Join Our Community Partnership

The Hillcrest Community School Initiative (HCSI) is a dynamic collaboration that draws on the unique gifts and resources inherent in the Peekskill community. There are many opportunities within this partnership for community businesses, residents, houses of worship, local coalitions and other stakeholders to join in our effort to support the academic and social success of all our students, by donating their time, energy, vision and talents.

If you are interested in making a difference in the lives of our students, and in building a stronger Peekskill community, either by helping to create after-school programming, tutoring, becoming a mentor to a child, sponsoring a family in need, donating your services, or to make an in-kind donation, the HCSI Governing Council would be honored to have you join our community partnership.

To find out more about the Hillcrest Community School Initiative, or to become an HCSI Community Partner, please contact Phyllis Elliott, Project Director, at 914.739.4725, or by email: pelliott@familytieswestchester.org

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**The Hillcrest Community School Initiative (HCSI):**

The HCSI is a three year NY State funded grant opportunity designed to coordinate and maximize school district, non-profit and private resources to deliver social supports and services to students and their families, in order to increase student achievement and generate other positive life outcomes.

**Family Resource Center:**
A comfortable, caring environment with a bi-cultural, bilingual staff, where parents can access information, support and individualized advocacy services to ensure the success of their children and families. Services include:
- “Second Cup of Coffee” groups
- “Nurturing parenting” classes
- “Wraparound” services

**After-School Programming:**
- Literacy and homework help
- Positive youth development
- Arts and creativity

**Health Services:**
- Connection to a medical home
- Dental screenings
- Immunizations
- Insurance registration

**Mental Health Services:**
- On-site mental health clinic

**Staff Training:**
School staff will be trained in the implementation of research-based strategies to enhance school culture and community, and develop collaborative problem-solving skills. Trainings include:
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
- Sanctuary model
- Undoing Racism
- Wraparound—Child and Family Team meetings

“**You must be the change you wish to see in the world “** - Mahatma Gandhi