Clay County is one of eight West Virginia school districts chosen by the West Virginia Department of Education to pilot the <u>Communities in Schools</u> (CIS) model in each of its schools, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year. CIS works inside school systems with superintendents, principals, educators, and other personnel, to forge community partnerships that bring resources into schools and help remove barriers to student learning. Each school in Clay County will have a CIS Facilitator on-site who will work with school staff to identify student needs and coordinate efforts to meet these needs through the development of community partnerships. <u>Communities in Schools</u> is the nation's leading dropout prevention organization, helping kids stay in school and prepare for life.

