

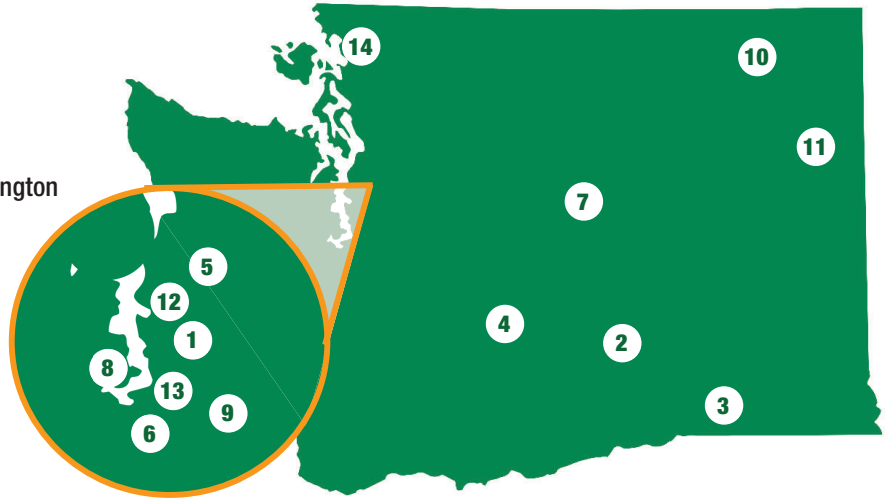
Being Present Matters

108,255 Students Served Statewide | **5,982** Case Managed Students
Over **390,000** Basic Needs Items Distributed to Students and Families

Our Footprint

205 K-12 Schools within **40** School Districts

1. CISWA State Office
2. Benton-Franklin
Benton County
Franklin County
3. Blue Mountain Region
Umatilla County
Walla Walla County
4. Central Washington
Yakima County
5. Greater King County
King County
6. Lakewood
Pierce County
7. North Central Washington
Grant County
Chelan County
Douglas County
8. Peninsula
Kitsap County
Pierce County
9. Puyallup
Pierce County
10. Rural Eastern Washington
Ferry County
Stevens County
11. Spokane County
Spokane County
12. South King County
King County
13. Tacoma
Pierce County
14. Whatcom-Skagit
Skagit County
Whatcom County



Demographics of Students Receiving Individualized Support**

66% BIPOC Students 32% White 2% Other/Unknown 6% LGBTQIA+ 79% Exposed to Trauma

STATEWIDE COMPARISON*	1,100,059 Students Enrolled in Washington Public Schools	LOW INCOME 50.1%	ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS 14.3%	EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS 3.7%	FOSTER CARE 0.3%
	108,255 Students Receiving CIS Support	88%	26%	9%	2%

STUDENT- LEVEL IMPACT GOALS**	ATTENDANCE	ACADEMICS	BEHAVIOR	SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING
	77% met or made progress on their attendance goals	88% met or made progress on their academic goals	92% met or made progress on their behavior goals	93% met or made progress on their social-emotional goals

*Data Points for Washington State provided by OSPI (2023-24)

**Demographic represents 5,982 students receiving individualized supports during 2023-24.

Mission

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

Who We Are

At Communities In Schools we believe that every student, regardless of race, gender, ability, zip code, or socioeconomic background has what they need to realize their full potential in school and beyond. We walk by their side, in their communities, to challenge the systems and barriers that stand between them and their success in life.

2025 Legislative Priorities

Our 2025 legislative priorities recognize the need for a comprehensive approach to respond to the needs of students and their families to ensure no student goes without the support and resources they need to grow and thrive. Flexible funding to increase partnership opportunities between schools and community-based organizations is a crucial component of this work. Collectively, we must ensure that racism and other inequalities in our educational system and society are acknowledged and addressed and that the needs of students furthest from educational justice are centered in policy and budget proposals.

Increase Funding for Youth Development and Student Support Programs (\$20M)

We urge you to join us in supporting an increase in funding for youth development and student support programs. Funding for youth development and student support programs is a critical investment for both immediate and long-term benefits. Youth Development and student support programs lead to improve academic outcomes, promotion of socio-emotional learning, support mental health and well-being, increase access to extracurricular activities, address socioeconomic barriers, support prevention measures, and strengthen community partnerships.

Reducing Barriers to Student Success

To ensure all students, particularly those furthest from educational justice, have access to equitable opportunities to succeed by addressing the root causes of chronic absenteeism, implementing targeted reengagement strategies, and closing systemic equity gaps in education. Tackling these challenges requires expanded support for basic needs, enhanced health and wellness services, and proactive prevention measures. These efforts will drive meaningful improvements in outcomes for students and families throughout Washington.

Achieving Digital Equity

State level strategies should address all three components of digital equity: access to learning devices; connectivity solutions such as Wi-Fi and mobile hotspots in the short term, and universal broadband in the long term; and access to digital literacy training and digital navigation that is culturally responsive and meets the needs of diverse student populations in communities across the state.

Invest in Workforce Development for Students and Support Staff

Workforce development is crucial for creating a strong, effective educational system. Workforce Development programs enhance student career readiness, improve engagement and retention, address workforce shortages in education, fosters a culture of lifelong learning, increases educational equity, and strengthens the community and economy.

See how we support students across Washington State by visiting ciswa.org

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