

Communities in Schools of Transylvania County, Inc.

Project CHAMP: Children and Mentors Program targets high risk youth in high poverty families with low educational attainment issues. Nearly 25% of Transylvania County youth who start high school do not graduate in four years (2007 data). Trained mentors provide career exploration related to math and science, as well as learn hands-on science-based activities they can use to engage their mentees. The project also includes family engagement activities. Project developed in response to expressed need from several areas of the community for programs addressing youth issues as part of community-wide strategic plan to help deter school dropouts, drug use and peer violence.