

# Keeping Kids in School

## CIS: A Solution to the Dropout Crisis

Communities In Schools is an innovator in tackling the dropout problem in America. We work with students who are the most disenfranchised in our society to remove barriers to school success. We have honed the concept of school-based, integrated student support services. CIS mobilizes resources that already exist in the community and brings them into schools to address specific, identified needs such as academic enrichment, mentoring and parental involvement. Our model is the most effective, sustainable and measurable solution to the dropout problem that exists.

***Each year in this country, one in every three high school students fails to graduate on time. Why does this matter?***

- The fastest-growing jobs of the future will require some post-secondary education.
- Over their lifetimes, dropouts will earn less—about \$260,000 less than high school graduates and \$1 million less than college graduates.
- The 1.2 million students who fail to graduate each year will cost the nation more than \$312 billion in lost wages, taxes and productivity over their lifetimes.
- U.S. taxpayers spend more than \$22 billion annually to keep dropouts in state prisons. An increase in the male high school graduation rate of only 5 percent would save almost \$5 billion in related crime costs each year.

### ***Who is affected?***

- Minority students are disproportionately affected by the dropout crisis. While roughly 70 percent of the students across the country graduate on time with a regular high school diploma, only 50 percent of minority students finish high school with a regular diploma.
- Minority students in school districts with high levels of economic segregation and poverty have the least chance of graduating from high school with a regular diploma.
- When half our at-risk students are not graduating from high school, the entire country suffers from the increased burdens on our health care, welfare and criminal justice systems.



The CIS model is effective. The dropout rate among students served by CIS is about half that of the national average. **In all, 80 to 90 percent of students tracked by CIS stay in school, make better grades and have fewer discipline problems.** A gift to CIS is an investment in a proven solution to the dropout crisis. Your gift will help us carry out the strategic direction of Communities In Schools: to implement an evidence-based, results-oriented solution to the dropout crisis that is effective and sustainable so as to reach as many at-risk young people across the country as possible.



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