

Big Brothers Big Sisters & Connecting the Dots



What is the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program?

The program matches Bigs (adult mentors) with Littles (mentees) to develop a friendship and to provide a positive role model. Through a partnership with Connecting the Dots, mentors and mentees will meet to engage in activities such as relationship building, developing resiliency, making healthy choices, encouraging self-esteem, developing a positive view of future and, of course, have fun!

What is a “Big”?

A “Big” is the term that Big Brothers Big Sisters uses to describe its mentors. Big Brothers and Big Sisters are adult volunteers from the community who volunteer their time.

Who are the foster care youth?

The foster care youth who will be a part of the Connecting the Dots program are juniors in high school. They'll be 16 or 17 years old when paired with a Big Brother or Big Sister.

What are the steps to get a Big Brother or a Big Sister?

Step One: Complete the Application

An individual with the Connecting the Dots partnership can provide you with an application to become a part of the program.

Step Two: In-Person Interview

A Big Brothers Big Sisters staff member will interview the teen and their parent/guardian to learn more about their interests, expectations, preferences, needs, etc. At the in-person interview, we will learn valuable information to help us make the most appropriate match.

Step Three: Get Matched

When BBBS finds a mentor we think will be a great fit, we will arrange a match meeting to be sure the mentor and mentee are compatible.

What are the Connecting the Dots Goals?

- Dramatically improve education, employment, and earnings outcomes
- Better support the transition of foster youths to adulthood and independence
- Prevent/Reduce the incidence of early pregnancy

How long is the commitment?

We require a 24-month commitment from both Bigs and Littles involved in this program, and ask the matches to meet at least 3-4 times a month. We encourage and hope you build a life-long friendship.

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