



BIG STEPS 2 SUCCESS

What is Big Steps 2 Success?



Big Brothers
Big Sisters
OF VICTORIA CAPITAL REGION

- Big Steps 2 Success (BS2S) is a one-on-one mentoring program for youth, aged 7-14, who are living in government care.
- Young people are mentored by trained volunteers who can help them to navigate challenges and empower them to realize their full potential.

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Why does mentoring matter?

- 96% of mentored children and youth say that they're happy
- 73% of mentored young people have increased motivation to learn and try new things
- 64% of youth feel more able to handle challenges in their lives
- Research shows that having a caring relationship with a trusted adult has a big impact on a child's social and emotional wellbeing, self-worth and long-term success.

In life, you need to have one person who's going to **believe** in you.

You need someone who **really cares** and has your best interests at heart.

- Former youth in care

Who are our mentors?

- Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors complete thorough screening and undergo training focused on building, maintaining and growing developmental relationships with children and youth.
- BS2S mentors receive additional training in the specific needs and experiences of young people living in care.
- Minimum one-year commitment for both the youth and their mentor.



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How do I enroll a child?

• BS²S is open to youth aged 7-14 who are living in government care.

• Space in the program is limited. Children and youth living in permanent care will be given priority - young people in temporary care may also apply.

76%

of caregivers saw their child's **confidence grow** after being mentored

Caseworkers

can refer a child to BS²S using the caseworker referral form on our website.

Caregivers

can apply using the caregiver application form on our website.

Apply now - only 30 spots left for youth in care

98%

of mentored young people believe they make **good choices** in life

87%

of youth say they've built **strong social networks** after being mentored

80%

of mentored young people pursue mentally and physically **healthy** lifestyles

• Sources: The Search Institute Social Return on Investment Study, 2021-2022 Community Mentoring Program Report

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