

**Communities In Schools of Brunswick County, Inc. (CIS)  
Annual Outcomes and Impact Report  
FY 2018-2019**



The mission of Communities In Schools is “to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.” CIS of Brunswick County has been serving Brunswick County students for the past 24 years providing a wide array of support services and evidence-based interventions to help students stay in school and focus on graduating and pursuing college, trade school, career, or military service.

CIS works in partnership with Brunswick County Schools, the 13<sup>th</sup> District Attorney’s Office, and many other civic, church, business, non-profit partners and individuals that help the organization and the students and families served achieve their goals.

**Action for Success Dropout Prevention Program**

Provided at Leland Middle, South Brunswick Middle, Cedar Grove Middle, Shallotte Middle, Supply Elementary and Waccamaw School (K-8). Services are provided to students identified as at-risk for dropping out of school or not being promoted to the next grade due to academic, social, emotional, behavioral and/or attendance issues. Service are provided through the development and implementation of individualized Student Support Plans to set goals and guide interventions. Services provided include: tutoring, social-emotional learning groups, truancy intervention, behavior intervention, basic needs, community service learning, mentoring, and case management.

**Total Students Served: 403**

**Attendance:** 77% (54 of 70 students) improved attendance, as measured by a decrease in truancy by end of school year as compared to prior school year.

**Behavior:** 86% ( 66 of 77 students) improved emotional regulation and/or decreased negative behaviors, as measured by a decrease in school discipline referrals as compared to the prior school year.

**Coursework:** 83% (344 of 415 students) improved skills in core subject areas, as measured by final report card grades as compared to final report card grades the prior school year.

**Promotion:** 99% (398 of 403 students) were successfully promoted to the next grade at the end of the school year based on overall progress made.

### **Program Highlights:**

- CIS expanded its' partnership with the BCC Foundation's Women in Philanthropy group to include a Men in Philanthropy group. Both groups are providing ongoing social-emotional learning groups at the middle schools served by Action for Success.
- The CIS South Brunswick Middle School Success Coach, Calie Hodgson, received a "Service Above Self" Award from Brunswick County Schools for her contributions to SBMS students.
- The Waccamaw School Success Coach, Amber Malave, was recognized as an Honorary Rotarian by the South Brunswick Islands Rotary for her contributions to the community.
- CIS Success Coaches actively participated in Hurricane Florence relief efforts for their students and families.
- First full year of having an Action for Success Program at Supply Elementary School.
- Bow Tie Club for boys was started at Supply Elementary by CIS.
- CIS brought Adult ESL classes to Waccamaw School.
- CIS started after school tutoring groups at Waccamaw School and Shallotte Middle.

## **Parenting Education**

Provides parenting classes and support groups to Brunswick County residents raising or caring for children ages 5-12.

**Incredible Years Parenting Classes** – A 14-week evidence-based program focused on increasing positive parenting techniques and reducing harsh discipline. Classes are held in the evenings at sites throughout the county. Free childcare, dinner and transportation incentives are provided to participants. Outcomes are determined and validated by a third party evaluator, Harmon and Associates.

**Participants: 39 Adults and 60 Children**

**Completion Rate: 93%**

## **Statistically significant outcomes shown in the following areas:**

- Decrease in harsh discipline in the home
- Increase in appropriate discipline in the home
- Decrease in frequency of child's negative behavior
- Increase in Positive Parenting techniques being used
- Increase in setting clear expectations for children in the home

**Circle of Parents Support Groups-** Both a Single Parent Support Group and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group provided. Groups held in the evenings at community-based locations, as well as at Waccamaw School.

**Participants: 39 Adults and 42 Children**

**Participation Rate: 90% attended at least 3 meetings**

### **Program Highlights:**

- New partnership with Supply Senior Center to provide Incredible Years classes in 2019/2020
- Videotaping of staff implemented as a coaching tool

## **Teen Court Program**

A juvenile diversion program for youth ages 6-17, provided in partnership with the Brunswick County District Attorney's Office with funding provided by the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and Brunswick County government. Cases are heard at the Brunswick County Courthouse one evening each month. Student defendants have their cases heard by a jury of their peers who are training by adult volunteers to serve as attorneys, bailiffs, clerks and jurors.

**Number of Defendants: 81**

**Defendants Completing All Sentencing Requirements: 91%**

**Number of Student Volunteers: 59 / 465 volunteer hours**

**Number of Adult Volunteers: 19 / 540 volunteer hours**

**Number of Parents Participating in Parenting Classes: 197 (duplicated)**

**Recidivism Rate 2018/2019: 6.6%**

## **Program Highlights:**

- Teen Court Program celebrates its' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019
- Teen Court case volume expected to grow significantly once Raise the Age legislation goes into effect December 2019, increasing the juvenile age for non-violent offenses from 17-18 years of age.

## **Peer Court Program**

Similar to Teen Court, Peer Court is a juvenile diversion program for first time juvenile offenders in elementary and middle schools. Unlike Teen Court, cases are heard once each month at individual schools. Peer Court is also used as a suspension alternative by some principals. The program is offered at Leland Middle, Shallotte Middle, Cedar Grove Middle, South Brunswick Middle, Supply Elementary and Waccamaw School. The Success Coaches who implement the Action for Success Program at assigned school sites are also responsible for implementing Peer Court at their assigned school location.

**Total Defendants: 42**

**Total Student Volunteers: 48**

**Total Adult Volunteers: 34**

**Recidivism Rate: 4.7%**

**(2 students reoffended within one year of sentencing completion)**

## **Program Highlights:**

- First year of the Peer Court Program at Supply Elementary
- Increased communication and collaboration between the Brunswick County Sheriff's Office, SROs and CIS is helping to facilitate better understanding of the role of Peer Court in our community and our schools.

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

### **Supply Elementary**

Designed to meet needs of students at high-poverty schools with significant academic need. Program components include daily snack, homework assistance, STEM project-based learning,

tutoring, Reading Pals, parent engagement activities, and enrichment activities. Program provided Monday through Friday from school dismissal until 6 PM. Bus transportation home is provided. This grant-funded program is free-of-charge to all participants. The program is entering the last year of grant funding in School Year 2019-2020.

**Participants: 131 Students (24% of entire Supply Elementary School population)**

**Attendance: 82% of students attended 30 days or more**

**Enrichment Activities:** 4-H “Healthy Eating and Preparing Healthy Foods”; Girl Scouts of the Coastal Pines “Building and Maintaining Positive Friendships”; Bald Head Island Conservancy STEM Projects; Turtle Sanctuary “Keeping Beaches Clean to Support Wildlife” and “The Turtle Lifecycle”; NC Forestry Service “Safe Disposal of Contaminants”, “Fire Safety”, Meeting with Smokey the Bear; School Resource Officer “Internet Safety”; Making Mother’s Day gifts.

**Parent Engagement Activities:** Cooking Demonstration—Measurements and Reading Skill Development; Family Reading and Literacy Night—“Friendship Soup”; Family Movie Night; Thanksgiving Feast and Craft Night.

**STEM Hands On Learning Activities:** Slime; Geocaching; Spaghetti Towers; Snap Circuits; Lego Architecture—Exploring Shapes; Rain Gauge – Measurement; Hydroponic Gardening; Make It/Take It—Electronic Breakdown and Recreation from Recycled Materials.

### **Academic Outcomes:**

Achieved through daily one-on-one and group tutoring and homework assistance.

#### **Reading/Language Arts Performance—**

- 60% (78 students) increased by one letter grade
- 14% (19 students) increased by two letter grades

#### **Math Performance—**

- 47% (62 students) increased by one letter grade

## **Volunteer and Board Member Contributions**

Volunteers are an integral component of CIS programs. Bringing together positive role models and mentors to work with, and on behalf of, students is critical to their success.

**CIS Board of Directors – 440 volunteer hours** (\$11,189 equivalent staffing cost)

**Community Volunteers - 11,656 volunteer hours** (\$296,412 equivalent staffing cost)

***Thank you for your support of, and confidence in, Communities In Schools of Brunswick County. It is our privilege and pleasure to work with the wonderful young men and women who attend Brunswick County Schools***

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