

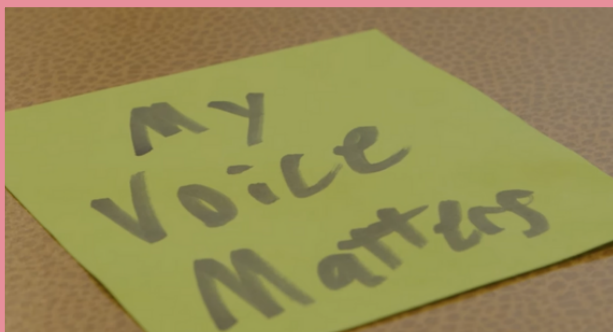


Communities
In Schools®

Blue Mountain Region

Being Present Matters

AFFILIATE REPORT 2024 - 2025



At Communities In Schools (CIS), we surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life

Who We Are

CIS of the Blue Mountain Region works inside **14** schools across 3 school districts to ensure every student has the support they need to stay in school and succeed in life. Each year, we serve more than **6,700** students, with **313** receiving individualized support from our Student & Community Advocates who build trusted relationships and help remove barriers to learning. As part of the statewide Communities In Schools of Washington network, we contribute to a collective impact that reaches over **109,000** students in more than **200** schools across **40** districts.

Celebrating Our Fourth Year In the Blue Mountain Region

Launched in the 2021–2022 school year, CIS of the Blue Mountain Region was established to support youth in the Blue Mountain Region. We are proud to be one of 15 local affiliates that, together with our state office, form a statewide network serving over 109,000 students across Washington.

As we close our fourth year, we're proud of the progress we've made, **thanks in large part to the unwavering dedication of our Student & Community Advocates**, the generosity of our supporters, and strong relationships with our local community. Your partnership has helped us support students and their families in meaningful ways.



We're excited about the road ahead as we continue growing our impact and deepening our connections with schools, families, and community partners across the region.

At a Glance

Empowering Students Through Community Support

In many communities, **families face barriers when trying to access and navigate public and private services**. Even when resources exist, students often struggle to benefit, especially without a clear bridge connecting those services to schools. That's where Communities In Schools steps in.

By placing trained **Student & Community Advocates directly in schools, we connect students with the support they need to succeed**. Our evidence-based approach removes barriers, keeps students engaged, and helps them stay on the path to graduation. We walk alongside them in their communities, challenging inequities and creating space for every student, regardless of race, gender, ability, zip code, or income level to thrive.

Our Team, Reflecting the Community We Serve

CIS of the Blue Mountain Region is proud to serve a region rich in cultural diversity, including large Latinx, and multi-racial populations. Our team reflects this diversity:

- **55% of staff are bilingual and 66% identify as part of BIPOC communities**
- **66% of staff are working in the school districts they graduated from**

We believe representation matters, and that students are best supported by advocates who understand and reflect the communities they serve.

CIS of the Blue Mountain Region Footprint

College Place Public Schools

Milton Freewater Unified School District

Davis Elementary School

**Gib Olinger Elementary School
Ferndale Elementary School
Freewater School**

Walla Walla Public Schools

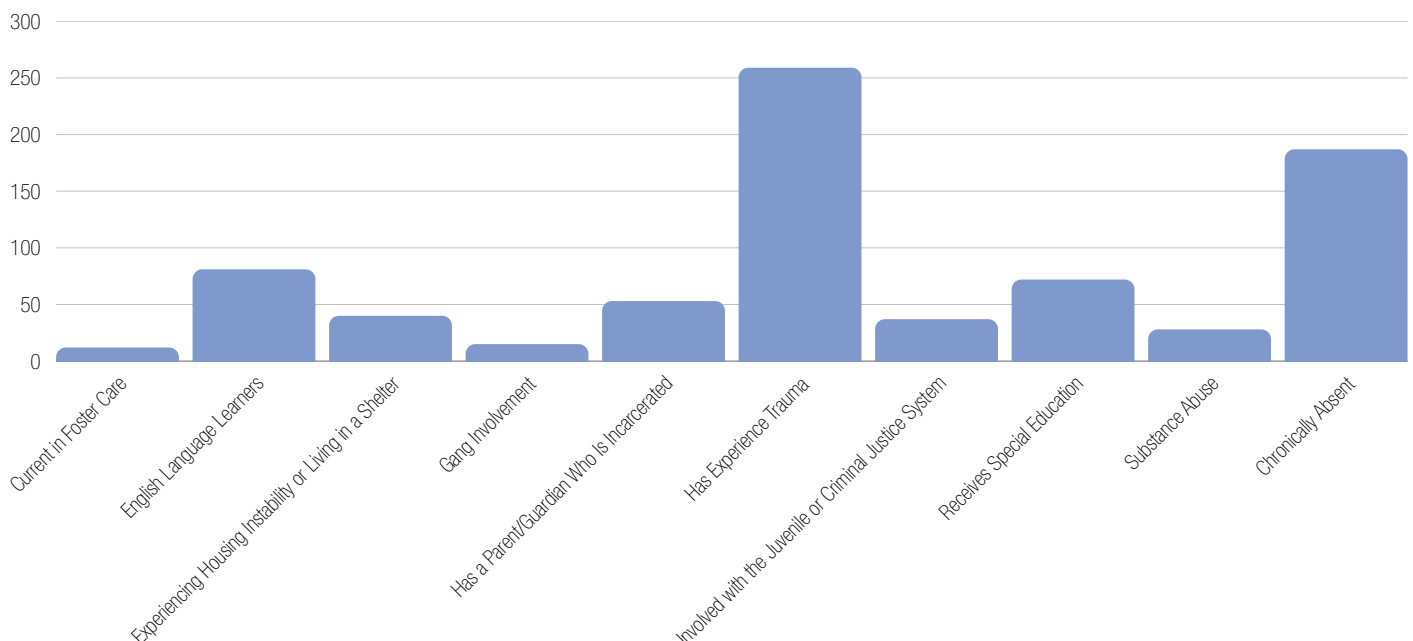
**Berney Elementary School
Green Park Elementary School
Sharpstein Elementary School
Garrison Middle School
Lincoln High School**

**Edison Elementary School
Prospect Point Elementary School
Center for Children & Families
Pioneer Middle School
Walla Walla High School**

Who We Serve

Student Demographic Attributes*

*Based on a total of 313 case-managed students



Walla Walla, College Place and Milton Freewater School Districts

TOGETHER WE'RE MAKING AN IMPACT IN THE BLUE MOUNTAIN REGION

A Proven Model to Change Lives

Communities In Schools of the Blue Mountain Region is one of more than 150 affiliates across the country working to change students' lives. When it comes to helping students succeed in school and life, we do whatever it takes and we never give up.

The CIS Model



- 1 Discover Needs:** Through conversations with teachers and students, alongside robust data analysis, CIS support coordinators identify the biggest challenges facing schools and individuals.
- 2 Plan Together:** CIS student support coordinators work with school administrators and educators to develop a plan that prioritizes the various academic and non-academic supports that meet students needs
- 3 Integrated Supports:** CIS student support coordinators work with school teams every day to integrate the supports identified in the planning process. That's how CIS becomes an integral part of a school community and student's lives.
- 4 Monitor, Evaluate, and Adjust:** CIS student support coordinators work with schools to continuously monitor student and school progress, using the data and feedback to optimize results. Continuous assessment of partners and student supports help us increase our impact.

Integrated Supports Model



Tier I Supports

Number of Hours: 5,319

\$ Value of Basic Needs Items Distributed: \$222,165.14

(Top Supports: Food and Clothing)

Tier II Supports

Number of Hours: 2,472

Highest Tier II Supports: Enrichment/Motivation, Basic Needs, Academic Assistance

Tier III Supports

Number of Hours: 2,999

Highest Tier III Supports: Case Management, Attendance Interventions/Modifications, Life/Social Skills

Integrated Student Support Services

Academic Assistance, Attendance, Basic Needs, Behavioral Interventions/Modifications, College and Career Preparation, Civic Engagement, Digital Equity, Enrichment/Motivation, Family Engagement, Life/Social Skills, Physical Health, Professional Mental Health

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Community Partners

We'd like to express our sincere appreciation for the community organizations that partnered with us throughout this academic year. Your commitment, contributions, and collaborative spirit have greatly enhanced the support we're able to provide to Communities In Schools of the Blue Mountain Region students and families.

21st CCLC	The Ballmer Foundation
AAUW	The Health Center
Akin	The Pantry Shelf of Walla Walla
Alice's Kids	Toyota
Amazon	Trilogy Recovery
America Reads America Counts	Trinity Baptist Church
Blue Mountain Action Council	United Way Elevate
Bras for Girls	US Bank
Burwood Brewery	Valley Vision
Camp Fire	Vision Source
Capco	W2 for Drug Free Youth
CARES team	Walla Walla Cares
Carnegie Picture Lab	Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival
Catholic Charities	Walla Walla Disability Network
Children's Reading Foundation	Walla Walla Farm to School
Christian Aid Center	Walla Walla Fire Department
Community Health Plan of Washington	Walla Walla Police Dept
Comprehensive Healthcare	Walla Walla Presbyterian Church
Costco	Walla Walla Public Library
Crazy Love Church of Walla Walla	Walla Walla Sweets Baseball
DCYF Family Voluntary Services	Walla Walla University
Friends of Children of Walla Walla	Whitman College
GESA Credit Union	Wildhorse Foundation
Life Church	Windermere Realtors
Lions Club of Walla Walla	WWCC Water & Environmental Center
Parent Teacher Associations	Yeehaw Aloha Thrift Store
Sherwood Trust	YMCA
SonBridge Better Living Center	YWCA
TC Energy	