

2012
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Niagara County, Inc.
Fact Sheet

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a prevention program that enables in-risk children and youth to achieve their full potential as human beings by placing them in professionally supervised one-to-one match friendships and by providing age-appropriate in-services through our Site Based Mentoring Program at the Niagara Falls Boys and Girls Club.

- BBBS is the only youth focused Agency in Niagara County that serves both gender children, countywide, with neither fees nor dues for service.
- Over 5,247 children have been served in Niagara County since 1973.
- BBBS served 162 children in 2012.
- BBBS served 292 children through collaborative efforts with other youth serving agencies in 2012.
- Over the past 25 years, “littles” served have been 27% female, 73% male. Currently, 32% of “littles” are female, 68% are male.
- 65% of “Bigs” are female, 35% are male.
- Little sisters are matched with a “Big” two times faster than little brothers. Male volunteers are needed!
- 20% of “Littles” are between 7-9 years of age 69% are between 10-15 years of age and 11% are between 16-19 years of age.
- 100% of “Littles” maintained school enrollment in 2012.
- Having a “Big” is a strong deterrent to teen pregnancy.
- BBBS has increased services provided to “littles” with the implementation of new initiatives. These include Site Based Mentoring, Summer camperships, Summer Food Service Program, WNY Food Bank nutritious snacks and beverages, Program Holiday Assistance, and special Agency events.
- Age-appropriate, developmental in-services offered to “littles” include Child Safety, Anger Management and Conflict Resolution, How to be a Healthy You, Social Assets, Pride in Being You, Teambuilding, Literacy & Cultural Enrichment, and School Readiness are offered throughout the year.
- From 1990 through 2012, BBBS has educated 758 children and 449 adults through the Child Safety Workshops.
- All children receive services through the WLCUM Program (Waiting List Children Unmatched) until they are placed in a one to one match relationship. This program keeps waiting list children active in the Program and involved in Agency events.
- BBBS has a very active Information and Referral service for “littles” and their families. BBBS has made over 1,523 referrals since 1990. BBBS is also involved in numerous collaborative initiatives with other youth service Agencies.
- BBBS received \$xx,xxx in In-Kind goods & services in 2012.
- BBBS is funded by The United Way of Greater Niagara (16%), The New York State Office of Children & Family Services through The Niagara County Youth Bureau (10%) and Private Foundations (33%). Through fund events and community donations, BBBS raises remaining (41%).
- BBBS of Niagara County has a staff of 2 full time, 1 part time employee, and 2 Grigg-Lewis seasonal interns. The Agency faces many challenges in doing so much with such a small staff.
- BBBS of Niagara County is in Full Compliance with the Standards and Required Procedures of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.
- Since 2010, 138 children and youth have been served through our Site Based Mentoring program at the Niagara Falls Boys & Girls Club.
- Since 2009, BBBSNC has participated in 2 Pack a Backpack with WGRZ- Channel 2, WalMart, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo, assisting “littles” with school readiness.
- Since 2011, BBBSNC has participated in the Summer Food Service Program with the Niagara County Youth Bureau through the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.
- Since BBBSNC partnered with the WNY Food Bank in 2012, 828 nutritious snacks have been provided to children and youth affiliated with BBBSNC.