

FAQs for Parents & Guardians



Who are the children in the program?

Littles and their families are from all walks of life. They are between the ages of 7-17. Some live with risk factors such as single parent homes, poverty, abuse or parental incarceration. Others simply have a need for some one-to-one attention.

Who are the Bigs?

Our Bigs are either adults of at least 18 years of age or high school students depending on the program. They come from different backgrounds and professions.

How do I know my child will get along with a Big?

We match Bigs and Littles based on common interests, personalities, and geography in an effort to create the best match possible.

What is the screening process for Bigs?

All Bigs undergo an extensive screening process including a written application, a criminal background and reference check, an in-person interview and an orientation and training process. Once a child is matched, a Program Manager will contact you or your child on a regular basis to review your child's match, answer questions, receive your input and offer guidance.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost for a child to participate in the program.

Will BBBSSM continue to be involved once the match is made?

Absolutely! Behind the scenes, a team of experts - the Program Managers - will monitor the match and encourage the Big to be the best mentor they can for your child.