



MISSION

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Oklahoma creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth.

IMPACT AREA

Youth Opportunity

PURPOSE

Many youth in Payne County face challenges that can impact their academic success, emotional well-being and long-term opportunities. Risk factors such as poverty, family instability, parental incarceration and other adverse childhood experiences can increase the likelihood of school failure, behavioral challenges, and limited economic mobility.

SERVICES

Big Brothers Big Sisters addresses challenges by connecting youth with caring adult mentors who provide consistent encouragement, guidance and support. These relationships help youth build resilience, strengthen decision-making skills and develop confidence in their ability to succeed.

RESULT

Little Brother Henry and Big Brother Martin are matched in our community-based program. Henry needed a positive male role model. His uncle is in jail, and he thought being “gangster” was cool. His mom wanted him to learn from someone who is ambitious and took a different path in life. Big Brother Martin is a retired police officer who now teaches at Meridian Technical Center. The pair do a lot of different things during their activities, including touring the Center so Martin can show Henry all the machines and simulators. Thanks to this match, Little Brother Henry has learned about new fields and career opportunities.