





Family Liaison Grant - 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Narrative  
City of Renton Human Services

Communities In Schools of Renton's mission is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. CISR provides wrap around basic needs support for students and their families in order that students come to school ready to learn and succeed. Public school students who are at risk of academic failure are referred for services to CISR staff because in most cases, their families lack access to basic healthcare (e.g. dentist, maternity care), basic services (e.g. electricity, rent), resources (e.g. transportation, food, clothes, housing), opportunities (e.g. education, employment), and balance in their lives (e.g. single parent families, domestic violence).

Four Family Liaisons work in and serve 8 Renton elementary schools connecting families to the community services they need. The Family Liaisons also provide auxiliary services (school supplies, coats, etc.) to three other elementary schools.

The Family Liaison's case load in the 2010-2011 school year has grown in number and severity of need. Within weeks of school starting the Family Liaisons were serving as many homeless families as they did all of the previous year. During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011, the Family Liaisons served 268 Renton clients, which equates to 21 additional Renton residents, as compared to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter last year. We anticipate that this increase will be representative throughout the school year. It is important to note that the increase in number of people served correlates to the increase in homeless families we serve.

Even though the City has decreased our Annual Goals for this grant, we want the City to be fully aware of the number of Renton residents CISR serves in any given quarter so we are reporting the full number of Renton residents served. We are willing to provide other information about our work.