

GO BIG! KNOXVILLE WANTS TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITY.

IGNITING POTENTIAL

<u>Our Mission:</u> To provide opportunities for success for our community's youth.

We believe that some of the best mentors Knoxville's children could have are right here in our community. Ignite a child's potential right here in your community through positive example and inspiring leadership.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

There are 97 youth in our community awaiting the friendship and the leadership that comes with being a Big through Big Brothers Big Sisters. Knoxville needs *your* help! By becoming a mentor, you can invest in the next generation and truly make a difference in our community.

Become Involved in a Child's Life Today!

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

We are currently accepting applications for both Bigs and Littles. If you are interested in becoming a Big or signing up your child to become a Little, please contact us and we will happily walk you through the next steps.

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http://tennesseebig.org/gobigknox.



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ABOUT GO BIG! KNOXVILLE

Go Big! Knoxville is a mentoring program serving youth in Knoxville that may be facing adversity. The program is a collaborative effort between the Knoxville Police Department and Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee. It is volunteer based, meaning that volunteer mentors, or "Bigs," fuel the success of the program. "Bigs" are interviewed and matched with "Littles" based on similar interests, hobbies, personality traits, etc. and mentor through the Community Based Program, the Site Based Program, OR the Mentor 2.0 Program.

MENTORS: WHICH PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

COMMUNITY BASED PROGRAM

Age Range: 6-15, typically elementary and middle school students.

Location: Anywhere in the community approved by the child's caregiver.

Activities: Going to the park, library, zoo, mall, museum, ice cream shop, a sporting event, BBBS and KPD events, etc. Do what you and your little love to do!

<u>Time Commitment</u>: 2-3 times per month for 2 hours or more.

<u>Length of Commitment:</u> At least one calendar year.

 ${}^*\!Mentors\ must\ be\ at\ least\ 23\ years\ old.$

SITE BASED PROGRAM

<u>Grade Range:</u> 1-5; 6-8 in some cases. <u>Location:</u> At the little's school or after school program.

<u>Activities:</u> Reading, playing games, talking, eating lunch, homework, crafts, etc.

<u>Time Commitment:</u> 1 hour per week (During the school day or after school.) <u>Length of Commitment:</u> At least one calendar year.

*Mentors must be at least 15 years old.

MENTOR 2.0 PROGRAM

Grade Range: 9-12. All mentors are initially matched with ninth grade students.

Location: South Doyle High School

Time Commitment: One weekday evening per month, online communication throughout the month.

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<u>Length of Commitment:</u> Four years (Until the student graduates.)

*Mentors must be at least 23 years old.

For more information, visit:
http://www.tennesseebig.org/portfolio/mentor-2-0/

MENTORING WORKS!

GO BIG! KNOXVILLE IS AN EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM.

According to the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs, mentoring helps students...

- ✓ Gain interpersonal skills
- ✓ Avoid alcohol and drug use
- ✓ Build self confidence
- ✓ Build healthy relationships
- ✓ Successfully graduate high school
- ✓ And more! (Source: youth.gov)

