Communities In Schools of New Mexico

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Communities In Schools of New Mexico's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Communities In Schools believes that ALL students must have the opportunity to succeed.

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Founded in 2012, Communities In Schools of New Mexico is the 27th affiliate of Communities In Schools ~ the nation's leading dropout prevention organization.

According to Annie E. Casey's 2014 Kids Count Report, New Mexico ranks 49th in the nation for child welfare/well-being and quality education.

New Mexico has a 35% dropout rate.

- **Dropping out of school de-stabilizes the lives of young people and communities.**
- **Dropouts are more likely to end up living in poverty.**
- **Dropouts are more likely to suffer poor health, be dependent on social services or enter the juvenile justice system.**

GRADUATION of half of the students who drop out would give New Mexico:

$112 million increase in real lifetime earnings for those people;

$74 million in income;

$58 million in increased spending put back into the local and state economy

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There is a direct correlation between dropout and poverty

29% of New Mexico's children live in poverty.

CIS's Integrated Student Supports remove the poverty related obstacles to education so that every student may focus on learning and teachers can focus on teaching.

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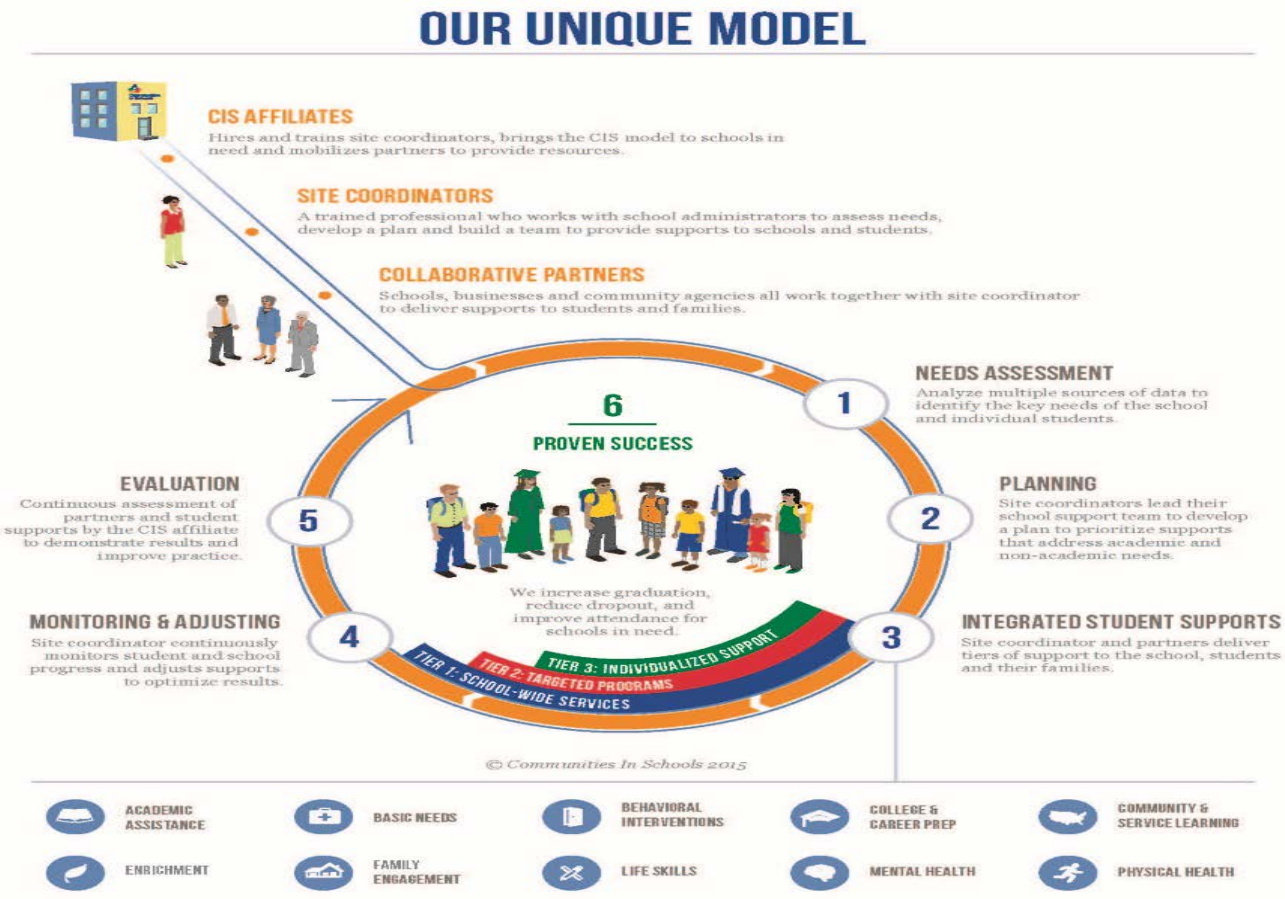
THE CIS MODEL – HOW IT WORKS



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Salazar Elementary

CIS only works in those schools and communities where our services are requested.

Our strong partnership with the Santa Fe Public Schools, under the leadership of Superintendent Joel Boyd, has enabled CIS to grow and serve more New Mexico children over the past three years.

Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS)

Five-Year Plan for Success

Transformation Zone (TZ)Schools are a part of the SFPS Achievement Zone Strategy to allocate resources more equitably across the SFPS DISTRICT.

CIS works in TZ Zone schools

The SFPS Five Pillars align with CIS Indicators

Teacher Development/CIS student referrals. Supporting individual student needs supports teachers teaching

Strategic Interventions/CIS small group and one on one Individual Student Plan Interventions/Case Managing

Extended Learning/CIS academic tutoring, afterschool programs, community partner programs to fortify life skills, social/emotional and academic learning

Enhanced Family and Community Engagement/CIS parent engagement workshops & classes, food, emergency fund

Non-academic supports/CIS site coordinators manage attendance programs, basic needs.

SFPS Attendance at CIS Schools	ADA 2014-2015	ADA 2015-216 (currently)
De Vargas MS	86%	91%
Ortiz MS	92%	92%
Kearny ES	93%	93%
Aspen CC	98%	94%
Salazar ES	93%	93%
Nava ES	93%	91%
Cesar Chavez ES	93%	93%

CIS's Site Coordinators and 150 Tutors support academic success

As measured by the (DEA) Discovery Education Assessments, all SFPS schools made gains in moving students from Level 3 to Level 2 achievement areas. Cesar Chavez and Nava made significant gains in moving students from Level 2 to Level 1 achievement levels.

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During the 2014-2015 school year our Santa Fe students achieved the following:

Attendance - 77% students who had attendance goals met their goal.

Academics - 86% of students with an academic performance goal met that target. Services are tailored to each student and may have included improving class grades, overall GPA, standardized test scores, or homework completion.

Behavior - 83% of students met their behavioral improvement goals.

Basic Needs - over 75% of students received assistance including food, clothing, shelter, transportation, medical care, emergency funds.

Promotion: 83% of students were promoted to the next grade level.

Standard Metrics by which we measure impact

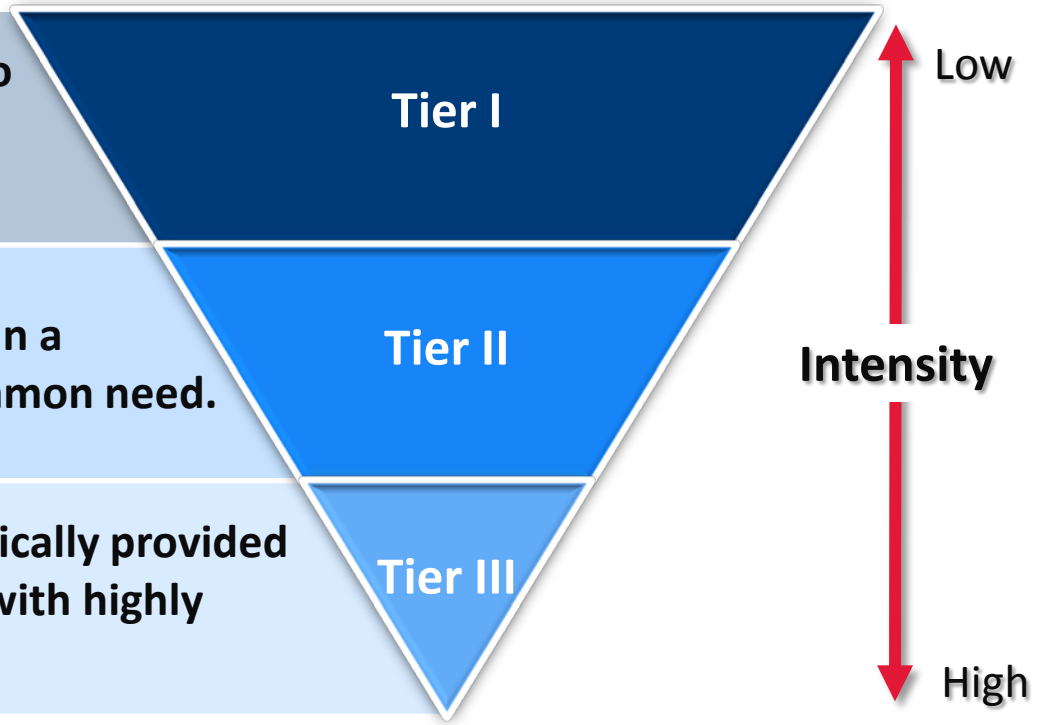
We measure our outcomes and use data to refine individual student strategies.

Attendance	• Average Daily Attendance
Behavior	• Suspensions • Disciplinary referrals • Classroom conduct/behavior (Elem.)
Course Performance	• Overall GPA • Core course grades • Credit completion
EOY Status	• Promotion • Retention • Graduation • Drop-out • Post-secondary plan

3 Tiers of Support

Tiers of Support apply to the services CIS provides, brokers and coordinates.

- **Widely available services designed to foster a positive school climate and address school-level risk factors.**
- **Targeted services typically provided in a group setting to students with a common need.**
- **Intensive, individualized services typically provided in a one-on-one setting to students with highly specific needs.**



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The Communities In Schools model demonstrated the strongest reduction in dropout rates among all existing fully scaled dropout prevention programs in the United States.

CIS WORKS

Supported By Teachers and Educators –

Independent surveys of teachers in the schools we serve revealed more than two-thirds strongly support the work of CIS and repeatedly cite the ability of the organization to “free teachers up to teach.”

The American Association of School Administrators endorsed CIS as a critical part of school turnaround and transformation.

"Communities In Schools of New Mexico (CIS) has become an invaluable asset to our students and families throughout the Santa Fe Public School District. The support they provide helps to make school possible for many of our families that would otherwise struggle to remain connected and engaged with their education. Communities In Schools is a huge bright spot for the Santa Fe Public School system."

- Ahlum Scarola, Principal, Acequia Madre Elementary School

"I cannot imagine anything as important to the success of a child in the Santa Fe public schools than Communities In Schools of New Mexico." Karen Crow , parent~

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CIS cost today ~ $1.4 million dollars divided by 5,000 students = $280.00 per student

To reach 2,000 more New Mexico students, CIS will need to raise $400,000.

We are asking the NM Legislature to support CIS's work to keep more New Mexico students in school and on a path to graduation.