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## **Communities In Schools to Host LGBTQIA+ Student Leadership Summit**

**(AUSTIN, TEXAS)** Communities In Schools of Central Texas (CIS) will host the LGBTQIA+ Student Leadership Summit on October 27, 2018 at Fulmore Middle School. The event is open to students of all ages (K-12), parents, family members, educators, and community members.

“The LGBTQIA+ Student Leadership Summit is an opportunity for everyone in the Austin community to learn about, grow in, and celebrate the broad spectrum of LGBTQIA+ identities together,” says Max Casero, CIS Faculty Support Specialist. “We have sessions planned for students of all ages, educators, parents and family members. Our goal is to deepen the understanding of the LGBTQIA+ experience, provide support and encouragement to young people, support networking and community building, and to educate attendees about efforts organizations and individuals are making to advance health, safety, fairness, and inclusion for the LGBTQIA+ community in Austin.”

### **LGBTQIA+ Student Leadership Summit**

Saturday, October 27

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Fulmore Middle School

201 E. Mary St., Austin, TX 78704

### **ABOUT COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS**

Communities In Schools works directly inside K-12 schools full time in partnership with teachers and administrators to address immediate student needs. Whether it is clean clothes, help with school work, or emotional support and counseling, CIS connects students to the relationships and resources they need to succeed.

When students are hungry, experiencing homelessness, or are preoccupied with concerns for an unemployed parent or violence at home, they can't learn. That means they're disengaged in the classroom themselves, and can be a distraction to their classmates. CIS ensures that students are connected to resources to help meet basic needs like food, shelter, counseling, and clothing. The result is dramatically reduced discipline referrals and more engagement in learning, for them and their peers, letting teachers teach, and improving outcomes for all students.

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. Last year, we served over 40,000 individuals in 66 schools with services ranging from mental health counseling to crisis intervention, basic needs assistance, mentoring, and academic intervention. Nearly 6,000 students received intensive case management. Of the children we serve, 99% stay in school and 88% improve their grades, attendance, or behavior.

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