

Clay County is one of eight West Virginia school districts chosen by the West Virginia Department of Education to pilot the [Communities in Schools](#) (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. [Communities in Schools](#) is the nation's leading dropout prevention organization, helping kids stay in school and prepare for life.

Clay County Schools is proud to implement the CIS program because we believe every student should have the support of a caring adult. See what we are doing by selecting [CIS is Making a Difference](#).

#### CIS Facilitators:

- Big Otter Elementary School – Patrick Shepherd
- Clay Elementary School – Marlene Lewis and Jesse Stephenson
- Clay Middle School – Kasey Brown and Joe Dawson
- Clay High School – Lisa Arnold and Greg Knopp



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