

Project Abstract: Full-Service Community Schools Program (FSCS)

Applicant Name: Communities in Schools of Georgia

Project Title: Georgia ACRES Project: Activating Communities for Rural Education Success

Absolute Priority the Project Addresses: (select all that apply)

Absolute Priority 1 Absolute Priority 2 Absolute Priority 4

Competitive Preference Priorities the Project Addresses: (select all that apply)

Competitive Preference Priority 1 Competitive Preference Priority 2

Total number local educational agencies (LEAs) to be served by the project: 7

Total number of schools to be served by the project: 15

Total estimated number of students to be served by the project: 32,105

Brief description of proposed project: The ACRES Project is a comprehensive plan to fully implement all pillars of the FSCS model, with local CIS affiliates as local lead partner and full-time site coordinators in each school, to significantly transform rural educational opportunities in 6 counties across the state and serve as a model for other Georgia LEAs. The following goals and outcomes will be achieved: 1) improved academic performance, 2) increased social/-emotional learning and life skills, 3) improved physical and mental health, 4) increased graduation rates, 5) improved partnerships between schools and families, 6) increased family involvement in education, and 7) increased family connections to community resources.

Proposed locations of implementation: Georgia: Ben Hill County; Berrien County; Candler County; Laurens County; Troup County; Twiggs County

List all LEAs that will be partnering with this project: All RLIS: Candler County School District; Berrien County School District; Dublin City School District; Troup County School District; Twiggs County School District; Ben Hill County School District; Laurens County School District

List all non-LEA organizations partnering with this project: Ben Hill County Family Connection, Dorminy Medical Center, Fitzgerald Ben Hill County Library, Fitzgerald High School College & Career Academy, Fitzgerald Housing Authority, Fitzgerald Tourism, Arts & Cultural, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Chamber of Commerce, Monitor Enrichment Center, Street Smart Youth Project Inc., Wal-Mart Supercenter #686, 21st Century Grant, Program in Berrien County Schools, Berrien Chamber of Commerce, Berrien County Commissioners, Berrien County Nashville Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America, CASA Program, City of Nashville, D.A.D.S. Organization, Perry Memorial Library, South Georgia Medical Center, Berrien Campus, City of Metter, Family Connection, Dublin Housing Authority, Laurens County Family Connection, Oconee Regional Library System, AmeriGroup, Circles of Troup County, Communities of Tomorrow, Get Troup Reading, Goodwill Industries, Kia Georgia, LaGrange Housing Authority, Rosemont Baptist Church, Salvation Army, Troup County Family Connections, United Way of West Georgia, and Twiggs County Family Connection