

About Communities In Schools in Greater Richmond:

Regional statistics compiled by the Capital Region Collaborative are a call to action:

- 20% of children 0-5 live in poverty—that's 16,035 children.
- 1 of every 8 children in our region enters school without the necessary skills to be successful.
- 869 students entering 3rd grade in 2013-2014 were held back before that year, which cost taxpayers \$9.4 million
- 1,312 high school students in our region did not graduate on time in 2015.

These statistics deeply affect individual children and families, as well as the economic vitality of the region. One way to get involved is to join us in supporting students through Communities In Schools (CIS).

CIS is a national network of over 200 affiliates that forms the nation's largest and most effective organization dedicated to keeping kids in school. By bringing community resources inside public schools, where they are accessible, coordinated and accountable, CIS changes the picture for millions of kids across the country.

Through two local affiliates, CIS supports K-12 students in 46 Richmond, Henrico, and Chesterfield County neighborhood schools, serving over 22,000 students.

We know that different kids have different needs. Some need academic help; some need a stable home and food on the table or someone who will listen and help guide the way. Others just need a pair of eyeglasses to stay on track at school. When these needs are met, kids often find success.

CIS partners with local businesses, social service agencies, health care providers and volunteers. Whether it's food, school supplies, health care, counseling, academic assistance or a positive role model, Communities In Schools is there to help.

For more information about how to get involved, contact:

- Richmond City and Henrico County: CIS of Richmond / www.cisofrichmond.org
- Chesterfield County: CIS of Chesterfield / www.cisofchesterfield.org