In 2019 ... 255 children in Cumberland and Salem Counties benefited from a one-to-one mentoring relationship.

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the leader in mentoring services to children. An independent national study surveyed our programs and methods spanning a five-year period. They found that youth involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring programs were more likely to improve their grades, graduate from high school, and stay out of trouble.

In the 70’s we were known as Big Brothers of Vineland, serving boys referred by family court and mentored by lawyers, police officers, doctors, and prominent business professionals.

In 1982 we became Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cumberland County, serving boys and girls, ages 7 through 18, throughout Cumberland County that were primarily referred by a relative or teacher.

In 1995, Big Brothers Big Sisters started High School and School-Based Programs. We now have programs in 17 schools throughout Cumberland and Salem Counties. These programs allow adults and high school students to visit the elementary and middle school students on a weekly basis.

Since 2002, there have been more than 4,000 boys and girls matched in a one-to-one mentoring relationship through our program.

In 2005 our service area expanded to include Salem County.

85% of our Littles receive free/reduced school lunches.

In 2019, there were 255 children with a Big Brother or Big Sister while 63 children continued to wait for a Big. Waiting Littles participated in agency activities.

**OUR VISION**
All youth achieve their full potential.

**OUR MISSION**
Create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters.**
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IGNITE. DEFEND. EMPOWER.

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**THE MATCH PROCESS**

The safety and well-being of each child are top priorities when recruiting and maintaining a one-to-one relationship with their Big Brother or Big Sister.

**Enrollment Process for Bigs:**

1. Application and assessment by staff (an in-home interview is held for community-based and school-based plus mentors)

2. Professional assessment to include criminal background check, fingerprinting, proof of auto insurance, driver’s abstract, and a minimum of three references

**Staff are trained in social services and child safety.** They maintain close ties with each match—communicating a minimum of once a month with Bigs, Littles, and Guardians/Schools.

**Liability insurance coverage protects all individuals.**