



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Little Moments. Big Magic.™

Quickfacts

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Mission

is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters Vision

is successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to brighter futures, better schools, and stronger communities for all.

Be part of something BIG!

Just by being there, our mentors (Bigs) help children (Littles) build the confidence they need to deal with everyday challenges. Through simple friendship, Littles discover a world of possibilities and opportunities.

Community-Based Mentoring

Bigs spend one-to-one time with their Little two to four times a month doing activities in the community. *Go for an ice cream, go to a museum, see a movie...just have fun.*

School-Based Mentoring

Bigs visit their Little once a week at his/her school. *Read or do homework at the library, hang out during lunchtime, shoot some hoops on the playground...just be there to encourage.*

High School Bigs Mentoring

A slightly different spin on the school-based mentoring. High School students are matched with students from a nearby elementary school, and they spend time together weekly.

Adventure Mentoring

Bigs go on structured monthly adventures with their Little and other program participants. *Learn how to rock climb, go for a hike, check out a scuba diving demonstration...just enjoy the great outdoors together.*

Little Moments. Big Magic.

Each of us remembers the person, other than our parents, who brought a little magic into our lives. A caring adult sharing everyday experiences with a child: it is so simple. It is the core premise on which we were built. Our simple formula has been making magic and changing lives for 100 years. Our mission is to put hope in a child's future by putting a friend in a child's life

Who is Big Brothers Big Sisters?

Our name, our people, our Littles and Bigs—together they form a rich history lighting the way to a brighter future, with each playing a key role in part of something Big.

Our mission is supported by so many—by parents and guardians who put their trust in us as they place their children in our program...by teachers who identify potential Littles...by educators who value our involvement...by Bigs who give their time and energy...by our staff who creates and supports these relationships... by our board members and leaders who help pave the way for accomplishments...and by our donors whose generosity helps us serve more children.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso

1724 Wyoming

El Paso, TX 79902

Tel. (915) 544-4203 Fax: (915) 544-4368

www.bbbsfep.org





Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso



Big Brothers Big Sisters facilities change in at-risk youth beyond the reach of conventional programs, bridging the gap from school to the home.

Through evidence-based programming, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes a positive difference in the lives of at-risk youth by improving self-esteem, expanding awareness of life's opportunities, and providing guidance and support through one-to-one mentoring with responsible, caring volunteers. Through role modeling, guidance and friendship, our volunteers help enrich the lives of children. In BBBS' quest to provide exemplary mentoring services, our organization is considered a model program in prevention by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the National Institute of Justice, and the Center for Disease Control. Our organization is also considered a model program in substance abuse prevention by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Office of National Drug Control Policy.



BENEFITS:

Independent research concluded that children enrolled as Little Brothers and Little Sisters were:

- 52% less likely to skip school;
- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs;
- 37% less likely to skip class;
- 33% likely to resort to hitting someone;
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol.

Teachers reported the following improvements in children enrolled in the BBBS School-Based Program:

- 64% of students developed more positive attitudes towards school;
- 64% developed high levels of self-confidence;
- 62% were more likely to trust their teachers; and, students were less likely to repeat a grade.
- 60% improved their relationships with adults;
- 58% achieved higher grades in social studies, languages, and math;
- 56% improved their relationships with peers.

In partnerships with school districts, the BBBS Program offers the following benefits to our schools and communities:

- Results in demonstrable, scientifically proven gains in academics and social skills for children;
- Connects parents with valuable community resources and act as a liaison between school and home,
- In school districts where high school students mentor younger children, the service experience improves the odds that the older student will avoid high-risk behaviors.

FUNDING:

BBBS/School District partnerships have been funded through the following sources:

- Title I Dollars
- TEA (EPISD led \$40,000 grant, past EPISD grant \$70,000)
- Demonstrative Cooperative Grant Partnership (BBBS led \$57,000 Criminal Justice Grant, BBBS led \$197,000 DOE grant, CISD led \$70,000 DOE grant, CISD led \$100,000 HHS grant pending)





Big Brothers Big Sisters

Little Moments. Big Magic.™

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

Think back to when you were a kid. Who was the person, other than a parent, who brought a little magic into your life, just by being there?

By becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister, you can be that person in the life of a child.

And you will build treasured memories through a friendship that will change your life, and a child's, forever.



Don't miss the bus!

The 'big difference' is real

A Big Brother or Big Sister can open a world of possibilities and opportunities for a young person simply by being a genuine friend. Our Bigs consistently say that they get even more out of their friendship than the Littles. That's amazing considering our Littles have improved grades, better relationships and are less likely to use drugs and alcohol.

Big Brothers Big Sisters in Schools

As a school-based mentor you can provide a child at your school with one-to-one time and attention on campus only, typically once a week, for about 20-30 minutes, during the academic year. As your friendship evolves, you and your mentee will discover ways to make school and learning fun.

How do I get started?

It's easy, fun, and brings magic into both lives.

To become a School-Based Mentor contact

Big Brothers Big Sisters
1724 Wyoming
El Paso, TX 79902
(915) 544-4203
www.bbbsofep.org

