





# Communities In Schools

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## Renton

March 2011

### First Quarter Narrative Report on the Mentor Program

The Mentoring Program is in full gear for the 2010-2011 School Year. Every month we have an all staff meeting where all current Mentor/Mentee Match Paperwork and changes are updated and paperwork is delivered from the schools to the Mentor Program Manager. During the months of January, February and March the Mentor Program focuses recruitment, on-site orientations, Mentor Recognition events and various community events. Orientations, trainings and placement of new returning from leave mentors continue until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May. As of March 30<sup>th</sup> 151 kids have been served by a CISR Mentor.

We have hosted a minimum of two Mentor Orientations and Trainings per month. We have monthly Mentor Meetings that provide continued support and education for our current Mentors. Our Americorps VISTA volunteer has taken over the monthly Mentor Meetings this year. They will continue to involve the greater Renton Community; I.E.

1. Seattle Police Department provided our Mentors with a very informative Mentor Meeting on Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety.
2. CISR promotional 'blurbs' to Diana Kramer, Publisher of Renton Magazine/Puget Sound Publishing, Renton Patch and Renton Reporter.
3. CISR is partnering with Communities In Schools of Federal Way to begin a Pen Pal Program where mentoring pairs from both organizations can be connected by mail to promote student writing and sharing of life experiences.

Our collaboration with South King County Mentoring Coalition continues to be a great outreach, learning and marketing tool. As a group we had a Mentor Recruitment Campaign and awareness event at ShoWare Center on January 30th. The group is focusing on marketing and recruitment along with networking and mentor education opportunities.