

# Parent and Caregiver Overview

## We need you to be an active partner.

Working together, parents/care givers, volunteers, and BBBS staff members plan activities and opportunities that can have a powerful and positive impact on your child.

## Who are our Little Brothers and Little Sisters?

Most children, ages 5-15, in our programs come to us through their parent or caregiver. We also reach out to involve children through churches, youth service agencies and other referral sources.

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Men and women over the age of 18 who work and live in your community (must have access to a vehicle), college students from nearby schools, retirees, military men and women, members of congregations or civic organizations, and... just ordinary people that are extraordinary.

What they all have in common is a sincere interest in being a friend and mentor to a child. They are not paid – all of their time is volunteered.



## How do I sign my child up?

It's free just fill out the application and mail it to:  
15 South 8th Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59715



## How do we select volunteer Big Brothers and Big Sisters?

Each volunteer must complete a screening process that includes:

- A written application
- A criminal history record check
- At least three references
- An in-person interview
- Questions about their home environment
- A professional decision about whether they should volunteer with a child
- An orientation and training process that will help to encourage your child's healthy development
- Big Brothers Big Sisters also provides child safety tips to you and your child, and we welcome your questions and feedback

## When they get together, what do matches do?

They typically meet four (an hour or two a week) times a month and go biking, fishing, to a show, go walking in the park or to a ball game. They also might bake a cake or build a birdhouse the choice is up to them. We provide a list of match activities in your orientation folder and available on our website.

[www.bbbs-gc.org](http://www.bbbs-gc.org)

Contact a Match Support Specialist by phone or email:

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