



Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Beaver County
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Be a part of something BIG.

The feeling of being a “Big” is universal. Think back on your own childhood. Who was that special person-other than a parent-who brought happiness into your life? Bigs are “that person” for a child, creating wonderful memories for themselves, and for their Littles

Eligibility requirements to be a BIG.

- Must be 18 years or older
- Must have lived in the area for at least 1 year and able to make a minimum 18 month commitment, meeting 2-4 times a month for a minimum of 4 hours per month
- Must have a valid driver's license and current automobile insurance
- Never have been convicted or charged of a sex crime, child abuse, child neglect or molestation
- Meet specific criminal history guidelines (A local, state, and federal background check will have to be completed)
- No conviction of one or more of the following violations, including but not limited to: DUI, Driving Suspension Revocation
- All Bigs must complete an FBI/Fingerprint check for a nominal fee, which is at the expense of the volunteer

What would my role be when I become a BIG?

- Emphasize **friendship** over changing the behavior of the child
- Be consistent and **dependable**
- Be **patient**
- Focus on **FUN**
- Acknowledge that **positive** impact on the child comes after the relationship is built
- Have **realistic** expectations
- **Set a good example** for your Little
- Put the child's **safety** and **well being** first
- Share your **strengths** and recognize your imperfections...Bigs are not meant to be perfect

What am I expected to do?

- **Commit to a minimum of 18 months**, meeting 2-4 times per month for a minimum of 4 hours per month
- **Take the initiative** scheduling outings and keeping contact with your Little and their parent/guardian
- **Focus on the friendship you and your Little have.** The time with your Little is one-to-one. No friends or family members are to go on outings with you and your Little.
- **Great communication** between you, the parent, and your match support specialist is essential for a successful match.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Beaver County reserves the right to accept/deny any volunteer or to close a match at any time.*

Interested in Volunteering? Call us!

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