

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Orange County & the Inland Empire focuses on expanding personalized college and career support and entry-to-career pathways for youth up to age 24. The organization’s mentoring program is a critical work-based learning opportunity that provides college students with case management and wraparound support. The intent is not only to connect more students with mentors but also to build capacity alongside educational institutions and support youth leadership in developing programs that promote essential components to social mobility and educational equity for low-income BIPOC students in Orange County and the Inland Empire.

Program Services

- One-on-one professional mentoring
- Connections to career opportunities and career and leadership building experiences
- Connections to wraparound services

“Big Brothers Big Sisters does an amazing job at making sure students are appropriately matched. My mentor is very approachable. It seems like we have the same type of personality. I just feel comfortable around her.”

– Student participant

California higher education institutional partners

California Baptist University,
Riverside

California State University, *Fullerton*

California State University,
San Bernardino

Chaffey College

Chapman University

Cypress College

Golden West College

Santiago Canyon College

Fullerton College

Orange Coast College

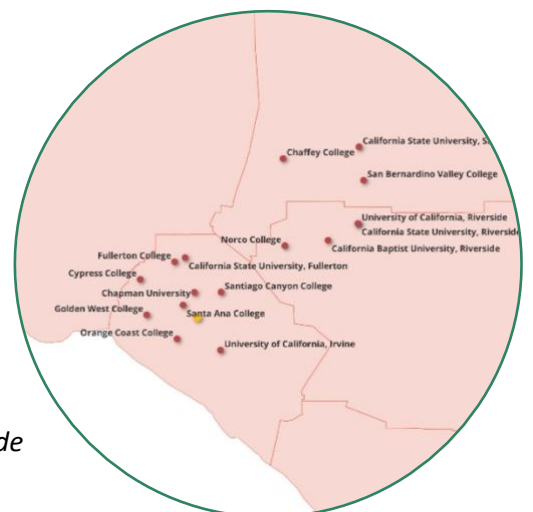
Norco College

San Bernardino Valley College

Santa Ana College

University of California, *Riverside*

University of California, *Irvine*



Big Brothers Big Sisters professional mentors form authentic connections to support students achieving career goals

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides culturally relevant expertise and services.

Institutional partners value Big Brothers Big Sisters' deep roots in their community. The organization's culturally relevant background and experiences foster strong, authentic connections to students and staff members.

“Most of our students are Latinx. The person that they had come out was also bilingual. She came from the community, so she was able to speak to the students and really me them where they were and they felt comfortable with her being here. She was really approachable.”

– Institutional partner

Big Brothers Big Sisters is preparing students for life after college.

Student participants feel like Big Brothers Big Sisters provides important career support—including professional mentorship, workshops, and skill development—to help them reach their academic and career goals.

“Big Brothers Big Sisters is preparing me for when I leave college. They really support writing your resume and developing skills for the workforce, to prepare for life outside of college.”

– Student participant

Institutional partners value Big Brothers Big Sisters' professional mentoring.

Institutional partners see the importance of professional mentoring for college students. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides valuable support to prepare students for after college.

“Mentoring is really challenging at a two-year college. Our students are of all ages, and their life experiences are different. Having professional mentoring is something we've been looking toward. How can we actually help students with the next steps? Big Brothers Big Sisters has been helpful in that.”

– Institutional partner