



Family Liaison Grant – 2nd Qtr 2011

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 basic community resources they need.

The 2nd quarter of the year is actually the end of the year for school programs. Because of this we are currently collecting and analyzing our year-end data. We collect both quantitative and qualitative information. Our qualitative data is compiled from an outcome-based end of year survey filled out by parents, students, and staff. Our Annual Outcomes Report will be available by the end of July. We also collect quantitative outputs that describe who participates in our programs, the impact of our work, and much more. This information is available upon request.

The Family Liaison's case load in the 2010-2011 school year has grown in number and severity of need. During the 2nd quarter of 2011, the Family Liaisons served 234 new unduplicated city clients, with 347 Renton students receiving family liaison services. For the school year 2010-2011, 614 city residents received 2 or more Family Liaison services, of which 601 were low income, 251 were single parent households and 267 were intensively-served. Also during this school year, 73 in-city homeless students and their families were provided basic need supports. In addition, over 3,600 students were provided one-time services.

Our services range from school supplies and coats for individual students, to connecting a family to a needed community resource, to finding food, clothing, and shelter for homeless families. Our staff partners with multiple community agencies and organizations to expand the services available to these students and families. The CISR Family Liaisons are the school district Homeless Advocates at eight schools. They are directly responsible to arrange and ensure transportation and other services for the homeless students and their families at each school.

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 always willing to provide other information about our work.