



Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana

Mission: Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Vision: Our vision is that all children achieve success in life.

Guiding Principles:

- We strive to serve children who face adversity.
- We educate our community about the impact of mentoring.
- We are recognized expert advocates for children within our community.
- We value and invest in our staff and volunteers.

History: In 1973, Jack Harlow, George Taliaferro and Paul Crafton founded Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monroe County. By the end of 1976 more than 100 area children had caring adult mentors because of their involvement with the agency. In 2001, a dedicated group of volunteers generated the resources to expand Big Brothers Big Sisters into Owen County, prompting the agency's name to be changed to Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana. Judge Frank Nardi served as the first Big Brother in the Owen County community. Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana is an affiliate member of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America and is a United Way of Monroe County agency.

Our Impact:

National research demonstrates that children who have a Big Brother or Big Sister are:

- 46% less likely to start using illegal drugs.
- 27% less likely to start drinking.
- 52% less likely to skip school.

Locally, after being matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister:

- 64% of children developed interests or hobbies.
- 62% improved their grades, with 47% improving in at least two subjects.
- 48% demonstrated a better attitude toward school.
- 36% improved their classroom behavior.

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