

Dear Parents, Could



It all starts with the right role models, and Big Brothers Big Sisters is the place to start a relationship with one. We recruit, screen, train, match, and support mentoring relationships for hundreds of children across McHenry County—one Little at a time.

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A Big Brothers Big Sisters National Study found that kids matched with a mentor:

Are more
CONFIDENT

Do better
in **SCHOOL**

Feel better
about
THEMSELVES

Are more likely
to steer clear
of drugs &
alcohol

Get along
better with
family &
friends

REA



to **ENROLL**



Big Brothers Big Sisters enrolls youth ages 6 – 14 years, primarily from single parent households, facing adversity in the home. All of the children in our programs could benefit from having an additional positive role model in their lives.

Bigs spend time with their Littles on a regular basis doing free, or low-cost activities together. Bigs and Littles can go fishing, bake cookies, attend a community event, or go to lunch.

Through simple friendship, Bigs act as a friend, mentor, and positive role model for your child.

Call our office: 815 - 385 - 3855

Community Based Client

The following guidelines are used to determine your child's eligibility to be accepted into the Community Based Program. However, further evaluation to determine eligibility will be completed by a case manager during the in-home interview, as well as gathering additional information from the child's school or therapist/counselor when appropriate.

1. The child must be between the ages of 6 and 14 and must be a resident of McHenry County. Children matched before their 15th birthday may continue in the program until the age of 18 or graduation from high school.
2. Typically, children in the CB program come from one parent households, or households with unique circumstances. These children are facing adversity and would benefit from a mentor figure.
3. The child must be available to meet with their mentor on a consistent basis for a minimum of 18 months.
4. The child must not have physical or mental health issues that are beyond the capabilities of our mentors.
5. The child or family members must not exhibit any behaviors that would put a mentor or case manager at risk.
6. The legal guardian and child must be agreeable to the child's participation in the program. If the child has contact with another parent living outside the home, that parent must be informed and supportive of their child's participation.
7. The parent and child understand the program and they have agreed to participate and follow agency guidelines.

