



Big Brothers
Big Sisters.
OF METROPOLITAN
CHICAGO

BIGGER TOGETHER

STATE GRANT FUNDING – DIRECT IMPACT

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY YOUTH

- Grant program allowed BBBSChi to make **1,185 new one-to-one mentoring matches**
- Impacted youth in Cook, DuPage, and Lake Counties in Illinois
- 100% of grant youth avoided arrest and/or incarceration
- Youth also reported significant improvement in the following outcome areas:
 - Grades and School Attendance
 - Family Connectedness
 - Relations with Peers and Adults
 - Avoidance of Risky Behaviors: Bullying, Substance Abuse, Personal Violence
 - Decreased depressive symptoms (Improved mental health)

IMPACT OF COALITION INVESTMENT

- Grant funding allowed BBBSChi to make significant partnerships that helped increase brand awareness and build trust within communities
- Built over 30 new partnerships, with organizations such as Bright Star Community Outreach & Imagine Englewood If
- Hosted 12 community coalition sessions
- Partnerships help to build referrals to agency but also strengthens wraparound service networks
- Important conversations about social justice, violence prevention and intervention, COVID-19 pandemic supports

VISION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE

VIOLENCE PREVENTION IN OUR COMMUNITIES

ENGAGING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

REGIONAL APPROACH

Strategic growth focused on our most underserved communities.

LGBTQIA+ MENTORING

Support mentoring relationships between caring adults and LGBTQ youth.

BIGS OF COLOR

Intentional outreach, programming and events for mentors of color, designed to further support, represent and change the narrative for youth of color.

FIRST RESPONDER BIGS

Match first responders with youth to build stronger bonds in the communities they serve.

YOUTH EDUCATION

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

BBBS' proven 1:1 mentoring model is the foundation that fosters social and emotional learning, which is critical to a child's development and future success.

OUTCOME-BASED PROGRAMMING

Utilize an Outcome System as the framework for quality programming, tracking Socio-Emotional Attitudes and Competencies, Risky Behavior Avoidance and Educational Achievement.

EQUITABLE ACCESS

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parents/guardians are a partner in each match. Agency also offers ongoing trainings, events, and a Family Advisory Council

WRAPAROUND SERVICES

To best serve the "whole child," our Family Engagement Coordinator connects families with an extensive network of community partners.

INDIVIDUALIZED ENRICHMENT

To promote positive outcomes, BBBS sponsors a variety of structured activities for our matches focused on health & wellness, arts & culture, sport & play, and education. [Ex: cooking or coding classes, writing & reading workshops, campus visits, sports & play]

HEALTH & WELLNESS

MATCH ACTIVITIES

Participation in events focused on promoting healthy lifestyles, increasing social skills, developing self-esteem and fostering new interests.

BEHAVIOR MODELING

A caring, consistent role model is someone Littles can confide in and look up to – at a time in their lives when even small choices can change the course of their future.