



# 2006 Annual Report

**Vision: All Harvey County Children Succeed in School and Life**

**Mission: Communities In Schools of Harvey County, Inc.** responds to identified needs and coordinates resources to help children and families thrive.

## **Board of Directors:**

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## **Advisory Council\***

Angie Reid            Chair  
Ken Grochowsky    Chair-Elect  
Jan Jones            Secretary

\*The Advisory Council is made up of 30+ human/health service representatives. Monthly discussions promote effective coordination of services.

## **Staff:**

Lynne M. Vigil, Executive Director  
Shana Schmidt, Program Coordinator,  
CIS Family Connection

## **Collaborators:**

- Harvey County Partnership/CIS Advisory Council\*
- Harvey County Special Education Cooperative
- Prairie View, Inc.
- Mirror, Inc./South Central Regional Prevention Center
- Peace Connections
- Bethel College
- Newton Recreation Commission
- Cooper Education Center
- USD 373 - Newton
- USD 460 - Hesston
- USD 439 - Sedgwick
- USD 369 - Burrton
- USD 440 - Halstead
- Harvey County Health Dept.
- Mid CAP Head Start
- Communities In Schools of KS
- CASA: A Voice for Children, Inc.
- KS Social & Rehabilitation Services
- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault (DVSA)
- Rachel Boden
- Heart to Heart Advocacy Center
- Lynnette Redington
- Hesston Library
- Sedgwick Senior Center
- KS Learning Center for Health
- Trinity Heights UMC Respite Care
- Cliff Kirk
- Health Ministries Clinic

**2006 CIS of Harvey County coordinated services in the amount of: \$134,704**  
**2006 Economic Impact of funds to Harvey County: \$942,928**

**Since 1998, CIS of Harvey County has coordinated services in the amount of \$3,338,548.**

## 2006 Funders to Communities In Schools of Harvey County:

9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
KS Social and Rehabilitation Services  
Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund  
Kansas Action for Children  
City of Sedgwick

Harvey County United Way  
USD 440- Halstead  
USD 369 – Burrton  
Greater Newton Community Foundation  
Newton Kiwanis

### Accomplishments:

#### Strengthening Collaboration

CIS of Harvey County's participation in the **Community Capacity Building** process, pilot county for the State collaboration model. CIS, as the local planning council, brings the key awareness of the vast social services we have and the techniques for communication and education we use with each other and families.

The CIS of Harvey County Board began implementation of the strategic plan based on the 2004 needs assessment results of the top three concerns for Harvey County families; **child care, multi-language and cultural education, and poverty.**

#### Early Intervention/Prevention Services

*Funded through KS Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund grant*

A collaborative effort of agencies serving children birth – age 6 and their families. Non-profit, education and faith-based organizations focus on the **reduction of child abuse and neglect** in Harvey County. Programs/Events include: 1) Kid Fest – annual countywide birth to age 8 family information event with over 300 participants and 30 exhibitors of family/social services, 2) Child Abuse Prevention Month Awareness/Advocacy partner, 3) Early Childhood intervention and interview services, 4) Fathering workshops.

#### CIS Family Connection

*Funded through Harvey County United Way, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Newton Kiwanis, KS SRS, and KS Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund.*

In 2006, CIS Family Connection **fulfilled many long-time goals.** Beginning in June, CIS Family Connection provided a **summer program** for children preparing to enter Kindergarten. With 10 children in attendance it was more challenging than expected, however was a great learning experience for all. In November, CIS Family Connection offered a **Parenting Class for Spanish speakers.** Though turn-out was not as hoped, the class is scheduled again for late March 2007. Lastly, CIS Family Connection began the process of becoming a proven effective program. Through change in evaluation process and becoming a **strengths-based focus**, 2007 will prove to be a year of growth for this program. **Parent Education classes** have been scheduled throughout the county for 2007.

CIS Family Connection continues to provide children and families of Harvey County with individualized support and consultation to help ensure our children enter school with the social-emotional skills needed for success!

#### Kansas Action for Children Report

CIS of Harvey County participated in our 5th year of the KAC's Report. To review the entire report, go to [www.kac.org](http://www.kac.org) under Publications & Data/ CLIKS.

### FUTURE DIRECTION for Communities In Schools of Harvey County

- CIS will assist in raising awareness of drug abuse, poverty and cultural issues
- CIS will establish a formalized service delivery link with Harvey County schools
- CIS will serve as a partner in the development of an Early Childhood Resource Center.
- Increase awareness of CIS in Harvey County
- Leverage financial support from public and private sources for program operations

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