

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA**  
**Community Based Volunteer Orientation Sheet**

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**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

**Location**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Louisiana serves parents and youth from a thirteen parish area (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Tammany, Plaquemines, St. John the Baptist, St. James, Lafourche, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, and Assumption).

**Role of Big in Match**

A Big is asked to meet with their Little two to three times a month on your own schedule. The purpose of the match relationship is to build a friendship with a child, while having fun, being a kid again and sharing new experiences. You are there to help your Little build the assets he/she already possesses.

**What activities can a Big do with their Little?**

A Big and Little can go to the park for a walk and talk about their week; they can play board games/card games, they can cook a meal or bake goodies; they can go to the mall and window shop; they can wash a car or work on a science project; just to name a few activities. The agency will also provide opportunities for you and your Little to meet other program participants through our monthly group outings with Bigs and Littles. Additionally, the agency often receives tickets to plays, sporting events, and other activities that are taking place through out the city.

**OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS:**

During your enrollment process BBBS will conduct a criminal background check, check three references (1 past or present employer, 1 friend, and 1 relative). We will conduct an in person interview, and visit your home; the enrollment process should take 2-4 weeks. After completing the enrollment phase, we then move you to the matching phase of the process. During the matching phase we will look to place you with a youth based on the preferences you give to us during the interview. Once you are matched our match support team will contact you once a month to see if you are satisfied with your relationship, to assist you with any training information you may desire, and to tell you of the agency sponsored activities.

**THE YOUTH WE SERVE:**

The children we serve come from many different backgrounds and cultures. We serve kids between the ages of 5-17 years old in our Community Based Programs.

We know that your time is important and we value any comments or suggestions that you may have, that can help us do our job more effectively. If at any point during this process you are dissatisfied with our program, please feel free to contact our Senior Service Coordinator, Philip Thomas at (504) 296-2864. Thank You!