



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
Southeastern Pennsylvania

**COLLEGE “BIGS” PROGRAM**

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern Pennsylvania (BBBS SEPA)**

*Where Learning Goes Beyond Books into Learning to Make a Difference*

**College Bigs Program History**

In 2002, we began working with the Fox Leadership Program at the University of Pennsylvania to give children a firsthand look at higher education, and to offer college students a way to give back. From 2002 to 2006, we brought the University of Pennsylvania College Bigs program model to five more colleges. **For the 2007-2008 school-year, our goal is to increase each program by 20%.**

**Program Overview by Institution**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Matches '03-'04</b>	<b>Matches '04-'05</b>	<b>Matches '05-'06</b>	<b>Matches '06-'07</b>	<b>Partnership Length in Years</b>
University of Pennsylvania	72	142	206	353	5
Temple University	39	60	77	115	4
Widener University	0	22	61	72	4
LaSalle University	21	18	49	79	4
West Chester University	21	18	20	24	5
Swarthmore College	-	-	-	6	2
<b>Total Children Matched</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>649</b>	

**About the Program**

Our College Bigs Programs match college students with local elementary and middle school students in one-to-one mentoring relationships. The mentors (“Bigs”) and their mentees (“Littles”) spend two to four hours together each month on campus or in the Little’s school. The college students build relationships with their Littles who cherish their attention and the exposure to one more educational milestone. Our Match Support Specialists provide professional support for Bigs and Littles, anytime, anywhere.

**BBBS Mentoring Has a Proven Impact**

- Children with a Big Brother or Big Sister are 52% less likely to skip school.
- Children with a Big Brother or Big Sister are 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs.
- Children with a Big Brother or Big Sister are more likely to get along with their families and peers.

**About BBBS SEPA**

BBBS SEPA is dedicated to improving the lives of children and strengthening communities through professional-supported, one-to-one mentoring relationships. With 2900 children served (in all programs) in 2006, we have more than doubled the number of children we reach since 2002, and we are poised for continued growth over the next years. Four regional offices and 60 professionals make BBBS SEPA the leading one-to-one youth mentoring organization in the region.