

CS²'s Core Elements

CS² Community-School Entrepreneurs

CS² provides funding and technical assistance to sustain a team of seasoned professionals, who act as change catalysts, situated in each participating CS² community. These professionals are known as “community-school Entrepreneurs” and are charged with:

Program Innovation

CS² Entrepreneurs envision and create innovative approaches to expand and transform educational services and programming.

Resource Cultivation

CS² Entrepreneurs map, harness, and build upon the assets in a community and identify opportunities for investing in school-community partnerships.

Partnership Development

CS² Entrepreneurs facilitate community conversations and strategic planning pertaining to key educational and workforce development issues facing young people.

Network Building

CS² Entrepreneurs foster critical connections between multiple stakeholders to create systemic change in schools and the larger community.

Best Practice Incubation

With the technical assistance and professional development offered by Commonwealth Corporation staff, CS² Entrepreneurs share and replicate promising practices across the Commonwealth around dropout prevention and career-focused programming options for youth.

Commonwealth Corporation is committed to supporting CS²'s Network of Entrepreneurs as they strive to develop partnerships and initiatives that are:

- **Research-based**
- **Resiliency-focused**
- **Culturally Responsive**



Fitchburg High School Student Applying 21st Century Skills through a CS² “Work and Learning” Initiative