



Communities In Schools

Chatham County

2019 – 2020 IMPACT

Communities In Schools of Chatham County is celebrating 31 years of making a difference in the lives of *thousands* of Chatham County's youth and their families! Our stories are their stories, as we work together with our network of support to unlock potential, give hope, and instill confidence.

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 in life.

1,422 Youth were served by a CISCC Program

265 Youth received individualized case management

numbers of youth listed below may have received multiple services

OUR MISSION

To surround students with a network 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 5 to 20 county-wide. Youth are referred by a collection of agencies including: Chatham County Schools' faculty and administration, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Juvenile Justice, mental health providers, and parents. **These students face barriers inside and outside the classroom that negatively impact their academic and social-emotional learning.**

Total Number of Case Managed Youth: **265**

Total Number of Volunteers: **102**

Total Number of Volunteer Hours Given: **3,508**

CIS Model and Youth FIRST ***(200)**

97% Met or made progress toward **Attendance** goal

93% Met or made progress toward **Behavior** goal

75% Met or made progress toward **Coursework** goal

Community Service & Restitution ***(48)**

89% of youth had no new adjudications after starting the program

86% Completed community service and/or restitution on time as specified by JCPC

Teen Court ***(25)**

100% of youth had no new adjudications after starting the program

100% Completed services designated to them by their service plan

Family Advocacy ***(32)**

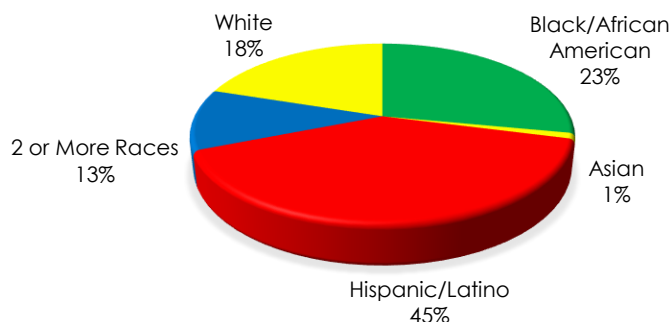
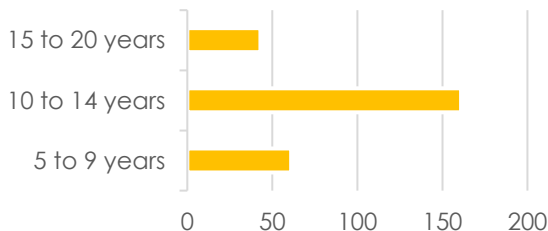
100% of youth had no new adjudications after starting the program

92% Of families demonstrated enhanced family functioning as result of program services

Male: 60.3 %
Female: 39.7 %

Total Schools with Case Managed Youth: **17**

Number and Age of Youth Served



OUR PROGRAMS

All CIS programs offer young people the promise of 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 including 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 needs, emotional health, and basic needs with evidence-based methods in partnership with schools, health providers, and other community organizations. CIS individualized case-managed services, small groups, and school-wide prevention programs provide positive relationships **to build social-emotional resiliency**.

Resilience Building Programs	Restorative Justice Programs	School-Based Programs
<p>Mentoring</p> <p>Communities In Schools of Chatham County's mentoring program, started in 1989, involves matching a caring, trained adult who spends an average of 1-4 hours a week, one-on-one, with a young person. Staff provide supervision, support services, and activities throughout the commitment period.</p>	<p>Community Service & Restitution</p> <p>The Juvenile Community Service and Restitution Program works with youth who have committed crimes in Chatham County and are assigned community service hours and/or to pay back money to victims. Through this program, youthful offenders learn important lessons in responsibility and accountability and often develop positive relationships with their adult supervisors. Young people are also taught valuable life and job skills while volunteering at worksites across Chatham County.</p>	<p>CIS Model</p> <p>We help kids stay in school by being in schools. Our onsite Student Support Specialists at Virginia Cross Elementary, Chatham Middle School, and Bonlee School amplify the power of student's potential by connecting them to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed. Every individual student achievement adds up to the kind of change that supports schools and strengthens communities. CIS Chatham is there for students, doing whatever it takes to keep them in school and on track to graduate.</p>
<p>Family Advocacy</p> <p>Children and their parents involved with the Department of Juvenile Justice receive support from Communities In Schools of Chatham County staff as they learn valuable parenting skills and accountability to help them discover success at school, at home, and in the community.</p>	<p>Teen Court</p> <p>Teen Court gives first-time juvenile offenders, between the ages of 11 and 18, a second chance; yet holds them fully accountable for their actions. Communities In Schools of Chatham County accepts referrals for those who have admitted guilt to misdemeanor offenses such as larceny, simple assault, affray, disorderly conduct, shoplifting, property damage, drug possession, and alcohol possession.</p>	<p>Youth F.I.R.S.T. (Finding Integrated Resources & Supports Together)</p> <p>The Youth F.I.R.S.T. program extends our CIS Mentoring and Lunch Buddy programs by offering more comprehensive supports for youth not served in our three traditional CIS model programs. These students may be matched with mentors or lunch buddies but will also be able to benefit from the supports offered by a traditional school site program.</p>

WHY CIS NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Currently, we are able to **provide services to only a fraction of vulnerable Chatham County youth and families in need**. To address the ever-expanding need for services, CISCC **specifically wishes to engage with new individual donors, businesses, organizations, and foundation donors** - 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. CIS Chatham was reaccredited in July 2020 meeting all standards as required by CIS National. Annual financial audit reports are available upon request.

In 2019-2020: 83 cents of every dollar received went directly to serving students and their families

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