



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Dane County

Community Based Program: **Individual Match**

The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Volunteer to be a Big Brother or Big Sister. Big Brothers and Big Sisters meet with a child one-to-one 3 to 4 times a month and choose activities to do together.

Play sports. Go on a hike. Read books. Try a pizza with extra anchovies. Or, just give some advice and inspiration. Whatever it is you enjoy, odds are you'll enjoy them more with your Little—and you'll be making a life-changing impact.



Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is one of the most enjoyable things you will ever do. Not to mention, one of the most fulfilling. You can help shape a child's future for the better by empowering them to achieve success in life. And the best part is, it's actually a lot of fun. You and your Little can share in the kinds of activities you already like to do while developing a relationship with your Little that strengthens their confidence and aspirations.

Through the consistent individual support and guidance you provide your Little, plus assistance from a professionally trained Match Support Specialist, you can have a lasting, positive impact on the life of a child in your community.





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Start Something Big...

Becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister is One of the Most Rewarding and Enjoyable Things You Will Ever Do.

Eligibility for Community Based Program:

- A willingness to make a BIG difference in the life of a child!
 - Ability to get together 3-4 times per month with a child.
 - Commit to being matched for a minimum of 2 years.
 - Have a valid driver's license and an insured vehicle.
 - Be at least 18 years old.
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Application Process:

1. Apply: The application is available on our website and asks for general information about you in addition to contact information for three references. It also gives us permission to conduct a background check.

2. Interview/Orientation: During this 60-minute confidential meeting with an Enrollment Match Specialist, we will ask you to share background information and describe the activities that you enjoy. This helps us identify a Little Brother or Little Sister who will be a good match for you. Separately, you will take part in a 1.5 hour group orientation with other new volunteers to learn more about what being a Big is like so you feel prepared to begin your journey as a mentor.

3. Meet Your Little: The Enrollment and Match Specialist will tell you about a potential Little to get your approval prior to the match. You will have the opportunity to ask questions about your potential Little. Once you are approved, we will introduce you to your Little and his/her parent at the child's home. Once the Match is made, a Big Brothers Big Sisters Match Support Specialist will be there to answer any questions and coach you as you develop a relationship with your new Little.

To learn more or apply to be an Individual Match,
please call
608-661-5437 or visit our website at
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