

Big Brothers and Sisters
Of Warren and Clinton Counties, Inc.
Community Based Mentoring

Most Frequently Asked Questions:

1. If I get involved, what is my time commitment?

1 Day a week, 2-4 hours. In our CBM program, matches can decide on what time to meet each week. So, you may meet on a Monday and then a Saturday, if that's how your schedules work.

2. What kind of activities would I do with my Little Brother/Sister?

It depends on your match. We try to make sure that our matches have similar interests and hobbies. Examples of activities that you and your Little Brother/Sister could do are; visit a museum, go to a park, go fishing, go to Kings Island, go see a movie, play board games, visit an arcade, or go to a sporting event (Reds, Dragons, Bengals, Bearcats, Musketeers, Flyers, etc. Our agency is sometimes offered free tickets, which we then offer to our matches). You and your Little can decide on what you want to do, based on your interests. Every once in awhile, our agency also holds match activities that we organize and pay for. Examples of these activities include going to Sports Plus in Sharonville (Laser Tag + arcade games), or going to a local camp and participating in a low-ropes or high-ropes course.

3. Do the kids have behavioral issues?

Not necessarily. Children in our Community-Based program are referred to us by their parents or guardians for a variety of reasons. The children in our program are usually just like any other child you might know, but they are in need of another adult in their lives to be a positive role model. While you are still in the match process, you will be made aware of the child's personality traits. Also, our professional staff will work with you on any concerns or questions that might arise while you are matched with your Little.

4. Are the children in the community-based program from single parent families?

Yes.

5. Will I meet my Little Brother/Sister's parent/guardian?

Yes. You will meet their parent during the screening process, and you will more than likely see them when you are picking up and dropping off your Little Brother/Sister.

6. Are the children from a low economic background?

Not necessarily. The need for a mentor applies to children from a variety of backgrounds.

7. What if my Little and I simply don't get along or have a personality clash?

We work very hard to make good matches right from the beginning- looking for compatible personalities, common interests, etc. If the match simply is not working and needs to be closed, it will be taken care of professionally and kindly.

8. Can I take my other children along on outings with my Little Brother/Sister?

Usually, no. Every once in awhile this may be allowable based on the match and the needs of the Little Brother/Sister, but our program stresses the importance of one-on-one time between the Big and Little.

9. Can my Little spend the night at my house?

Overnights are a privilege that is allowed based on the decision of the case manager, as well as permission from the Little's parents/guardians. They are rare, but are allowed occasionally.

10. Can I take my Little to church?

Yes, if it is something that the Little and their parent/guardian agrees to. BBBS is not affiliated with any particular faith or religion, but we do allow our community based matches to attend church together if it is something that they both have an interest in.