

Communities In Schools National | Network Events One Sheet

Communities In Schools® (CIS®) National Office convenings exist to educate our network and external audiences about the work and mission of CIS. Our national convenings strengthen network relationships, elevate best practices in the work of nonprofit organizational health, nonprofit applications of diversity, equity, and inclusive practices, and integrated student supports. Secondly, our national convenings aim to increase brand visibility and awareness. We host three convenings annually: *Student Supports Institute (SSI)*, *Leadership Town Hall (LTH)*, and the *Achieve in Life* summit (*AIL*)

Each convening has unique goals, objectives, and audiences designed to aid us in creating an informed community of organizations engaged in supporting students to succeed in school and life. To learn more about our upcoming events, see below for details about each upcoming event or please visit www.communitiesinschools.org/events

Leadership Town Hall 2023

Event Type: *In person*

Date: September 6 – 8, 2023 | **Location:** Detroit, MI

Theme: Advancing Our Mission with Purpose and Impact

Event Overview and Audience

Leadership Town Hall (LTH) is designed to engage executive leadership & board members from across the CIS network, including alumni in leadership roles. This is a fully in person event that will engage around 350 participants. Content is organized around daily main-stage events, breakout sessions, and hands on learning experiences that will provide tangible resources and thought partnership on topics that will support organizational health and strengthen network leadership.

Conference Goal: The goal of Leadership Town Hall is to come together as one network to engage in best-practice sharing through professional development to strengthen network leadership and advance organizational health of the CIS network.

Learning Priorities

- Support network leadership development, further alumni engagement, and strengthening network organizational health through training and critical conversations.
- Provide opportunities for network leaders to meet, connect, and learn from each other's experience and expertise.
- Provide tangible resources that are accessible during and after LTH to strengthen their organization's operations.

Registration Details: The registration fee is \$500 per person. Registration for this event opens in June 2023.

Budget Considerations: CIS network organizations should consider budgeting between \$1,500-\$2,000 per participant considering lodging (\$170++/night), registration (\$500), and flight averages (\$500-\$800).

Network Engagement: Speaker incentives will be available for mainstage and breakout presenters. One presenter for each breakout session will receive free registration to the conference and hotel accommodations- for up to 3 nights of the conference footprint. Mainstage speakers will receive flight, hotel, and registration accommodations.

Achieve In Life Summit

Event Type: *In person*

Date: November 6 – 8, 2023 | **Location:** Birmingham, AL

Event Overview and Audience

Achieve In Life Summit (AIL) exist to assemble youth, youth-serving professionals, and advocates to advance principles and practices of diversity, equity, and inclusion that result in breaking down immediate and systemic barriers that young people face that limit their success. The Summit serves as a platform for sharing best practices, innovative ideas, and strategies for improving outcomes for students, alumni in education, career, and life. The annual event is sponsored by the National CIS' Steering Team, specifically the National Office Effectiveness and Social Justice Workgroups. The Achieve In Life Summit is for 150-200 CIS students, alumni, affiliate DEI practitioners and National Office Staff, as well as youth-serving organizations, educational equity partners, local community practitioners and government officials engaged in best practices related to lifting youth voices and championing educational equity and social justice initiatives related to upward mobility of youth.

Conference Goal: The goal of the Achieve In Life Summit is to cultivate an inclusive environment where CIS stakeholders (DEI leads, Alumni, Alumni Managers, National Staff and board members), community-based youth serving organizations, and CIS partners have a platform to share DEI best practices, elevate strategic Social Justice and Alumni priorities, and experience renewal through the cultivation of community.

Learning Priorities

- **Build awareness:** Deepen and explore research on root cause and systemic barriers faced by young people in the areas of education, career, and life.
- **Advance Equity:** Drive actionable strategies for re-imagining educational access, opportunities, and youth engagement work as a pathway towards youth investment and upward mobility.
- **Identify solutions:** Engage in cross-collaboration learning sessions that cultivate the sharing of ideas, insight, innovation, exploration of best practices, and advocacy strategies that improve outcomes for youth.

Registration Details: The per person registration fee will range between \$300 – \$400. The convening will offer discounted registration fee for early registrants, youth-serving organizations / partners, and CIS alumnae. Registration for this event opens in July 2023.

Budget Considerations: CIS network organizations should consider budgeting between \$1,400 – \$1,800 per participant considering lodging (\$200+/-/night), registration (\$400), and flight averages (\$500 – \$800).

Network Engagement: Speaker incentives will be available for mainstage and breakout presenters. One presenter for each breakout session will receive free registration to the conference and hotel accommodations- for up to 3 nights of the conference footprint. Mainstage speakers will receive flight, hotel, and registration accommodations.

Student Supports Institute 2024

Event Type: *Hybrid*

Date: February 2024 | **Location:** Las Vegas, NV

Conference Theme: Advancing the work of Integrated Student Supports

Event Overview and Audience

Student Supports Institute (SSI) is designed to cater to all site coordinators, program managers, and school support staff across our broad network. As a hybrid learning event, the virtual components of the conference are designed specifically for our broad network of over 3,000 site coordinators and school-based staff, while our in-person content is designed for our program managers and program leaders from across the network. If your work is centered around integrated student supports, brokering partnerships, engaging families, and fostering equitable school climate and culture – this conference is for you.

Learning Priorities

- Provide training in core concepts of integrated student supports;
- Provide professional development opportunities to support supervisory, coaching, and training responsibilities; and
- Create meaningful connections between experienced practitioners.

Registration Details: The registration fee is \$500 for in-person and \$75 for virtual attendees. For virtual registrations (groups of 4 or more) we offer a discounted rate per registration. Registration for this event opens in the fall.

Budget Considerations: For in-person attendance at the Student Supports Institute CIS network organizations should consider budgeting between \$1,500 – \$1,800 per participant considering lodging (\$135++/night), registration (\$500), and flight averages (\$500 – \$800).

Network Engagement: Speaker incentives will be available for mainstage and breakout presenters. One presenter for each breakout session will receive free registration to the conference and hotel accommodations- for up to 3 nights of the conference footprint. Mainstage speakers will receive flight, hotel, and registration accommodations.