



Big Brothers
Big Sisters.[®]
OF FLAGSTAFF

2021

Impact Report



About Us

Since 1967, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flagstaff has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential.

WE ARE
DEFENDERS
OF POTENTIAL



Our Mission

Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

Our Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Commitment

We affirm that every person has the opportunity to reach their full potential. We are committed to creating and cultivating a safe environment where all individuals feel respected and valued equally.

Our Mentoring Programs

Matching

We make meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers (Bigs) and children (Littles), ages 6 through 18. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people.

Community Based

A Big is matched with a Little in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. Bigs and Littles meet once a week for 2 to 4 hours and participate in activities they both enjoy.

School Based

A Big is matched with a Little in 1st - 5th grade at one of five local elementary schools. Matches meet after school once a week for ten weeks in the fall and spring semesters. Matches are supervised by a facilitator.

Step Up

A collaboration with Coconino County Juvenile Court Services that connects local teens to positive resources with the help of appropriate adult mentors. Weekly group mentoring sessions explore teens' interests and provide unique opportunities.

Our Impact

We strive to ensure that all Littles served in our programs experience quality mentoring relationships. We track outcomes that are proven predictors of long-term success. We define success by measuring positive youth outcomes.

157
YOUTH SERVED

117
MENTORS ENGAGED



Community & Family

33%
of youth
increased
sense of family
connectedness.



Education

66%
of youth
increased
educational
expectations.



Personal Behavior

66%
of youth
increased
positive peer
relationships.

Our Stories

JACK & CALTON Celebrate six years!

When Big Jack and Little Calton were matched on June 5th, 2015, they felt an immediate connection that continued to grow over the next six years. They started their match by bonding over their shared interest in exploring the outdoors. Calton credits Jack for introducing him to archeology. He is now interested in studying archeology in college and potentially having a career in the field. Both shared that their most memorable adventures included going on hikes together where they were able to have explore new places and talk to each other. Jack and Calton expressed how positive the match experience was and it's contribution to both of their growth as people. "We made a great connection and a lifelong friendship".



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Link Up Mentoring

Spring 2022 - Report



On January 12th, 2022 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flagstaff (BBBSF) launched its first-ever high school group mentoring program! Thanks to the generous donation from the Arizona Lottery Gives Back program, local youth can participate in a facilitated mentoring program every Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:30 PM. BBBSF has also hired a new Link Up Mentoring Coordinator, Skyler Tuholsky-Froke, who has a bachelor's degree in psychology and over five years of experience working with youth from diverse backgrounds. Each Wednesday, Link Up activities are focused on youth needs, interests, and goals. Through these activities, youth also develop a relationship with one of many unique mentors. Mentors have a variety of backgrounds including engineering, military leadership, and current university students. These mentors provide a listening ear and a voice of wisdom to all youth that participate in the program. Each week the number of youth and mentors continues to grow and BBBSF is excited to offer this unique opportunity in the Flagstaff community!

YOUTH OUTCOMES



80%

of youth reported that a Link Up mentor is someone they can count on when they need help.



80%

of youth reported that a Link Up mentor is someone who cares about what happens to them.



"Being able to talk and see people at Link Up really helps my mental health and well-being." -Youth

"Link Up is his favorite activity to go to, and he looks forward to it every week." -Guardian