

COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE | SUMMER 2020

Since campuses closed in March, Communities In Schools of Central Texas has provided substantial direct assistance for students and their families impacted by the pandemic. \$730,925 in assistance has been provided, including gift cards for food, hygiene items and medical expenses, bus and ride share passes, technology, and emergency housing. During the summer months, CIS continued to provide critical supports to meet the incredible, unprecedented need in our community.



VIRTUAL SUMMER CAMP

2,002 CIS students received customized Camp Capers activity kits, delivered to them at home. CIS staff guided students (and sometimes siblings and parents) through the activities via Zoom.

FAMILY CHECK-INS AND BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT

During the summer, **296 students and their families** were contacted to ensure they had support and that their basic needs were met. CIS staff made referrals to community resources, provided gift cards for groceries and medication, and provided transportation assistance.

CASE MANAGEMENT

400 of our case managed students who were identified as having significant mental health concerns received summer case management, including emotional support, and individual and group counseling sessions via Zoom.

SCHOOL RE-ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

During August, Communities In Schools staff conducted intensive outreach to re-engage students, provided virtual supports, in-person porch or home visits, and on-campus supports. Staff assisted families with school registration and enrollment.



MOVING FORWARD

Communities In Schools of Central Texas continues to adapt and innovate in order to meet the needs of our students and families, whether classes are virtual or in-person. We know that students will need to be re-engaged in school and learning, and the financial and emotional impact of this pandemic will continue to challenge students and their families.

Our plans for the upcoming school year include:

- Addressing trauma through emotional support and counseling
- Re-engaging students in learning
- Providing school supplies for students to use both on campus and for at-home learning
- Crisis support to fill in resource gaps and maintain family stability
- Home visits and providing basic needs items to families



"CIS has done a great job reaching out to our families in need while still providing their services from a distance to our students, and getting resources to families. CIS has been the true rockstars of our campus during this school closure." - Northeast Early College High School Administrator



"CIS was in constant contact with me and my child making sure we are okay. They were very kind and concerned for our well being. CIS provided community resources for all food banks, and a gift card to utilize at any store. We purchased groceries." - Bedichek Middle School parent



"During school closure CIS has been a great resource for students in need. They have given students and families monetary assistance on top of emotional assistance." - Lockhart Jr. High School faculty member

"CIS checked up on me every week to make sure I was OK and helped my family get the equipment that we needed to keep up with our school work." - Gateway DAEP student