



Communities In Schools At A Glance

Data Points

Communities In Schools achieves its mission by channeling much-needed resources to children who are at greatest risk of dropping out. Many of these resources already exist but are not readily accessible. They are spread throughout the community – fragmented, uncoordinated and difficult to access. Public schools are the best places to coordinate these resources, and through this coordination, Communities In Schools creates a safety net that surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

Our data-driven model ensures that Communities In Schools affiliates serving students operate with uniform best practices. Our results demonstrate significant improvement in key indicators for dropout risk, and independent research affirms that the Communities In Schools model is successful in increasing graduation rates and decreasing dropout rates.

The Communities In Schools national office provides financial and operational support to its network of state offices and local affiliates. During the 2008-2009 academic year, the most current year for which data has been reported, Communities In Schools affiliates across the country delivered human, financial and community resources as outlined below.

Communities In Schools Network at a Glance

Among Monitored Students

Improvement in dropout risk indicators

- 79 percent met their attendance improvement goals
- 86 percent met their behavior improvement goals

- 79 percent met their academic achievement improvement goals
- 85 percent met their attitude and commitment to school improvement goals
- 93 percent met their reduction in high-risk behaviors goals

Promotion, retention and graduation rates

- 91 percent of students monitored for promotion risk were promoted to the next grade.
- 84 percent of monitored seniors graduated.
- 97 percent of students monitored as potential dropouts remained in school at the end of the 2008-2009 school year.
- 66 percent of students went on to some form of post-secondary education.

General Network Data

- Nearly 1.3 million students and their families were directly connected to resources through Communities In Schools during the 2008-2009 school year. Local affiliates continued to reach the most economically disadvantaged families, with 96 percent of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.
- Nearly 200 local affiliates operated in 25 states and the District of Columbia.
- More than 3,400 schools and education sites were served by Communities In Schools.
- More than 200,000 parents, families and guardians of students served participated in their children's education through opportunities provided by Communities In Schools.
- Communities In Schools paid staff comprised only 6 percent of the human resources dedicated to the mission. School districts and community partners reassigned and repositioned staff to account for another 2 percent of the Communities In Schools workforce.
- More than 57,000 volunteers donated 2.5 million hours of service – a dollar value of nearly \$52 million.
- Approximately 15,000 community partners provided services throughout the network.
- The average annual cost per student was \$192.
- One in three affiliates operated on a budget of \$200,000 or less and still managed to provide a wide scope of services for students.

- Total 2008-2009 Communities In Schools national office budget: \$23 million
- Total 2008-2009 Communities In Schools network budget (includes state offices and local affiliates): \$218 million

Communities In Schools surrounds students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Through a school-based coordinator, Communities In Schools connects students and their families to critical community resources tailored to local needs. Working in more than 3,400 schools in the most challenged communities, in 25 states and the District of Columbia, Communities In Schools serves nearly 1.3 million young people and their families. It has become the nation's leading dropout prevention organization, and the only one proven to increase graduation rates and decrease dropout rates.