

# Partnership Opportunities



## Poverty. Anxiety. Trauma.

Millions of children across the country face challenges like these and more. Without support, they are more at risk for missing school, dropping out and failing to earn a high school diploma. But together, we can empower students to overcome obstacles and see a bright future.



#### **Our Approach**

Communities In Schools is a national organization dedicated to empowering at-risk students to stay in school and on a path to graduation. We serve 1.6 million K-12 students every year.

Whether it's helping them find a safer place to sleep or opportunities that prepare them for the college and careers of their choice, we connect students with the support they need to learn at their best.

#### The Power of Partnership

We work with education and community leaders from across the country who adapt our offerings to meet the needs of their students, schools, districts and communities.

Partnership benefits include:

- Inclusion in a nation-wide network and broader community of education and community leaders
- A proven, evidence-informed and data-driven model that accelerates results for kids
- Access to experienced Communities In Schools practitioners and national faculty members who are experts at helping communities implement integrated student supports

#### **Our Results**

Our commitment to the students we serve keeps us focused on results. In thousands of schools across the country, we know that our approach works because it's backed by 40-plus years of experience and rigorous research.

#### **School-Wide Impact**

In a rigorous independent evaluation\* of the impact of Communities In Schools on school outcomes, research shows that our model of integrated student supports is proven to improve:

- Average daily attendance rates in elementary schools
- 4-year cohort on-time graduation rate in high schools

#### **Individual Student Outcomes**

For students who received the most intensive supports from Communities In Schools:

99% of students stayed in school

96% of seniors graduated or received a GED

95% of K-11 students were promoted to the next grade

**92%** of students met or made progress toward at least one of their behavior goals

Learn more: CommunitiesInSchools.org/k-12

\*Somers, M.A. & Haider, Z. (2017). Using Integrated Student Supports to Keep Kids In School. A Quasi Experimental Evaluation of Communities In Schools. Retrieved from https://bit.ly/2ZkumRL

## **Flexible Options to Meet Your Needs**

## **Partnership Model**

#### **Overview**

### **Key Elements**



# RampUp for Student Success

Professional development to support educators and practitioners in understanding how to introduce or amplify key elements of integrated student supports in schools

- Learn how to introduce integrated student supports or build on existing efforts already underway
- Increase school-wide coordination of integrated student supports

School-based practitioners opt to take up to four of the following courses:

- Assessing School Needs and Creating a Strategic Plan
- Using Data to Identify and Track
   Non-Academic Needs
- Forming and Managing Effective Community Partnerships
- Implementing Integrated
   Student Supports



## Licensed Partner

Training and technical assistance that builds internal capacity for education and nonprofit leaders to implement integrated student supports at the school, district and state level

- Create a self-sustaining model that can grow across schools and districts
- Develop a staffing structure and action plan including placement of dedicated full-time staff in K-12 schools

Licensed partnerships focus on:

- Receiving intensive resources, training and targeted support to equip partners to implement integrated student supports
- Activation of trusted
   Communities In Schools
   advisors to guide local
   implementation of integrated
   student supports



# Affiliate Partnership

Experienced Communities In Schools site coordinators that work full-time in schools to manage community partnerships and deliver integrated student supports alongside leaders and practitioners

- Dedicated site coordinators are trained and supervised by a new or existing Communities In Schools affiliate
- School or district leadership work collaboratively with site coordinators to identify and coordinate the specific programs, services and resources to meet student needs

In collaboration with the local community, Communities In Schools affiliates lead efforts to:

- Manage partnerships between schools and the community
- Hire, train and fund school-based staff

# The Promise of Our National Community of Practice

At Communities In Schools we believe that connections catalyze results. Instilled in our network are connections and a community of practice that lift up all our partners and the students we serve—rigorous research and continual evaluation, professional learning opportunities, shared advocacy, and strength and trust in a national brand.

When it comes to empowering students, we work together to ensure they have the relationships, support and resources needed to thrive in and beyond the classroom.



## **During the 2017–2018 school year:**



**1.6 million** students were reached with Communities In Schools supports and resources



**36,000** community volunteers donated their time



25 states and the District of Columbia had a Communities In Schools presence



**130+** affiliates were active around the country



**2,500** schools and community sites were served by Communities In Schools



**7,900** community partner organizations worked with Communities In Schools to support students



**275,000** parents and guardians participated in their children's education through opportunities provided by Communities In Schools



**4,000** staff members carried out the Communities In Schools mission

