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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To apply to our Community Based mentoring program through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Coastal & Northern NJ, a child must:

- 1. Be 6-17 years of age. Once matched, a child can remain in program until 18 years old or he/she finishes high school.
- 2. Live in Monmouth, Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris, Sussex, Passaic, Bergen and Ocean Counties and plan to stay in the area for the next year.
- 3. Be in need of additional adult supervision and guidance.
- 4. Have all child custody issues clearly resolved.
- 5. Want to participate in the program.
- 6. Have their custodial parent[s]/guardian[s] be willing and capable of supporting a match and agree to abide by all agency ground rules.
- 7. Reside in a one-parent/guardian home or, under certain situations they can reside in a two-parent home where there is a demonstrated need for an additional adult role model.
- 8. Have demonstrated need for service in one or more of the following areas:
 - a. is culturally and economically disadvantaged
 - b. exhibits poor social skills
 - c. has few friends his or her own age
 - d. lacks adequate support and attention of a stable adult
 - e. is an underachiever in school
 - f. is overly dependent
 - g. has a sibling(s) that has had significant challenges that have affected the child
 - h. is insecure with and does not trust adults
 - i. has a poor self-concept
- 9. The child cannot currently be exhibiting severe anti-social behaviors (i.e. stealing, violence, drug abuse) that would make a community-based match an inappropriate placement for either the child or the volunteer.

If the child you are referring to our program does not meet these criteria, please inquire about our School & Work Place Programs offered throughout all counties.