

Big Buddy Volunteer Program

Grant County Department of Social Services

Grant County strives to recruit new volunteers to mentor, teach, and support the youth of Grant County.

The Big Buddy Program provides children from Grant County with a positive adult role model and a friend on a one-to-one basis. This program combines the friendship and guidance of volunteers and skills of a professional to support healthy growth in children. The goal of this program is for a child to experience and become part of their Big Buddy's life interests. Big Buddies are not legally or financially obligated to this program and are under no time obligations to the program, although the agency would like committed matches.

What does it take to be a Big Buddy?

- A Big Buddy must be an adult 18 years old or older to participate.
- A Big Buddy must have an interest in working with children and their families.
- A Big Buddy must possess good character and a stable life style.
- A Big Buddy must be committed to the program and guidelines.

What does it take to be a Little Buddy?

- A current Grant County resident
- A child between the ages of 5 and 17
- A child in need of a positive adult role model
- A child who may be at risk for delinquency

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- Help a child learn social skills.
- Help a child develop good decision making skills.
- Help a child cope with emotions.
- Help a child build their self-esteem.
- Help a child build relationships at school and at home.

If interested in volunteering as a Big Buddy, complete the application link below!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UV8VVbbkd-8H-xPCThv9RraPyFqpxOMnjURdUH-LqZM/>

For more information in becoming a Big Buddy contact:

Grant County Department of Social Services at **608-723-2136**. Ask for the Big Buddy Coordinator.