



Communities
In Schools

Chatham County

CIS of CHATHAM

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CIS of Chatham is preparing to celebrate 30 years of making a difference for thousands of Chatham County's youth and families! Our story is their stories of growing from surviving to thriving with positive connections to adults who empower them. See <https://cischatham.org/category/success-stories/>

Join us as we lead our community forward to inclusively serve more children with connections to caring adults who can support their success in school and life.

OUR MISSION

To surround students with a community of support empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

WHO WE SERVE

CIS of Chatham builds resiliency in children and youth ages 6 to 18 county-wide referred by Chatham County Schools, Social Services, Juvenile Justice, mental health providers, teachers, and parents. **These students face barriers inside and outside the classroom that negatively impact their academic and social-emotional learning.**

Among students served by CISCC's Mentoring in 2017:

- 97% of youth received free or reduced lunch
- 72% lived in single parent homes
- 18% lived with a non-parent
- 90% had experienced some kind of trauma

A 2016 review of students receiving individualized CIS Model case managed services revealed significant prevalence of adverse childhood experiences (ACES):

- 27% of youth experienced domestic violence
- 21% of youth experienced the death of significant family member or parent incarceration
- 25% of CIS Virginia Cross Elementary students were eligible for federal homeless services

2017 – 2018 IMPACT *

1225 Youth were served by a CISCC Program

234* Youth received direct case management support

*revised 12/18

Family Advocacy

96% of youth & families showed enhanced family functioning as a result of program services

Mentoring Program

93% of matched youth met their academic goals

Community Service & Restitution

100% of youth had no adjudications for a complaint or offense after admission date

Teen Court

100% of youth demonstrated improvements in developing or maintaining social and interpersonal interactions

CIS Model Programs

82% of youth improved or maintained school behavior

HOW WE SERVE

All CIS programs offer young people of promise individualized, accessible, and sustained supportive relationships with adults in schools and community settings to help them realize their full potential. All services are free of charge with support of Spanish speaking bilingual staff.

The CIS **Integrated Student Supports approach** is implemented by trained professionals with support of qualified volunteers to help children access resources and services of varying intensities in schools and in the community. We address individual academic, emotional, health, and basic needs with evidence-based methods in partnership with schools, health providers, and community organizations. CIS individualized case-managed services, small groups, and school-wide prevention programs provide positive relationships to build social-emotional resiliency.

In **CIS Model Programs**, Student Support Specialists (SSSs) are trained professionals embedded in some Title I schools with high rates of economically disadvantaged youth to coordinate and leverage resources for students who are academically and socially struggling. In 2018-19 CISCC Model Programs are located in Chatham Middle School, Virginia Cross Elementary, and Bonlee School, a K-8 school. Our new Youth F.I.R.S.T. Student Support Specialist is serving youth referred from several other schools with an adapted model. SSSs serve as a positive adult role model alongside educators, offering essential emotional connections and family outreach to drive student development and academic achievement. All Student Support Specialists receive technical support and supervision from our Programs Director.

CIS Community Engagement Programs (Community Service & Restitution, Teen Court) and Youth Development Programs (Family Advocacy, Mentoring) offer personalized support for youth and families delivered in community settings including our Siler City office and Community Youth Garden worksite, libraries and parks, and approved volunteer sites of nonprofit partners. CIS staff and volunteers support families and building youth's confidence with new and positive social experiences in their community, preparing them for successful life journeys beyond school walls.

WHY CIS NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Currently, we are able to **provide services to only a fraction of vulnerable Chatham youth and families in need.** To address the ever-expanding need for services, CISCC specifically wishes to engage with new individual donors and new business, organization, and foundation donors - so as to increase community support and input from the residents and businesses of Chatham County.

CISCC operates in an efficient and cost-effective manner in compliance with state regulations and CIS National standards subject to accreditation audits every three years. Annual financial audit reports are available, and our general administrative and fundraising expenses represent only 19.9% of total expenses. For additional information please see our Annual Report.

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