



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

**Missouri Mentoring Initiative**



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**Big Brothers Big Sisters Background**

- Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States.
- The Big Brothers Big Sisters Mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact.
- We match youth ages 5 to 18 in one-to-one mentoring relationships with a caring adult. These positive relationships have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of the young people we serve.



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**Mentoring Works**

- National research has shown that positive relationships between youth and their Big Brothers and Big Sisters have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives. Little Brothers and Sisters are:
  - ✓ More confident in their schoolwork performance
  - ✓ Able to get along better with their families
  - ✓ 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
  - ✓ 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
  - ✓ 52% less likely to skip school.



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**MMI Background**

- In 2007 Governor Blunt, through an executive order, created the Missouri Mentor Initiative.
- MMI is coordinated by the Lt. Governor's office.
- In 2007-08, under the initiative, up to 200 full-time state employees were eligible to mentor in Missouri public schools for up to 40 hours annually.
- The one hour per week that the employee mentors will be considered paid approved leave.
- BBBSEMO will provide monthly reports to State departments with the following information- new matches, closed matches and volunteer attendance.



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### 2007-08 MMI Data

- 143 State employees volunteered
- 148 children were served
- 102 of the matches will roll-over into the 2008-09 school year
- Volunteer breakdown by gender
  - 106 Females, 37 Males
- Volunteer breakdown by race
  - 92 Caucasians
  - 39 African Americans
  - 12 Other



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### Volunteer Breakdown by State Department

- Administration-2
- Agriculture-1
- Conservation-1
- Corrections (including Probation and Parole) -17
- DESE-1
- Disability Determination-1
- DOLIR-2
- Economic Development-6
- EMPHS-1
- Family Services-1
- Health and Senior Services-5
- House of Reps-1



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### Volunteer Breakdown by State Department

- Insurance, Financial Institutions-3
- Labor and Industrial Relations-3
- Legal Services-1
- Lt. Governor-2
- Mental Health-12
- Natural Resources-10
- Public Safety-7
- Rehabilitative Services-1
- Revenue-5
- Senate-2
- Social Services-48
- Transportation-10



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### Breakdown by BBBS Agency

Children served by each agency:

- Columbia-1
- Jefferson City-50
- Joplin-3
- Kansas City-8
- Springfield-26
- St. Louis-60



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### 2008-09 MMI Goals

- Goal for 2008-09 (300 children served)
- 102 Matches rolled over to the 2008-09 school year
- We have received to date 113 new applications
- Volunteers can participate in School Based and Community Based Programs



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### What areas do we need volunteers?

- BBBS of Central Missouri – Boone, Randolph and Audrain Counties
- Missouri Valley Big Brothers Big Sisters – Cole County
- BBBS of Jasper and Newton Counties – Newton and Jasper Counties
- BBBS of Greater Kansas City – Nodaway, Buchanan, Jackson, Clay, Platte, Cass and Johnson Counties
- BBBS of Eastern Missouri - St. Louis City, St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, Cape Girardeau and Scott Counties
- BBBS of the Ozarks, Inc. – Green and Taney Counties



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### Recruitment Goals

- Columbia- 25 Matches
- Jefferson City- 75 Matches
- Springfield- 40 Matches
- Kansas City-30 Matches
- Joplin- 15 Matches
- St. Louis- 115

TOTAL: 300



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### How do I get involved?

- Review Policies and Procedures on Lt. Governor's website [www.lt.gov.mo.gov](http://www.lt.gov.mo.gov)
- Fill out application
- Receive supervisor's approval
- Complete screening process



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### **What can your department do to help?**

- Educate yourself on BBBS and encourage your employees to mentor!
- Make sure supervisors understand the approval process
- Host Recruitment presentations if contacted by local BBBS agency
- Feature MMI in internal Newsletters and on your Web site
- Communicate back with us on any new ideas!



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### **Questions???**



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