



Big Brothers Big Sisters

Little Moments. Big Magic.™

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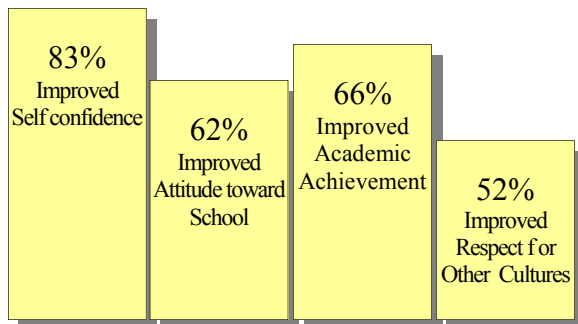
Big Brothers Big Sisters is the **ONLY** Best Practice prevention and positive youth development program in Alaska proven to impact a broad spectrum of risk factors (i.e. delinquency, alcohol, tobacco and drug use, teen pregnancy, school drop out) while simultaneously helping children reach their highest potential, helping them develop the assets they need to succeed in school and in life. As such, the return on investment is higher across the board than dollars invested in single issue prevention programs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Big Results for Alaska Kids

In recent years, funding cuts to many federal and state programs impacting youth have taken effect. As a result, Big Brothers Big Sisters throughout Alaska is serving more and more of the children who can most benefit from having extra positive adult support in their lives. Since the late 1990's, BBBS has seen dramatic changes in the population of children we serve, yet we continue to see enormous impact on individual lives, on entire classrooms and in the schools and communities where we provide mentoring.

In 2005, children mentored in Alaska by BBBS volunteers increased their grade point average and improved school attendance

BBBS Mentoring Program Outcomes (2007 results):
as reported by Alaska parents, teachers and volunteers



At a Glance (2008)

Children Served:	1576
Children Waiting:	202
Schools Served:	83
Communities Served:	35

5-year Long Range Plan Developed by BBBS Board of Directors January, 2006

Target Year	Matches Served
2000	660
2006	1592
2007	1800
2008	1576

Planned growth

2009	1700
2010	1900

Programming That Meets the Needs of Alaska's Kids

A sampling of one-to one mentoring programs Big Brothers Big Sisters operates locally reaching out to children all across the state include:

- **School-based Mentoring:** By mentoring children referred by their teachers we are able to reach those whose parents may not otherwise enroll them in a community-based program. Research shows that these children return to the classroom better prepared to learn, more confident, and have improved attendance and academic achievement. Teachers tell us that EVERY child in the classroom benefits when some children are mentored since more time is spent teaching and less time spent on behavioral issues.
- **Mentoring Children of Prisoners:** We reach out to children who have a parent in prison. A referral network with law enforcement, the courts and social services insures that we are locating and serving this high-risk group of children.
- **Rural Mentoring Project** Rural and Native Alaskan communities have embraced the potential offered by BBBSAK mentoring as a means to reconnect youth to elders, and to involve more adults in positive youth development. These communities recognize that mentoring mirrors important cultural values and encourages a sense of pride and self-worth. When more children and communities are involved, a renaissance of traditional values occurs, reconnecting Bigs and Littles to their own cultural heritage in ways that positively impact entire villages.

Big Brothers Big Sisters Little Moments - Big Magic - Huge Impact ! in these Alaska Communities

Allakaket	Huslia	Nulato
Anchorage	Juneau	Palmer
Bethel	Kaltag	Ruby
Chevak	Ketchikan	Seward
Delta Junction	Klukwan	Sitka
Dillingham	Koyukuk	Skagway
Eagle River	Manley Hot Springs	Tanacross
Fairbanks	Minto	Tetlin
Galena	Napaskiak	Tok
Haines	Nenana	Valdez
Homer	Nome	Wasilla
Hoonah	North Pole	Yakutat
Hughes	Northway	

Where does the money go?

Matches here cost an average of \$1800 per match

Approximately \$1800 per match per year for:

- Recruitment
- Volunteer Enrollment
interview, back ground checks, references, home assessment
- Child Enrollment
parent, child interview and assessment
- Orientation and Training
- Match Support
on-going coaching & support from professional Case Managers
- Regular Match Assessment & Evaluations

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