

## COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS

**Our mission** is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.

The CIS of Mid-America network currently provides services in 70 schools to more than 39,000 students each year by placing individuals directly inside the schools to work with students.

Our model focuses on the whole student, addressing the effects of poverty that can make learning so difficult: a lack of adult role models; a shortage in basic human needs such as food, shelter, and health care; a shortage of opportunities to develop social/emotional skills critical to the modern workplace; and affording enrichment experiences and opportunities that might not otherwise exist.

We position a dedicated staff member—a Student Support Coordinator—inside our partner schools to mitigate the insidious effects of poverty. The Student Support Coordinator works with school staff to identify students at risk of dropping out, address each student's individual needs, and remove barriers preventing student success.

By partnering with local businesses, social service agencies, health care providers, and parent and volunteer organizations, CIS can ensure that needed resources are delivered to students in the most cost-effective manner. Whether it's tutoring, mentoring, eyeglasses, nutrition, afterschool programs, or college and career events, we support students in countless ways, allowing them to achieve their academic potential.

> We are always looking to expand our partner school districts to support more students and families. Email us at info@cismidamerica.org



