



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**  
of Honolulu

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu is a preventative non-profit agency whose vision is to create successful mentoring relationships for all children who need and want them, contributing to better schools, brighter futures and stronger communities for all.

## Our History

**1904** Big Brothers Big Sisters of America was established as a mentoring program to support youth across the country

**1963** Big Brothers of Hawaii was founded to benefit fatherless boys on Oahu

**1972** Hawaii Big Sisters was established for girls

**1979** Big Brothers of Hawaii and Hawaii Big Sisters merged to form the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu

**2007** Kauai Big Brothers Big Sisters begins operations

Currently across the nation, there are nearly 500 Big Brothers Big Sisters agencies offering mentoring services to youth.

## Our Impact

A national study conducted by a private research group examined the impact of mentoring on youth and found that when compared to their peers, Little Brothers and Little Sisters who met with their Bigs regularly were:

- 46% less likely to start using drugs
- 27% less likely to start drinking
- 52% less likely to skip a day of school
- 33% less likely to hit someone

## Our Programs

**Community Based Program** This traditional form of one-to-one mentorship pairs a Big and Little for a minimum of a year. Matches spend time doing activities they enjoy in the community typically twice per month for 2 - 4 hours at a time. Volunteers must be over 18 years old.

**School Based Program** This program provides a structured environment where Bigs and Littles interact weekly in 1 - 2 hour sessions in a classroom setting for one-to-one mentorship under the supervision of agency staff. Curriculum includes educational and recreational activities. We have expanded this program to serve more than thirty schools on Oahu and Kauai. Bigs can be high school students as well as adults.

**Site Based Plus Program** This model offers the same structural advantages of the school based program while placing a deeper emphasis on youth exposure to career paths. Adult Bigs have successfully guided eager Littles in the process of discovering life paths in the fields of medicine, law, culture and community service, arts and humanities. Matches meet once a month for about 4 hours and are supervised by an agency staff member.

**Become part of our family and change a child's life today!**

*We Need You!*

Community support is our greatest resource. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu is funded by Aloha United Way, private grants, donations, and fundraising. Donated clothing from the community also generates important funding for the agency programs through a partnership between the Big Brothers Big Sisters Foundation and Savers. For more information on the Foundation or to schedule a pickup, call 524.6111



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