

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF NEVADA 2015-2016 ANNUAL REPORT



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OUR LEADERSHIP



Message from Board President, Susie Lee and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Tiffany Tyler

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Staff of Communities In Schools of Nevada, we are pleased to share our 2015-2016 CIS of Nevada Annual Report with you, our partners, supporters, volunteers, advocates and employees.

This has been a year of great change and growth for Communities In Schools of Nevada across the board – with even more change on the way for our schools and the students we serve.

While many things change, our core mission doesn't. We remain committed to our goal of helping take down the barriers to education that poverty erects among the at-risk students we serve on a daily basis.

With the passage of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Nevada students will be able to benefit from this sweeping legislative funding reform. Simply put, ESSA allows approved, evidence-based providers of wraparound student services to be funded more fully than ever before. CIS of Nevada is uniquely positioned and is already leading the way.

In Southern Nevada, the largest school district in the state is being reorganized – and once again, CIS of Nevada is at the forefront, making sure that our advocacy for students and the data we collect will help level the playing field and ensure the most vulnerable student populations have the resources they need to stay in school.



"I still haven't seen one program change one kid's life. What changes people is relationships. Somebody willing to walk through the shadow of the valley of adolescence with them."

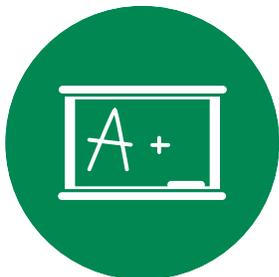
- Bill Milliken, Founder, Communities In Schools



Adding to our own resources, we are pleased to welcome in Dr. Tiffany Tyler as our new CEO. With a doctorate in educational psychology and years of published research and educational consulting, we have been impressed already with her dedication to build on the foundation of growth and impact we have established in the last few years.

Additionally, Auburn Harrison has joined us as Executive Director in our Western Nevada affiliate. Auburn's background in both nonprofit administration and journalism makes her the perfect person to help build both awareness and critical resources for our newest affiliate.

Our Northeastern affiliate continues to deepen its impact in the community there and we couldn't be prouder of what we have achieved.



This Annual Report highlights the crucial role our donors, valued community partners, volunteers and supporters play each day as we work to build a community of support for all students. Without our dedicated Board of Directors and determined staff, our efforts to impact the students in our state would be minimal, and we are most appreciative of everyone that comes together to support us on every level.

Thanks to your support, CIS of Nevada is positioned to meet the challenge of poverty's effects on our students and their families. We renew our pledge to meet those needs with the unwavering commitment to do whatever it takes to surround students with a community of support, empower them to stay in school and achieve in life.

2015-2016 HIGHLIGHTS

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This year, Southern Nevada saw expansion on every level! As our partnership with the school district grew, we deepened our reach and were able to serve a total of 44 schools, eight of them being new Victory schools created by the Legislature.

SOUTHERN NEVADA HIGHLIGHTS
CHERI WARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our staff expanded with the addition of our new Associate Executive Director, Margaret Nitzel, and we welcomed Ben Douglas as our new Southern Nevada Advisory Council chairman. We were also honored in a number of ways. We received two awards from Vegas PBS and were chosen to receive an Engelstad scholar who will work with us for the next four years.

A grant from the Nevada Arts Council brought a writer to provide writing skills training to fourth and fifth graders at three of our schools. Of special note is the The No Place for Hate initiative that launched successfully at Rancho High School with over 2,700 students signing up. Overall, this past year we provided school wide services which were valued at \$2,278,388.76 from academic lunch and learn, attendance incentives, medical, dental, vision, food, school supplies, clothing, truancy court, homework help, career fairs, college presentations, holiday food baskets, parenting classes, etc. We couldn't do the work we do without the amazing resources from our community partners, staff, donors and supporters, who help us do whatever it takes to provide the students, families and schools we serve with the critical integrated student support they need to succeed!



NORTHEASTERN NEVADA HIGHLIGHTS
MELISSA SCHULTZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Northeastern Nevada affiliate served 4,647 students and case managed 481 students at six schools in Elko County during the 2015-16 school year. The challenges faced by many families in rural Nevada are different than those in urban areas due to the lack of resources. CIS of Northeastern Nevada builds partnerships to bring needed resources into our communities.

In October 2015, we were featured on KNPB's American Graduate Day to promote the work we have done to bring early childhood education to children in Carlin, NV. We are also proud of our continued work to reduce the number of families who struggle with food insecurity. Through our partnership with the Family Resource Center of Northeastern Nevada and Ruby Mountain Resource Center, 67,749 meals were provided to children in rural northeastern Nevada.

For over eight years CIS has partnered with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas to bring counseling services through interactive video to youth in our community. In 2015-16, 55 students received 352 hours of counseling that they would not have otherwise had access to. We are very grateful for all of our supporters who make it possible for us to bring these services to our communities so that our children are prepared for the future with the tools they need to be successful. With a 91% graduation rate for our seniors this year, the results speak for themselves. Our staff and volunteers are committed to the success of our next generation and we are proud to be serving the students of northeastern Nevada!



Our Western Nevada affiliate continues to experience great growth and change in our third school year in the Reno-Sparks area. I feel incredibly fortunate to be able to lead such a dynamic and talented group of site coordinators within the five Washoe County School District sites we have partnerships with. Last year, we served more than 2,800 students in our area, bringing our case-managed graduation rate up to 82%. We are so proud to have raised the bar for our students!

WESTERN NEVADA HIGHLIGHTS
AUBURN HARRISON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In 2015-2016, we added two new school sites to our roster: Vaughn Middle School and Natchez Elementary School. This school year, we expanded our reach even further by adding a second site coordinator at Vaughn Middle School in order to be able to case manage additional students and gain more meaningful results. We have recently signed a new partnership agreement with Future Smiles in order to connect children at Natchez Elementary School with preventative oral health care that they have difficulty accessing on the Pyramid Lake Paiute reservation.

We continue to increase and strengthen both our community partnerships, as well as corporate supporters. We have working collaborations with so many incredible helping agencies in Northern Nevada, including Girls on the Run, Project 150, Community Health Alliance, and many more. We are grateful for the kindhearted employees at Nevada State Bank for their state-wide school supply drive, as well as to Renown Health for their shoe collection that resulted in hundreds of pairs of brand new shoes for our students. Thank you to our champions, our volunteers, our donors and most importantly, our site coordinators, who put their whole heart and soul into ensuring our students achieve success!



Financial Accountability

CIS of Nevada supporters know that they can give with confidence and make a lasting difference in the lives of young people. Every dollar committed to CIS of Nevada is a dollar that will be well spent. For less than \$105 a year, we can help a student who is in danger of dropping out stay on track to graduation. Communities In Schools of Nevada’s affiliates in Southern Nevada and Northeastern Nevada are fully accredited by the CIS national office through the Total Quality System (TQS) standards, with our developing Western Nevada affiliate preparing for future accreditation.

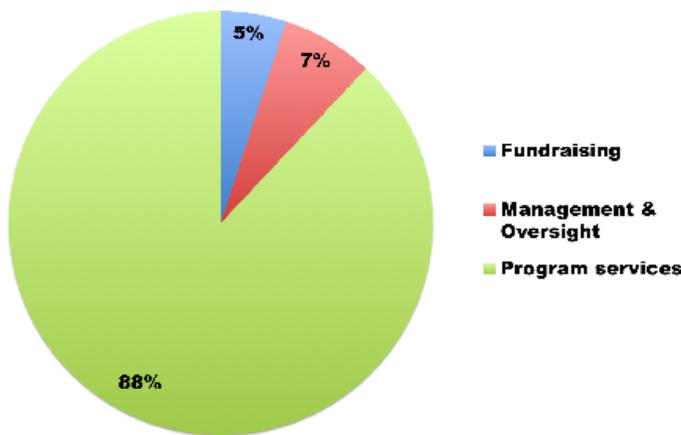
Commitment to Stability

CIS of Nevada is committed to ensuring that our vitally needed integrated student support services are provided to students in a stable, sustainable manner. In 2015-2016 the CIS of Nevada Board of Directors and agency staff secured increased funding support, allowing us to expand our services in Nevada from 43 comprehensive sites to 55, while still being positioned for the 2016-2017 school year.

Expenses

At the core of our service model is the importance of a Site Coordinator and direct service programming for students on school campuses. To that end, 88 percent of the agency’s expenditures in 2015-2016 were allocated to program services for our 55 schools and special project sites throughout Nevada.

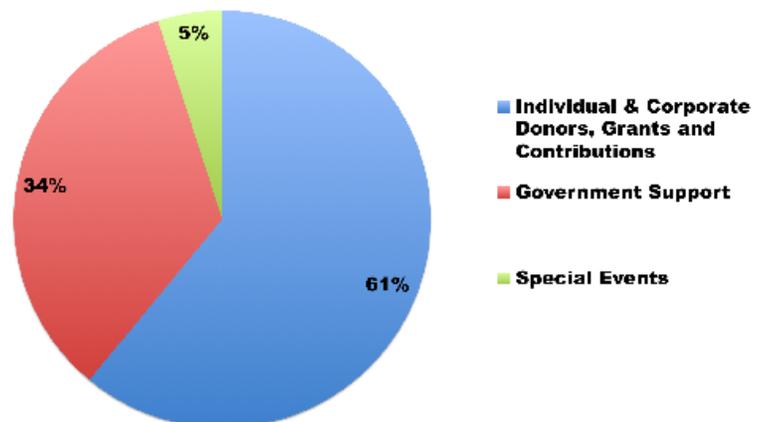
Also of vital importance to the health and sustainability of CIS of Nevada is management, administration, and oversight of our direct service programs, for which the agency allocated 7 percent of expenditures. Finally, fundraising efforts constituted 5 percent of expenditures.



Revenues

During 2015-2016, CIS of Nevada raised just over six million dollars, with 61 percent of that funding coming from individual donors, corporate contributors and grants, and private & family foundation grants. An additional 34 percent of funding was received from government sources, primarily federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funding and funding from Clark, Washoe and Elko County School Districts.

Finally, special event revenue from Harvest For Hope and outside special events contributed 5 percent.

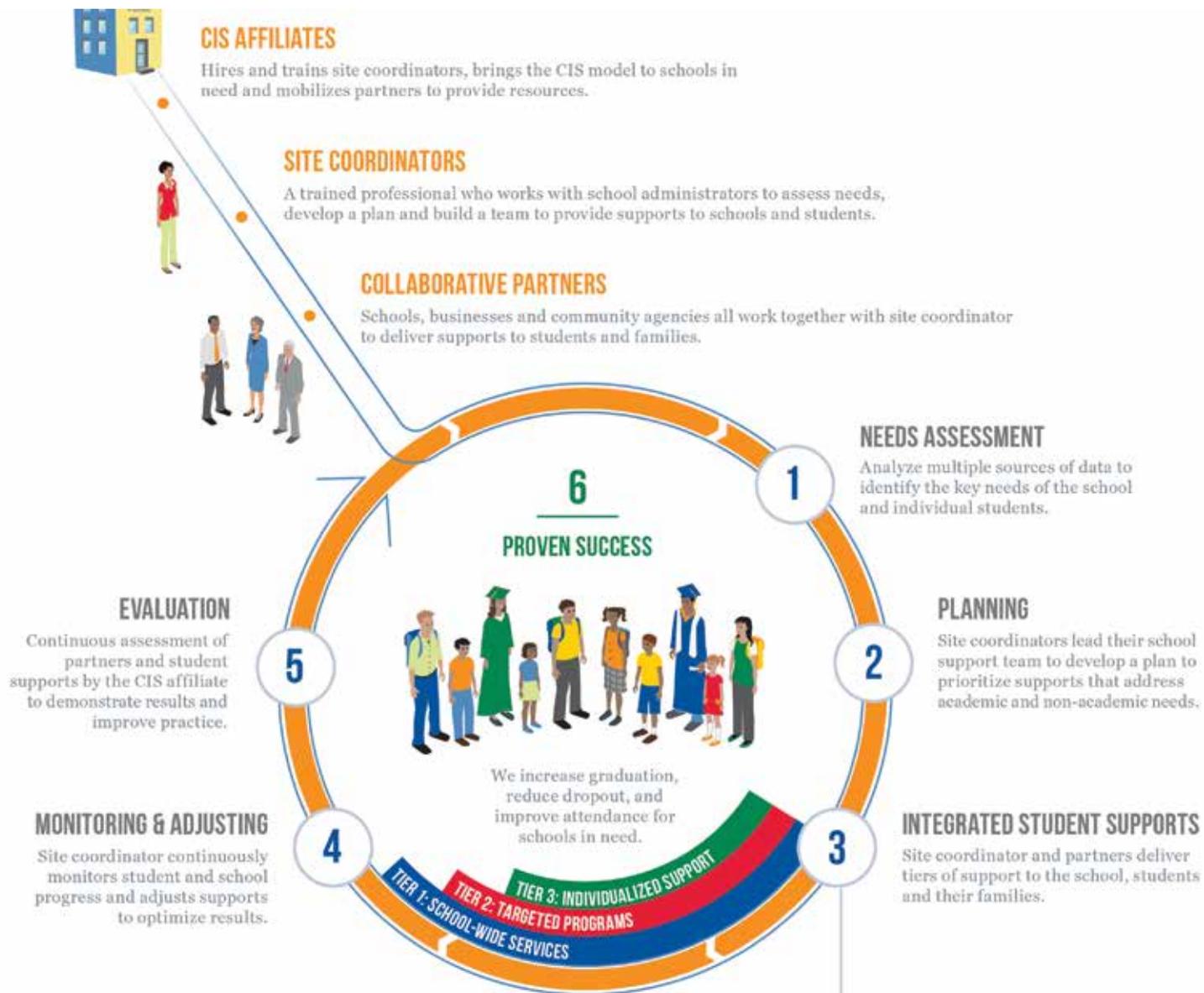


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OUR MODEL

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For nearly 40 years, Communities In Schools has been helping students flourish and go on to bright futures. Local CIS affiliates bring our unique model to schools in their community by positioning site coordinators inside schools and partnering with local businesses, social service agencies, health care providers and volunteers to provide students with exactly what they need. Whether it's food, school supplies, health care, counseling, academic assistance or simply a positive role model, CIS is there to help. Our model is successful because of one simple tenet: Communities In Schools works with local communities to support local kids with local solutions.



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| ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE | BASIC NEEDS | BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTIONS | COLLEGE & CAREER PREP | COMMUNITY & SERVICE LEARNING |
| ENRICHMENT | FAMILY ENGAGEMENT | LIFE SKILLS | MENTAL HEALTH | PHYSICAL HEALTH |

STATEWIDE RESULTS & IMPACT

In 2015-2016, CIS of Nevada provided vitally-needed integrated student support and dropout prevention services to 58,676 students throughout Nevada via our nationally-accredited Southern Nevada and Northeastern Nevada affiliates and our developing Western Nevada affiliate.

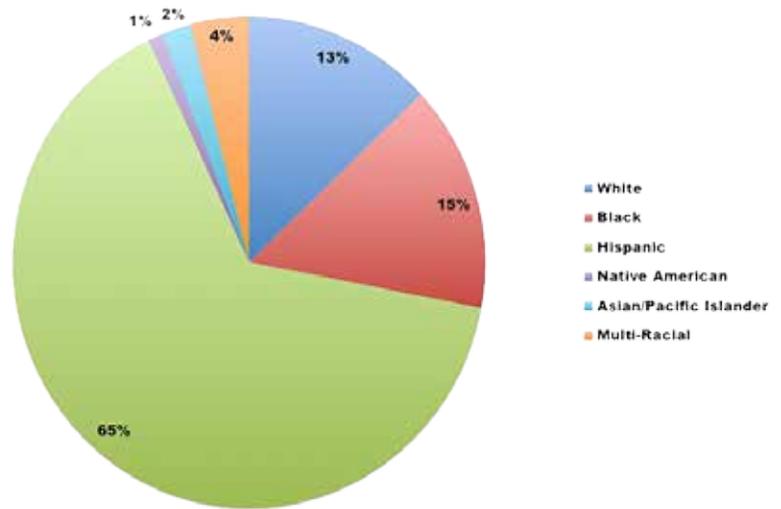
In total, at the 55 schools served by CIS of Nevada statewide in 2015-2016:

- 58,676 students received school-wide services and opportunities
- 5,253 students were enrolled in intensive case management services
- \$3,810,645 worth of in-kind goods and services were delivered to students

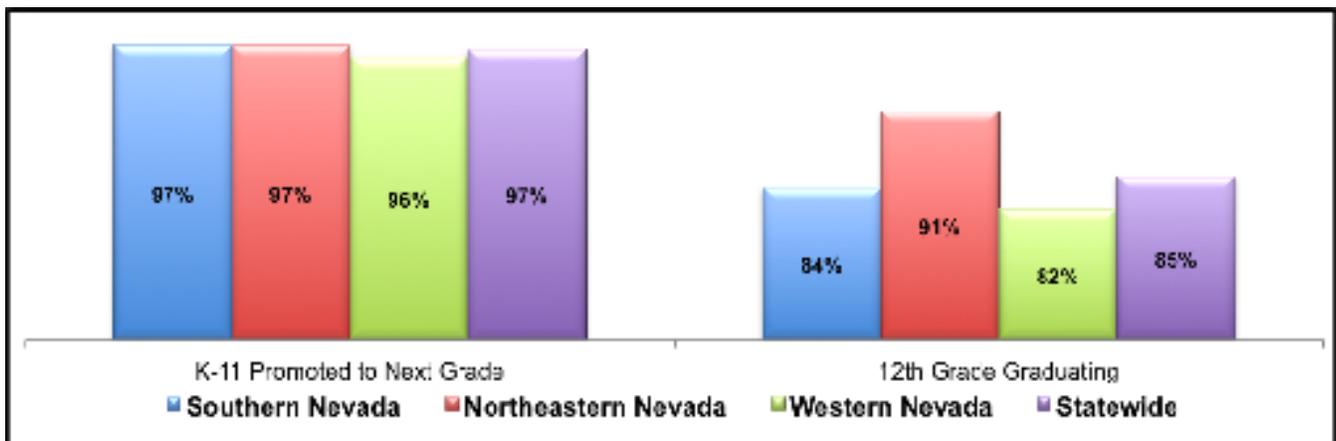
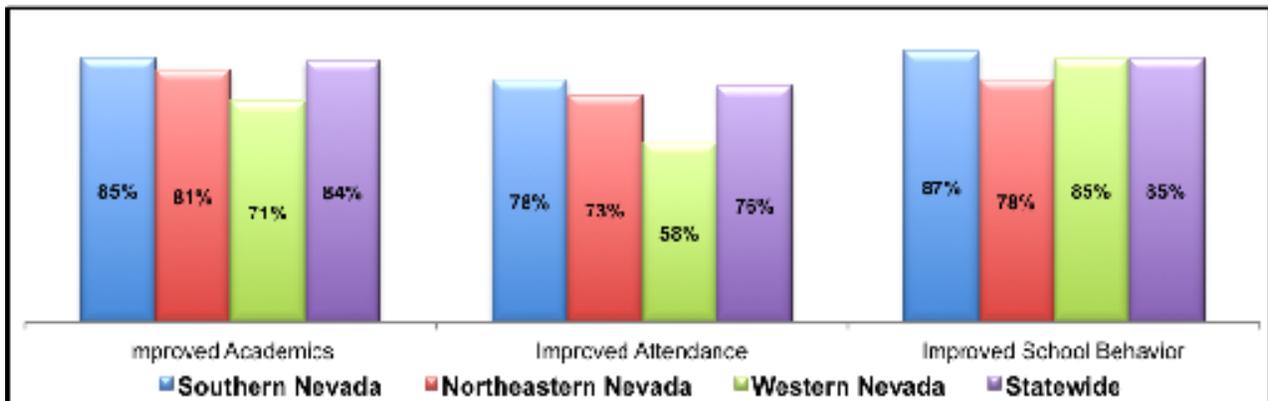
Overall, the top five social and behavioral risk indicators for case-managed students were:

1. Low socioeconomic status
2. Family disruption/stress
3. Not living with both natural parents
4. Poor academic performance
5. Low commitment to school

Students served by ethnicity



As a result of CIS of Nevada intervention, case-managed students at the elementary, middle and high school levels achieved the following:



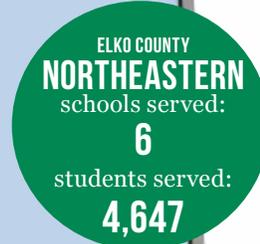
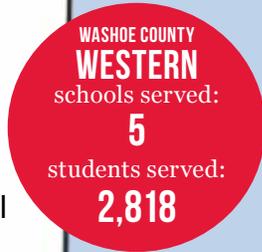
EXPANDING OUR REACH

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COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF NEVADA SCHOOLS SERVED 2015-2016

Washoe County School District

- Libby Booth Elementary
- Natchez Elementary
- Vaughn Middle School
- Hug High School
- Innovations
- Big Picture High School



Elko County School District

- Northside Elementary
- Southside Elementary
- Flag View Intermediate
- Adobe Middle School
- Elko High School
- Spring Creek High School

Clark County School District

Elementary Schools

- Cambeiro ES
- Cortez ES
- Craig ES
- Cunningham ES
- Detwiler ES
- Diaz ES
- Fitzgerald ES
- Griffith ES
- Herron ES
- Hewetson ES
- Hickey ES
- Jeffers ES
- Kelly ES
- Lake ES
- Lowman ES
- Manch ES
- Martinez ES
- Mountain View ES
- Petersen ES
- Priest ES
- Rex Bell ES
- Roundy ES
- Snyder ES
- Sunrise Acres ES
- Tate ES
- Thirirot ES
- Vegas Verdes ES
- West Prep ES
- Wilhelm ES
- Tom Williams ES
- Wynn ES



Middle Schools

- Bailey Middle School
- Monaco Middle School
- Sedway Middle School
- Smith Middle School
- West Prep Middle School

High Schools

- Canyon Springs High School
- Chaparral High School
- Cimarron High School
- Desert Pines High School
- Mojave High School
- Rancho High School
- Sunrise Mountain High School
- Valley High School

CIS of Nevada actively partners with more than 90 organizations and programs throughout Nevada that are critical to our efforts to provide wraparound community services to students in need. Ensuring strong collaborations with partners is at the core of our unique service model which places the needs of each child and school community at the center of our efforts. Collaborations allow CIS of Nevada to secure and coordinate goods and services, volunteer participation and enrichment for the at-risk students most in need of them.

SOUTHERN NEVADA

• After School All Stars	• College of Southern Nevada	• JAG	• Parenting Project	• Three Square
• Andson Foundation	• Create A Change Now	• Job Connect	• Positively Kids	• Title One Hope
• Anti-Defamation League	• Ed Heiner & Paige Brown- Optometrist	• Junior Achievement of Southern Nevada	• Project 150	• United Way of Southern Nevada
• Assistance League	• Eye Care 4 Kids	• JYD Project	• Prom Closet	• University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
• Baby's Bounty	• FACES	• Nevada Health Centers	• Public Education Foundation	• University of Nevada Las Vegas
• Bilingual Behavior Services	• Future Smiles	• Nevada Partners, Inc.	• Rape Crisis Center	• UNLV Engelstad Scholar Program
• Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas	• Girls on the Run	• Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth	• RTC of Southern Nevada	• UNLV Gear Up/TRIO
• Boys Town	• Girl Scouts	• Nevada PEP	• Salvation Army	• UNLV School of Dental Medicine
• Burn Foundation	• Goodie Two Shoes	• Nevada State College	• Shade Tree	• UNLV The Practice
• Care Coalition	• Goodwill of Southern Nevada	• LVCC Library District	• Southern Nevada Children First	• Vegas PBS
• Catholic Charities	• Green Our Planet	• Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Inc.	• Southern Nevada Health District	• Volunteers In Medicine
• Clark County School District	• HELP of Southern Nevada	• LVHA	• Spread the Word Nevada	• Wynn Resorts
• CCSD Partnership Office	• Hope Link	• Olive Crest	• Springs Preserve	
• Clark County Courts Truancy Division	• Huntridge Teen Clinic	• Outside Las Vegas Foundation	• Teach For America Las Vegas Valley	
	• Immunize Nevada	• Paradise Park Clinic		

NORTHEASTERN NEVADA

• Battle Mountain Family Resource Center	• Ruby Mountain Resource Center
• Elko County Juvenile Probation	• Salvation Army
• Elko County School District	• University of Nevada Las Vegas, Colleges of Liberal Arts and Education
• Family Resource Center of Northeastern Nevada	• University of Nevada Reno, School of Social Work
• Food Bank of Northern Nevada	• University of Nevada School of Medicine Outreach Center/ AHEC
• Great Basin College	• Wells Family Resource Center
• Nevada Outdoor School, AmeriCorps Program	
• P.A.C.E. Coalition	

WESTERN NEVADA

• Carrington College	• Hope Community Church
• Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada	• Immunize Nevada
• Children in Transition	• Northern Nevada HOPES
• Children's Cabinet	• Plato's Closet
• Community Health Alliance	• Project 150
• EDAWN	• Savers Thrift Store
• Family Resource Centers	• Solace Tree
• Food Bank of Northern Nevada	• The Eddy House
• Girls on the Run	• UNR School of Social Work
• Good Shepherd's Clothing Closet	• Washoe County School District

OUR SUCCESS STORIES

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By helping students stay in school and succeed in life, Communities In Schools of Nevada is helping to build a stronger state, where every person is capable of reaching his or her greatest potential. Meet our students and learn how a community of support made a difference in their lives.



Jair was enrolled in the CIS Academy class his Senior year. He had only 12 credits going into his last year of high school; 23 credits being the graduation requirement. At the end of the first semester, Jair still had a long way to go. His family wanted him to drop out and enroll in the Adult High School, as he was 18 years old; school administration and his guidance counselor thought going to the Adult High School would also be best for him. Jair did not want to take that path; he wanted to work hard and earn his diploma from Elko High School. Site Coordinator Daria and Jair came up with a plan to get him caught up. Jair worked hard in the CIS Academy and did what he needed to progress throughout the remainder of his senior year, earning 13 credits (23 classes)! At the end of the school year, Jair left a note for Daria, "I had no hopes and you

A NEW PATH - JAIR'S STORY ELKO, NEVADA

slapped some truth into me, and here I am now...you taught me to believe in myself when no one else did." We are so proud of all the hard work this young man put in to realize his dream!

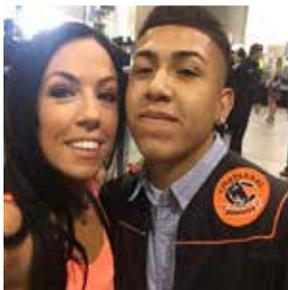
Ricardo is a student at Libby Booth Elementary School. He was referred to CIS after several negative behavior incidents in his classroom. He was struggling with one of the main rules of keeping his hands and feet to himself. When our site coordinator, Vanessa, met with Ricardo, he shared that his housing situation was unstable, making it difficult for him to focus at school. She was able to discuss the circumstances with Ricardo and help suggest some ways to make better choices during the school day. Vanessa now has daily check-ins with Ricardo to remind him of his goals, and she has also included him in a social skills group with other students facing similar difficulties. During the group, students talk about appropriate behaviors in the classroom. Ricardo has started showing major improvement in the classroom. His teachers are now reporting that he is a "model citizen" and has been behaving really well. Ricardo continues to show improvement and behavior incidents have become minimal in class and on the playground.

A NEW FOCUS - RICARDO'S STORY RENO, NEVADA



Brian came to CIS Academy during his senior year. He was extremely credit deficient, approximately 10 credits, but was determined to make up the credits he needed in order to graduate with his classmates. Brian enrolled in the virtual lab classes to retrieve his credits, CIS Academy, and also attended night school. He spent over 12 hours each day between both schools, studying and working hard.

HIS NEW HOME - BRIAN'S STORY LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



Halfway through his spring semester, his parent's work schedule changed and Brian had to leave night school to take care of his siblings. A huge portion of his hard work was lost and he had to come up with a plan "B." Brian took on more classes in virtual lab and was put in concurrent enrollment through another school to earn additional credits. CIS Site Coordinators were able to give him quite a bit of Academy class time to work on donated computers to earn credits. Additionally, he earned a 1/2 credit with CIS through volunteer work. Brian worked diligently and never gave up on his goal to graduate with his classmates, overcoming major barriers.

Brian is a true example that it takes hard work to earn a high school diploma and with the help of CIS, he was able to graduate in June with his friends.

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Communities In Schools of Nevada is proud to thank the community leaders, including individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations that support our work in many ways. The following is a listing of donations and contributions received from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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