



Big Brothers Big Sisters. OF SOUTHWEST COLORADO

Inquiry and Orientation

Big Brothers Big Sisters serves young people from age six through young adulthood in one-to-one mentoring relationships. Bigs and Littles hang out 2-4 times a month for a few hours doing normal, everyday activities.

Each match is supported by a dedicated Match Support Specialist who is always there to provide resources and support specific to the Little's age. With a Big in their life, Littles in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program are empowered to ignite their potential as they grow in their self-esteem, engage in school, and interact in healthy relationships with a positive role model.

- Application: www.bbig.org/mentor

*Once an application is submitted, a professional staff will reach out to you within 3-5 days.

Enrollment

Throughout the process we strive to develop a relationship between you and Program Staff to learn about your interests, preferences and values with the goal of establishing a strong match.

- Intake Interview with Program Staff
- Sign Agreements/Releases
- Copy of ID and Auto Insurance
- Background Check through Sterling - Staff will send link
- Fingerprinting through CBI - Attached instructions
- Reference Checks Completed (3 minimum)
 - Spouse/Family
 - Employer/Teacher
 - Other
 - Previous Child Experience (mandatory if any)
- "Volunteer Pre-Match Training" scheduled in person at the BBBS office or through The Learning Exchange: *Interactive online course takes ~ 1.5 hours to complete*
- Home assessment and Spouse/Roommate Background Check(s)**
** Should you want to host your little in your home**

Matching Process

Post enrollment, we want to help you establish strong lines of communication between mentee, family, volunteer and staff. These meetings open conversations about expectations and goals.

- Schedule a Pre-Match Meeting with Staff and Parent/Guardian
- Meet student and begin meeting regularly (2-4 times/month)
- Complete Match Support Contact with Staff two weeks post match

Match Support

As an organization, we value supporting all parties throughout your relationship development. The below steps help ensure safety, connection and support.

- Meet regularly with your little/Join optional free monthly outings hosted by agency
- Complete monthly Match Support Contact through - phone call, email or text
- Complete surveys
- Prioritize attendance at least 1 Agency Provided Training Annually

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