

CIS 201

Breakout Sessions Overview

Below are brief descriptions of the breakout sessions being offered where participants can gain greater insights on our program services, learn how programs are funded, and how we build partnerships to make a greater collective impact. Participants may select two fifteen-minute sessions.

Increasing Access to Mental Health Services

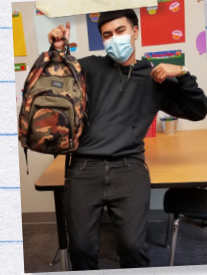
Facilitator: Kimberly Sayers, MA, LPC-S, *Clinical Project Director*

CIS-SA has a team of Clinical Caseworkers dedicated specifically to tackling our students' mental health needs. Many CIS-SA students do not have access to a mental health professional and CIS-SA is one of the few mental health providers allowed on a school campus to provide services. Our team of Licensed Professional Counselors, or LPCs, are positioned to provide short-term intensive counseling on campus to students in need, free of charge. Learn how we are expanding access to mental health services within our community.

Ideal for education partners and anyone interested in mental health.



Kim Sayers



Developing Future-Ready Students

Facilitator: Leslie Fink, *Palo Alto College Site Coordinator*
Verenise Nieto-Flores, *Graduation Coach*

CIS-SA helps students develop future-ready skills by facilitating career focused groups/activities, connecting them with corporate and community mentors, offering graduation coaching, and placing a transition coordinator on a college campus. Learn how equipping students with future-ready skills, helps them understand their place in the world, so they are better prepared for post-secondary success.

Ideal for education partners and anyone interested in college and workforce development.



Leslie Fink



Verenise Nieto-Flores

Going Beyond School Walls — A Look At Non-Traditional CIS Services

Facilitator: Monica Silva, *Director of Field Programs and Operations*

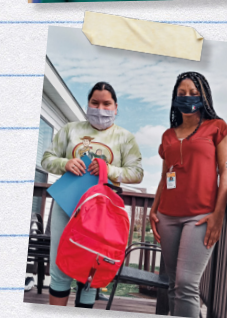
While Site Coordinators traditionally work full time in K – 12 schools, we offer several programs that support students outside of the school setting. Our intentional placement of resources and staff help eliminate systemic barriers to success. In this session, participants will learn how we...

- Unite systems for our student's success
- Connect students experiencing homeless to local schools
- Serve as Life Coaches to "opportunity youth" and re-engage individuals ages 16 – 24 who are not in school or in the workforce

Ideal for government officials, anyone interested in criminal justice, homelessness.



Monica Silva



Launching Students Towards STEM Pathways

Facilitator: Natasha Wilkerson, *STEM Director*

Communities In Schools of San Antonio TEKS-aligned STEM curriculum includes career connections, real-world application and incorporates family engagement. In addition to providing campus-based services, CIS-SA offers professional development for both classroom and informal educators to engage youth in STEM pathways through quality STEM experiences. Learn how CIS-SA integrates STEM programs in schools across San Antonio and beyond.

Ideal for education partners, corporate partners, and anyone interested in STEM.



Natasha Wilkerson

Building Community Through Collaboration, Training, and Partnerships

Facilitator: Lauren Geraghty, *Chief Strategy Officer*

CIS-SA aims to weave the community's already existing resources together into a safety net that responds to each child holistically, creates a safer school environment and allows educators to teach at full capacity. During this session, participants will learn how our services and strategies align with city and community-wide initiatives which helps improve school culture and student outcomes.

Ideal for foundations, corporate partners and anyone interested in collaborative community efforts.



Lauren Geraghty



Leveraging the Private and Public Sectors to Fund Our Work

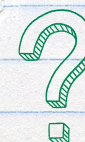
Facilitator: Melissa Kazen, *Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

Participants will learn how our cost-effective model helps us achieve positive outcomes by drilling down into the CIS model from the financial side. We will explore the many sources that fund our work and demonstrate the positive return on investment not only to the financial stakeholder but to the community as a whole.

Ideal for government officials, foundations, and donors.



Melissa Kazen



Have questions?

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