

Does Mentoring Matter?

YES!



Big Brothers Big Sisters has been the leader in one-to-one mentoring for over 100 years and we have seen the studies, analyzed the research and witnessed it firsthand! Yes, mentoring when done right has a powerful impact on a child's life! That's why we follow proven best practices and work hard to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported, one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever!



Making an Impact for Local Kids!

School-based One-to-One Mentoring (Study Connection):

In the 2010-2011 school-year, we served 133 children, with excellent results reported:

- 85% of parents and 79% of teachers reported an improvement in the child's academic performance
- 90% of parents, 78% of teachers and 87% of youth reported an increase in the youth's self confidence
- 85% of mentors reported an increase in students' level of trust toward them.
- 93% of youth felt their grades had improved and 81% reported that they had an increased desire to learn new things
- Parents reported improvement in their child's attitude toward school (73%)

And here's what participants had to say:

- Mentor - "I've had a great time with my Study Buddy. It's fun to be able to play and just be girls since she doesn't have that opportunity as much at home."
- Parent - "I can't thank Jacob's Study Buddy enough. I am blessed to have someone willing to help someone in my family."
- Teacher - "This program is absolutely necessary and I love it!"
- Student - "I like that my study buddy helps me and cares for me."

Community-based One-to-One Mentoring:

In 2010, we served 118 youth in our community-based programs in La Plata and Archuleta Counties.

- 68% of parents reported an increase in their child's self confidence while 64% reported improvement in their child's academic performance
- 85% of the youth reported an increase in their desire to learn new things and 72% felt their grades had improved
- Mentors reported an improvement in the youths' self confidence (86%) and 71% reported an improvement in the child's demonstration of trust
- 60% of parents reported an improvement in their child's decision-making ability

And here's what participants had to say:

- Parent - "I cannot say enough about the BBBS program and the wonderful relationship between my son and his Big. They will remain friends absolutely forever."
- Child - "She's the best thing that ever happened to me. I don't think I would be where I am today without her!"
- Child - "He is always just there." "He believes in me." "She is all the good about a big sister." "I love her dearly and she's like a real sister."
- Mentor - "Being Nick's big brother has been one of the greatest experiences."



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