program, per teacher surveys
- 83% were proficient in English/ Language Arts, per report card grades showing C or higher
- 73% were proficient in math, per report card grades showing C or higher
- 82% were proficient in Science, per report card grades showing C or higher
- 93% of parents attended one or more Parent Academy events with their child during the course of the program

**Measures of Success 2015-16 (Middle):**

- 171 Students attended the Afterschool Program during the school year—57% attended regularly
- 79 Students attended Solving Crime in Summertime summer camp
- 100% of students showed Reading and Math gains using PLATO digital learning software
- 46% improved math and Reading skills as evidenced by teachers in the classroom
- 75% of parents reported improvement in their child’s behavior as a result of participating in the program
- 58% showed moderate to significant improvement in turning in their homework on time as evidenced by teachers in the classroom
- 62% showed moderate to significant improvement in completing their homework as evidenced by teachers in the classroom
- 54% showed moderate to significant improvement in their classroom participation as evidenced by teachers in the classroom
- 81% were proficient in English/Language Arts per report card grades showing C or higher
- 77% were proficient in Math per report card grades showing C or higher
- 66% were proficient in Science per report card grades showing C or higher
- 90% of parents reported an improvement in their child’s grades as a result of participating in the program

**Parenting Education**

**Services Provided:**

- Parenting Education Program provides 14 week evidence-based/promising practices parenting education classes throughout the county to families wanting/needing to learn more about family management
- Circle of Parents provides Single Parent and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support groups in the community to provide support, resource sharing, and group discussion about parenting issues and challenges.

**Measures of Success 2015-2016:**

- 35 adults and 25 children participated in the Incredible Years Parenting Education Program. Incredible Years Program participants showed statistically significant increases in their use of positive parenting and appropriate discipline and decreases in the frequency of children’s challenging behaviors and the degree to which those behaviors were problematic in the home (Incredible Years results are compiled and reported through Prevent Child Abuse NC)

- 40 adults and 45 children participated in Circle of Parents support groups. The cohesive groups provided regular emotional and social support to one another both during group time and within the community based on individual group member needs.

### **Teen Court and Peer Court**

#### **Services Provided:**

- Juvenile court diversion program for eligible first-time offenders who are judged by their peers in a courtroom setting with sentencing to involve community service, restitution, and educational workshops on decision making skills, conflict resolution, and substance abuse (Peer Court addresses school-based offenses such as truancy and behavioral issues at Cedar Grove Middle, Leland Middle, Shallotte Middle, and South Brunswick Middle Schools)
- Programs and positive role models that promote effective decision making skills, self-respect, respect for authority, and good self-esteem
- Parenting classes provided for parents of first-time offenders to help address family conflict and disruption, family management problems, and early/persistent behavior problems in school
- Student volunteers trained in various careers within the judicial system while engaged in service learning to provide exposure to career opportunities

#### **Measures of Success 2015-2016:**

- 92 first-time offenders served (58 Teen Court / 34 Peer Court) with 87.8% successfully completing their Teen Court sentence and 100% successfully completing their Peer Court sentence
- 98 Teen Court defendants and their parents participated in Conflict Resolution workshops
- 98 Teen Court defendants' parents attended parenting classes to learn new skills in communication and family management
- 271 student volunteers (82 Teen Court, 189 Peer Court) trained and held positions of prosecutors, defense attorneys, bailiffs, jurors and clerks volunteering a total of 2,174.5 hours; 79 adult community volunteers assisted with court and mentored student volunteers (33 Teen Court, 46 Peer Court) volunteering a total of 3,351.5 hours
- 95.45% of Teen Court defendants did not reoffend within one year of participating in Teen Court (4.2% recidivism rate) and 88 % of Peer Court defendants did not reoffend (11.8 % recidivism rate).
- Juvenile court system saved over \$2,000 per case (\$184,000+) by diverting offenders to Teen Court and Peer Court

### **Fee- Based Before and After School Program**

#### **Services Provided:**

- Affordable, quality after school programs in a safe, nurturing environment at 5 elementary schools
- Summer camps provided in partnership with Parks and Recreation at 4 elementary school sites with field trips, recreation, and varied enrichment

#### **Measures of Success 2015-2016:**

- 173 students (K-5) participated in after school programs (16 Afterschool scholarships); 120 students (K-5) participated in summer camps (8 scholarships)
- **Program Elements**-Snacks, Physical Activities, Arts and Crafts, Community Service Projects, Presentations, and Homework Completion Time.
- **Special Events**-Cards for Veterans and Nursing Home residents, Building Tall Structures, Farm to Table, Gardening and Healthy Plate with 4-H, Seeds to Flowers, Mother's Day Celebration, Teambuilding and Collaborative Play.
- **Summer Field Trips**-Holden Beach Water Park, Ripley's, Aquarium, Monkey Joe's, Jungle Rapids, Planet Fun, Fort Fisher, Scooters, Lake Waccamaw, and Wonder Works.

## **Adopt a School and Volunteer Orientation**

### **Services Provided:**

- Recruitment and training of volunteers focusing on one-on-one tutoring/mentoring for students performing below grade level to provide remediation and positive role models, along with classroom volunteers
- Recruitment of adopting partners through businesses, communities of faith, civic groups and others to provide needed community resources for children and schools
- Adopt A School /Volunteer Orientation Program provided support to Brunswick County Schools through multiple large group sessions led by CIS staff in the Fall and Winter and individual orientations provided throughout the school year by Parent Facilitators at individual school sites using CIS orientation materials.

### **Measures of Success 2015-2016:**

- 369 new volunteers were trained for Brunswick County Schools (127 were trained by CIS through large group trainings and 242 were individually trained throughout the school year by Parent Facilitators using CIS training tools. CIS led trainings were held for Elementary Parent Facilitators and for High School volunteer coordinator designees during the year).
- 47 community partners were recruited to provide support to Brunswick County Schools and CIS
- CIS volunteers donated a total of 2890 hours to CIS school-based programs during the 2015/16 school year
- CIS Board members donated a total of 262.5 hours to support CIS programs and services

## **Academic Scholarships**

### **Services Provided:**

- Academic scholarships for Brunswick County graduating seniors through CIS and community donors

### **Measures of Success 2015-2016:**

- (8) Scholarships awarded to 2016 graduating seniors from Brunswick County
- Brunswick County Academy: No applicants
- Early College High School: Sandra Garcia
- North Brunswick High School: Victoria Melvin Beatty, Katelyn Taggett
- South Brunswick High School: Katelyn Hatch, Samantha Tanck
- West Brunswick High School: Jillian Abigail Benton, Sarah Poulin
- Teen Court Student Volunteer: Sarai Jordan

***“Empowering Students to Stay in School and Achieve in Life”***