

**Communities In Schools of Brunswick County, Inc.
2016-2017 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, the District Attorney's Office and other community partners, CIS facilitated the following programs: Action for Success Dropout Prevention Program, 21st 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, and the Volunteer Orientation Program.

CIS directly touched the lives of 4,458 students and families this year.

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 and Waccamaw School)
- 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 2016-2017:

- 109 first-time offenders served (72 Teen Court / 37 Peer Court) with 94.3% successfully completing their Teen Court sentence and 100% successfully completing their Peer Court sentence
- 72 Teen Court defendants and their parents participated in Conflict Resolution workshops
- 72 Teen Court defendants' parents attended parenting classes to learn new skills in communication and family management
- 272 student volunteers (68 Teen Court, 204 Peer Court) trained and held positions of prosecutors, defense attorneys, bailiffs, jurors and clerks volunteering a total of 3,672 hours; 109 unduplicated adult community volunteers assisted with court and mentored student volunteers (62 Teen Court, 47 Peer Court) volunteering a total of 895 hours
- 97% of Teen Court defendants did not reoffend within one year of participating in Teen Court (3% recidivism rate) and 100 % of Peer Court defendants did not reoffend (0 % recidivism rate).
- Juvenile court system saved over \$2,100 per case (\$228,900+) by diverting offenders to Teen Court and Peer Court
- The combined number of defendants served through Teen Court and Peer Court increased by 16% from the prior year.
- Graduating Early College High School senior Maggie Brown received the CIS Teen Court Scholarship. She will be attending Elon University.
- Multiple Teen Court student volunteers won medals at this year's NC Teen Court Association Annual Mock Trial Competition. CIS Teen Court has won a trophy or medals each year of the past four years in competition, including previously winning first and second place in the event.

- Teen Court began accepting diversion referrals from Traffic Court this year in order to expand its breadth of service to Brunswick County youth who are first time offenders.
- Peer Court expanded to include Waccamaw School this year, recruiting adult and student volunteers and holding mock trials to prepare the volunteers to fully implement the program moving forward.
- The new Teen Court Director, Jamie Duesing, successfully completed her first full school year in her new role.

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, Shallotte Middle, and Waccamaw School (Grades 2-8).
- 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, evidence-based interventions 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 2016-2017:

- 334 students received individualized case management and other direct services (15% increase from the prior school year)
- 3,124 students received school-wide supports including school supplies, hygiene products, clothing, snacks, Friends of Rachel Club, Good Neighbor Breakfast, Career Day and School Spirit activities implemented by the CIS Success Coach. (24% increase from the prior school year)
- 88% of the 224 students referred for low academic performance in Math and/or Reading/Language Arts, showed improved academic performance as measured by report card grades and End of Grade tests
- 82% of the 65 students who were referred for behavioral issues exhibited a desired change in negative behavior as measured by school disciplinary records
- 79% of the 48 students referred for truancy issues improved attendance, as measured by school attendance records
- 87% of the 88 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 activities.
- 99% of students provided with CIS case managed services were promoted to the next grade.

Afterschool Program-21st Century Community Learning Centers

Services Provided:

- 21st Century Community Learning Center STEM Afterschool Club at 2 elementary and 2 middle schools
- Homework assistance, STEM project-based learning, and individualized web-based instruction in Reading/Language Arts and Math, and enrichment activities to promote academic success and grade level proficiency as well as support students overall physical and emotional well-being.
- Enrichment opportunities in life skills, recreation, community service, and exposure to community-based activities to promote personal development
- 423 student 21st Century afterschool scholarships and 119 summer camp scholarships were provided (100% of students participated at no cost)

Measures of Success 2016-17 (Elementary): Jessie Mae Monroe and Supply elementary schools

- 220 students attended the Afterschool Program during the school year
- 40 students attended Summer Camp in summer 2016
- 97% 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
- 77% 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
- 85% increased class participation since attending program, per teacher surveys
- 96% were performing at grade level or higher in English/ Language Arts, per report card grades showing C or above
- 90% were performing at grade level or higher in math, per report card grades showing C or above
- 100% were performing at grade level or higher in Science, per report card grades showing C or higher
- 91% of parents attended one or more Parent Academy events with their child during the course of the program

Measures of Success 2016-17 (Middle): Cedar Grove and Shallotte middle schools

- 203 Students attended the Afterschool Program during the school year
- 79 Students attended “Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse” summer camp
- 80% of students showed Reading and Math gains using PLATO digital learning software
- 86% of parents reported improvement in their child’s behavior as a result of participating in the program
- 52% showed improvement in homework completion and classroom participation, as evidenced by teachers in the classroom
- 52% showed improvement in behavior, as evidenced by teachers in the classroom
- 77% were proficient in English/Language Arts, per report card grades showing C or higher
- 70% were proficient in Math, per report card grades showing C or higher
- 70% were proficient in Science, per report card grades showing C or higher
- Students enjoyed many new experiences including creating a hydroponic gardening project.

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 2016-2017:

- 38 adults and 36 children participated in the Incredible Years Parenting Education Program (27% over the targeted number to be served this year). Incredible Years Program participants showed statistically significant outcomes for 100% of the indicators in the curriculum designed to have a positive and transformative effect on parenting skills (Incredible Years results are compiled and reported through Prevent Child Abuse NC)
- 30 adults and 40 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. A positive impact was shown in 100% of the nine program indicators and was statistically significant in six of those areas (67%).
- All parenting programs are provided free-of-charge to participants and their children

Fee- Based Before and After School Program

Services Provided:

- Affordable, quality after school programs in a safe, nurturing environment at 3 elementary schools
- Program Elements-Snacks, Physical Activities, Arts and Crafts, Community Service Projects, Presentations, and Homework Completion Time. Special events and field trips during summer camp are also included.
- Summer camps provided in partnership with Parks and Recreation at 2 elementary school sites with field trips, recreation, and varied enrichment activities

Numbers Served 2016-2017:

- 46 students (K-5) participated in after school programs
- 52 students (K-5) participated in summer camps

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
- Volunteer Orientation Program provided support to Brunswick County Schools through multiple large group sessions led by CIS staff in 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 2016-2017:

- 651 volunteers were trained for Brunswick County Schools (205 were trained by CIS through large group trainings-- a 38% increase over the prior school year-- and 446 were individually trained throughout the school year by Parent Facilitators at one of the 19 Brunswick County schools, using CIS training tools)
- CIS volunteers donated a total of 4,954 hours to CIS school-based programs during the 2016/17 school year (42% increase over the prior year)
- CIS Board members donated a total of 459 hours to support CIS programs and services (43% increase over the prior year)

“Surrounding students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life”