

We are guided by the five basics

- 1 A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult
- 2 A safe place to learn and grow
- 3 A healthy start and a healthy future
- 4 A marketable skill to use upon graduation
- 5 A chance to give back to peers and community



CIS sponsored programs:

- ◆ The Back-to-School Fair
- ◆ Summer Camps
- ◆ Afterschool Programs
- ◆ Daytime Service Programs
- ◆ Coats for Kids
- ◆ Mobile Food Pantries



“The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life”.

There are approximately 66 local agencies that CIS partners with to deliver a wide variety of services and programs to help students and families.



For more information about our programs, sponsorship or volunteering, please contact us at 630-256-4500 or Email us at cis@cisaurora.org Please visit our website at www.cisaurora.org

SUCCESS

is the only option...



For our Children and our Community



Why Communities In Schools?

Every nine seconds a young person in America drops out of school and into an uncertain future. One-third of high school students won't finish on time.

When students drop out, a door closes on their dreams, and ours.

Helping children is our mission. Since 1994, Communities In Schools (CIS) of Aurora has been the connection between educators and the community, maximizing all available resources for *The Back-to-School Fair*, *Afterschool* and *City-Wide Afterschool Programs*, *Daytime Services*, *Summer Camps*, *Coats for Kids* and the *Mobile Food Pantries*.

All programs take place right in your neighborhood school, making use of a well equipped, safe resource.



What do CIS programs provide to you?

The Back-to-School Fair

- ◆ Helps children to be ready for the start of school and be prepared to learn
- ◆ Provides free school supplies, backpacks, physicals, immunizations, dental screenings and community resources to families

Daytime Services

- ◆ Helps children address problems that are barriers to school success and build behaviors that will help them be better teenagers and adults
- ◆ Provides a link between local mental health resources and students in need of counseling service
- ◆ Coordinates care plans for students receiving individualized counseling service
- ◆ Facilitates supportive programs to address student needs related to the CIS 5 Basics



Who benefits?The children do!



“MyTime” After School Programs

- ◆ Provide academic and homework assistance to students
- ◆ Engage students in positive activities beyond the school day in the areas of academics, fine arts, recreation, socialization, leadership and teambuilding
- ◆ Create opportunities for young people to develop other essential skills - creative thinking, problem solving, the ability to work on diverse teams, communication, self-direction, and the use of technology - the very skills employers know contribute most to success in the work force now and in the future
- ◆ Encourage students to learn new skills while having fun in a safe school environment
- ◆ Positive relationships with caring and motivated adult role models
- ◆ Provide interaction with Aurora University student leaders which model the importance of a college education, build meaningful and trusting relationships with school students, and understand the value of working together to achieve more

By providing choices for creative learning opportunities such as arts, drama, music, sports and community service projects, we help to prepare young people to be well-rounded and productive members of society.

