

Big Brothers Big Sisters Program Board Report July 2026 Recap



Participants:

- # of Community Based Matches:
 - 46 Bigs ~ mentors
 - 48 Littles ~ mentees
 - 1 Big left program – in medical school too busy.

Program Highlights:

School Based mentoring at Central Square Central School District

- Effective September 1, we have discontinued the school based program due to challenging funding (Oswego County Youth Bureau grant does not fund entire operating costs), limited grant period (Oswego County Youth Bureau grant is only 9 months January – September- not a full year) and staff transitions of school based staff (main mentor manager resigned to return to nursing school).

Events:

- **August 15 – Back to School Fashion Show** – partners: Macy's & Destiny USA
 - Successfully event – 14 Littles modeled back to school fashions from Macy's
 - Great opportunity for Littles to build confidence and self-expression. Event encouraged Littles to feel proud of themselves, comfortable in their own style and confident about returning to school
 - 20+ raffle baskets netted almost \$400.
 - Arts and Craft activities and lawn games available.
- **August 20 – Day of Caring – Service Project** – BBBS Together We Make A Difference
 - Volunteer Activities – 12 Littles and 10 Bigs - sorted and packed new clothing to donate to local children's programs. Youth learned about the importance of being caring, responsible and engaged members of their community.
 - Example of how community service can help young people build important life skills while making a positive impact. Projected helped Littles develop confidence, responsibility, compassion, and a stronger connection to their community.
 - Onondaga County Department of Youth evaluated this project as a requirement of NYSOCFS. We received a score of 3.81 out of 5. We were pleased with the score and have suggestions for improving areas of weakness.