

For over 50 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is incredible potential. Professional staff members carefully match children with volunteer mentors in long-term one-to-one mentoring relationships, and provide ongoing professional support to volunteers, children, and parents/guardians throughout the life of the match.

Our vision is that all youth achieve their full potential; and we hold ourselves accountable for each child we serve achieving higher aspirations, greater confidence, better relationships, avoidance of risky behaviors, and educational goals.



Mentors level the playing field to ensure New Mexico can fulfill its promise to develop, educate, graduate and build world-ready young people.

Who We Serve



of mentees are in **at-risk living situations**



of mentees qualify for **free or reduced lunch**



of mentees identify as **BIPOC**

NM Youth Need Mentoring.

From elementary school to high school, college, or career, mentoring is a vital pillar in our state's youth development.

- ▶ New Mexico is 50th in the nation for child well-being
- ▶ 25% of New Mexico's youth do not graduate from high school on time
- ▶ Only 39% of New Mexico's young adults aged 25-34 have attained a college degree



"I think it's the amount of things we have in common that makes it such a great experience to have a mentor. We can talk about things, and we know what we are talking about when others don't. So that is pretty cool."

"He's a kid with remarkable clarity of vision and he knows he wants to focus on math. In the short time I've known him he's stayed true to that vision and is pondering which of the many opportunities his aptitude, talent, and work ethic will fit him best."

~ Caleb and mentor Alan

2023 Services:

451

Mentees

10,082

Mentoring Hours

35

Mentor-Mentee Events

Mentoring Supports Academic Achievement and Empowers Potential

School Success

- ▶ 81% of mentees avoid truancy
- ▶ 92% of mentees believe school is important to them
- ▶ 97% of mentees feel they will graduate high school
- ▶ 86% of mentees report working hard at school

Career Aspirations

- ▶ 87% of mentees plan to go to college

Avoiding Risky Behaviors

- ▶ 95% of mentees refrain from aggressive behaviors
- ▶ 86% of mentees report they avoid unkind behavior
- ▶ 92% of mentees report abstaining from alcohol use

Positive Mental Health and Relationships

- ▶ 100% of mentees report they have an important adult in their lives
- ▶ 78% of mentees work well with their peers



"Unconditional support can have a lasting impact. When you show up consistently, week after week, year after year, it holds tremendous weight. Support is something we can all give, it doesn't cost us anything. But, it can mean the world to those receiving it."

~ Eanna and Mentor Gabriela

100% of mentees completed an annual Youth Development Plan for their age and grade level, with skill attainment essential to social-emotional development and academic success, in these areas:

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| ▶ Educational Expectations | ▶ Relationship Building | ▶ Interest Exploration |
| ▶ Scholastic Competency | ▶ Social Skill Building | ▶ Future Planning |
| ▶ Risk Attitudes | ▶ Self-regulation Skills | ▶ Career Aspirations |

We Could Do More

A recent *Measure of America* study concluded that New Mexico has 43,700 teenagers and young adults ages 16-24 years, who are not in school or not working; the 49th highest rate in the nation.

Funding dedicated to mentoring increases the capacity to promote community safety, academic attainment, and a strong economic future workforce.

Learn More or Connect

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