



## **2008 Funders of Communities In Schools of Harvey County:**

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Administration (SAMHSA)  
Wichita State University  
Kansas Action for Children

## **Accomplishments:**

### **Drug-Free Youth Coalition** (Funded via SAMHSA Drug Free Communities Support Grant)

The coalition has **identified risk and protective factors** we, as a communities, schools, families and individuals, can work to change to improve the lives of our youth. The factors to change are: Parental Attitudes Favorable to Problem Behavior, Academic Failure, Community Disorganization, Youth Attitudes Favorable to Problem Behaviors, Family Bonding, and Community Opportunities for Involvement. The coalition's Community Action Plan includes **changing policies** for those who are arrested with drugs and/or alcohol, **increasing family bonding** with the *Strengthening Families Program for Parents and Youth ages 10-14* and their parents, **assisting schools** with bullying thru the *LifeSkills* curriculum and social norms campaigns, and **engaging community members** in recognizing the potential of our youth. We are working toward the goal of reducing the risks our kids are facing related to alcohol and substance abuse. To join the coalition's efforts, contact Lynnette Redington, Drug-Free Youth Coalition Coordinator.

### **Early Intervention/Child Abuse Prevention Services**

(Funded via KS Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund)

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 included: 1) Kid Fest – annual countywide birth to age 8 family information event with over 300 participants and 32 exhibitors of family/social services, 2) Child Abuse Prevention Month Awareness partner, 3) Early Childhood intervention/interview services.

### **CIS Family Connection** (Funded via Harvey County United Way, 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Newton Kiwanis, KS SRS, and KS Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund, KS Health Foundation, course fees.)

Over the last nine years, **407 children have received direct services** through *CIS Family Connection*: Behavior Intervention Services. The average **improvement of behaviors** for children who successfully complete the program continues to be in the thirty percent range (**32% overall**). **Ten Steps to Positive Parenting** classes has seen significant increases in participation. Last year six classes were held with **109 parents** attending. Childcare is provided free of charge thanks to our funders. We are looking to expand services in 2008-09 with funding from the KS Children's Cabinet & Trust Fund Early Childhood Block Grant.

### **Kansas Action for Children Report**

CIS of Harvey County participated in our 7th year of the KAC's KIDS COUNT Report. To review the entire report, go to [www.kac.org](http://www.kac.org), go to Know the Facts, scroll to Kansas KIDS COUNT Project, County Fact Sheets.

## **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 by implementing our Site services
- ★ Increase awareness of CIS in Harvey County
- ★ Leverage financial support from public and private sources for operations



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