

THE POWER OF MENTORING



UNLOCK THEIR POTENTIAL

All children have potential, but not everyone recognizes it. At Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois, we do. We are committed to unlocking your child's potential.

WHO ARE WE?

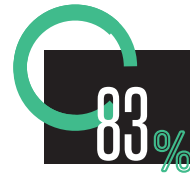
Since 1980, we have been igniting children's potential through 1:1 mentorship in Clinton, Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties. Our evidence-based mentoring program is proven to keep kids in school, out of trouble and on the path to post-graduate success.



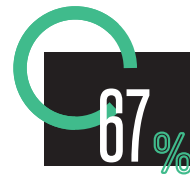
of children have **improved attitudes** towards risk taking behaviors such as bullying, substance use and illegal activity



of children **graduated high school**, have **higher grades**, and **higher aspirations**



of children have a **more positive connection** to adults and authority figures



of children have had an improvement in their ability to **regulate negative emotions**



100% free to the families we serve



Affiliate of the largest, oldest and most respected mentoring organization in the United States



Create strong and enduring professionally supported 1:1 relationships



Average match length 2-3 years

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

Requirements for Children:

- >>Girls 6 - 14 years old; Boys 7 - 14 years old
- >>Live in Clinton, Madison, Monroe or St. Clair county
- >>A willingness and ability to develop a long-term friendship of at least one year
- >>Consistently meeting with their Big for 4-12 hours per month

Requirements for Parents and Guardians:

- >>Complete the Enrollment Process that includes:
 - Orientation call
 - Completed application
 - Parent and Child Interview
 - Parent and Child Training
- >>Complete a match support call every month
- >>Develop a partnership with the Big
- >>Maintain ongoing communication with the Big Brothers Big Sisters staff

GETTING STARTED IS EASY

1. **Fill out the form** at www.bbbsil.org/getabig
2. **Complete a full application**, interview and pre-match training
3. Once approved, we **match your child with an adult in the community** based on proximity, preferences, and interests



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