

SAMLE Meeting Minutes

Getting Involved Night (9/11/18)

Panthers Allied with Local Schools (PALS) - Rachel Grimm

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- Big Brothers Big Sisters Mentoring
- Online application
- Don't need a lot of time to mentor only need 1 hour a week, flexible schedule
- School based
- Community based

Below are the handouts given from this organization.



Our Outcomes

National research has shown that positive relationships between Littles and their Bigs have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives.

Our work does make a difference! After one year in a one-to-one match with a mentor, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Iowa's youth showed the following impact:

- 97% of youth who did not believe they would finish high school now believe they will
- 83% improved their attendance at school
- 82% improved relationships with parents or caretakers
- 69% improved their grades

In addition, a survey completed by Harris Interactive on adults who participated nationally in our program as children found:

- 90% agreed their Big made them feel better about themselves
- 81% say their Big caused them to change what they thought was possible in life
- 77% set higher goals than they would have set on their own
- 42% earned a degree from a four-year college

Our Mission

To provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

Our Vision

All children achieve success in life. We are accountable for each child enrolled in our mentoring program achieving:

- Higher Aspirations
- Greater Confidence
- Better Relationships
- Avoidance of Risky Behaviors
- Educational Success

Our Offices:

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Imagine the Possibilities. What will you start?



Our Programs

We offer two types of programs: Community-Based and School-Based Mentoring. We also offer two specialty programs within these two models: Read To Succeed and Mentoring Children of Prisoners. When a child enrolls in our mentoring program, there is no limit to where he or she can go.

In the **Community-Based Program**, mentors (Bigs) and youth (Littles) spend at least 4 hours a month together doing activities in and around the local community. Matches may go bowling, to the museum or to a local festival, take a walk, share a pizza, or just hang out and talk. Bigs expose Littles to new things to broaden their viewpoint on the world and all that it offers.

In the **School-Based Program**, Bigs meet with their Littles the same time and day each week at the Littles' school. Matches work on class projects, read together, play board games, write stories, draw, paint or make crafts, or just talk.

In **Read To Succeed**, Bigs share their love of reading with their Little to build excitement and value around literacy and the importance it plays in life. Bigs encourage Littles to read aloud, picking books and articles that are exciting and matter to the Little. In addition to reading, matches are often seen doing literacy-based, hands-on activities and journaling together.

In **Mentoring Children of Prisoners**, Bigs offer extra support to a child who is experiencing the loss of a parent. Children of incarcerated parents are 6x more likely to be incarcerated themselves later in life. By spending time together, Bigs show Littles new experiences, the options life holds, and the power they have to make different choices.

What We Do

Hundreds of children in Northeast Iowa face adversity. Children with positive role models are more likely to succeed than those without. Big Brothers Big Sisters' one-to-one mentoring services are proven to help children overcome challenges they face.

We partner with parents, guardians and schools to identify children in need. Big Brothers Big Sisters' services give children skills that increase their chances of success in life.

We serve a large, diverse group of children between 6 and 18 years of age. Most children served by Big Brothers Big Sisters are in single-parent, low income families or households. Some children served by Big Brothers Big Sisters have at least one incarcerated parent, are in the foster care system, have been abused or neglected, are at risk of dropping out of school, or have at least one parent deployed by the military.

Helping Children Succeed

Support and supervision provided to mentoring matches requires significant resources. This support is essential to our successful mentoring model. It costs \$1,000 to make and sustain one match for one year. These funds allow our trained staff to carefully screen volunteers and match them in long-term, safe mentoring relationships. It also provides quality ongoing management and support to volunteers, children and families.

Big Brothers Big Sisters needs donors and volunteers. By supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters with your time, talent and treasure, you will help put a child on the right path. Your support makes it possible for children to have higher aspirations, greater confidence and educational success. You have the power to change the life of a child for the better, forever.



Junior Achievement - Kelly Lang

(klange@JAEasternIowa.org)

- 5-6 times inside classroom (30-45 minutes each time)
- Set time with teacher
- Get a kit with all materials and activities
- Flexibility

To the right you will see the handout given from this organization.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Junior Achievement (JA) partners with school districts across eastern Iowa providing volunteer led programming. JA is a non profit organization that connects students to the community, utilizing community volunteers as classroom mentors to facilitate discussions focused on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills.

WE NEED YOU ... for this program to be successful.

Volunteers are a critical part of the program. The goal is that you share your experiences as a business owner, community member and/or consumer with the students, while leading the short discussions.

Volunteering is fun, easy and rewarding.....

- As a JA volunteer you visit your partnered classroom between 3-7 times (based on grade)
- Each visit is roughly 30-45 minutes
- Every resource needed to lead the games and discussions are provided for you, via a JA kit that includes an outline for each visit as well as handouts.



Do you have time to invest in our youth, mentoring the students to help sustain and someday grow our local and regional economy? To learn more or to sign up, contact the JA office listed below

Junior Achievement - 319-274-0760
Kelly - klange@JAEasternIowa.org

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Job Foundation - Jennifer Brost

(jennifer@thejobfoundation.org)

- All ages
- Small local nonprofit
- Goal: for all to achieve financial success
- Financially literate
- Financial lessons to kids
 - Build off of basics
- Conditional cash to students (based off of grades)
 - 60% goes into savings account
 - \$3,000 goal
 - 40% how to spend money wisely
- Certified mentoring program



Mission Statement: To promote financial stewardship to students in Iowa's Cedar Valley through education, mentoring and resources for the cause of economic advancement.

Vision Statement: All children achieving financial success!

Middle School Champion

PURPOSE

To walk alongside Middle School students, pointing them towards financial and life success through encouragement, role modeling, financial stewardship training, and academic support

Meeting Times

*Middle School meetings are held each Wednesday of the school year beginning in mid-September and run until the weeks of May.

- 2:15-5:00 p.m.--Availability needed for helping pick students up from school, stay for the 1 hour meeting, and 30 minutes of tutoring and then help take them home
- 3:05-4:05 p.m.--Availability needed to lead table groups during the meeting only, no tutoring (no driving of students)
- 3:05-4:35p.m.--Availability needed to lead table groups and help for tutoring (no driving of students)
- 2:15-3:00 p.m.--Availability needed if picking students up and transporting to Salvation Army only
- 4:05-4:30 p.m.--Availability needed if driving students home after the event only

Location

All meetings are held at The Salvation Army 89 Franklin St., Waterloo Iowa. Please park in the back lot and ring the doorbell. Students are picked up immediately after their school day ends and brought to The Salvation Army.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide encouragement and positive role modeling to students
2. Sit at a table with students and help them complete assignments
3. Help lead or teach financial and leadership lessons (optional)
4. Give motivational address to the students (optional)

COMMITMENT

Time commitments of any kind are accepted including weekly, biweekly, monthly, or quarterly.

Requirements

Help with the events and transport students: Full Volunteer Certification through The Job Foundation
Help at events without transporting students on-going: Volunteer Application and Volunteer Training Videos
Help one time, no transporting students: Phone call with Jennifer Brost 319-464-2389

BENEFITS

Networking, skill development, resume builder, fulfillment of civic responsibility towards The Job Foundation's vision of "All children achieving financial success!"

KEY CONTACT

Jennifer Brost jennifer@thejobfoundation.org; (319) 464-2389

Holmes Junior High Mentoring - Angela Wittmer (angela.wittmer@cfschools.org)

- Once a week (40 minutes or so) during study hall
- Activities, not a tutor
- Making relationships
- Being a *support system* for them
- Preparing them for middle school
- Semester commitment
- Flexible scheduling
- Please fill out the link below if you are interesting in this program!

[18-19 Holmes Mentoring Interest Form](#)