

# BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF THE NORTH BAY

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## COLLEGE PREPARATION SERVICES

- Mentoring

## SOCIAL, CULTURAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- Parent/Guardian Support

## LANGUAGES PROVIDED

- English
- Spanish

## MISSION STATEMENT

*To help young people in the North Bay grow up to be happy, successful, contributing members of our community by providing a professionally supported mentor to each child in need.*

## TYPICAL STUDENT

The youth we serve come from all backgrounds. If a child wants a mentor, we will accept them into our program. We prioritize based on need and family situation. 87% of our youth come from one of the following family situations: Single parent home, free or reduced lunch or incarcerated parent. We match youth between the ages of 6-16.

## PROGRAMS OFFERED

### ***Community Based Mentoring Program***

This program matches one adult with one child with similar interests and needs, with an emphasis on serving children from Latino families. Matches meet weekly and engage in fun activities, offering children the chance to learn, grow and explore new worlds.

**When program meets:** Varies

**Location:** Throughout Marin, Sonoma, Solano and Napa Counties

**Contact:** Loren Holzem

**Phone:** (415) 453-3800 x225

### ***Mentoring Children of Prisoners***

The Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program is the same as our Community Based Program, but focuses on serving youth that have an incarcerated parent or close relative.

**When program meets:** Varies

**Commitment:** At least one hour a week for a minimum of a year

**Location:** Throughout Marin, Sonoma, Solano and Napa Counties

**Contact:** Loren Holzem

**Phone:** (415) 453-3800 x225



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## **Youth4Youth Mentoring Program**

The Youth4Youth Mentoring Program matches high school students with younger students at various after-school sites under staff supervision. Our high school mentors earn community service hours and help us reach more children in need.

**When program meets:** Weekday afternoons from 3:30pm-5:00pm

**Commitment:** One day a week for at least 12 months

**Location:** Various sites throughout Marin, Napa and Solano

**Contact:** Erin Lake

**Phone:** (415) 453-3800 x224

## **Mentoring Children of the Military**

The Mentoring Children of the Military Program serves youth that have a deployed or active military parent or close relative. These youth are served through both our Community Based Mentoring Program and our Youth4Youth Program.

**When program meets:** Varies

**Commitment:** At least once a week for a minimum of a year

**Location:** Throughout Marin, Sonoma, Solano and Napa Counties

**Contact:** Loren Holzem

**Phone:** (415) 453-3800 x225

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Families or referral agencies can call our Intake Coordinator at (415) 453-3800 x225 or email [lholzem@bbbsnorthbay.org](mailto:lholzem@bbbsnorthbay.org). There is an application and a sliding scale application fee, and an interview with the child and the parent/guardian. After the interview, the child is placed on our waitlist.

### **HOW TO REFER A STUDENT OR ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT A PROGRAM**

Contact our Intake Coordinator, Loren Holzem by phone at (415) 453-3800 x225 or by email at [lholzem@bbbsnorthbay.org](mailto:lholzem@bbbsnorthbay.org). The application information can also be found on our website at [www.bbbsnorthbay.org](http://www.bbbsnorthbay.org).

### **ADMISSIONS DEADLINES**

Youth need to be between the ages of 6-16 to apply for a Mentor. The commitment is at least one year, which means the family should not have plans to move out of the area within that year. We accept applications and referrals year round.

## **STUDENTS SERVED**

### **SPECIALIZING IN**

- First generation college students
- Immigrant students
- Students from many ethnicities
- English language learning students

### **ACADEMIC STATUS OF STUDENTS**

- Average Achievers
- Underachievers, but likely to be college eligible
- At-risk to not be college eligible
- At-risk to not graduate high school

### **% ON FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH**

- More than 75%

### **AGE**

- Elementary Students
- Middle School Students
- High School Students

### **SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED**

- Bolinas-Stinson Union School District
- Dixie School District
- Kentfield School District
- Laguna Joint School District
- Lagunitas School District
- Larkspur School District
- Lincoln School District
- Mill Valley School District
- Nicasio School District
- Reed Union School District
- Ross School District
- Ross Valley School District
- San Rafael Elementary School District
- Sausalito Marin City School District
- Union Joint School District
- Novato Unified School District
- Shoreline Unified School District
- San Rafael High School District
- Tamalpais Union High School District