

Big Brothers Big Sisters is America's leader in one-to-one youth service, with nearly a century of proven success in creating positive friendships that benefit children, volunteers, families, neighborhoods, and communities!



It's the friendship that makes the difference

Being an Amachi Big Brother or Big Sister is about friendship. There are wonderful outcomes—children matched with Big Brothers and Big Sisters are:

- **52% less likely to skip a day of school**
- **46% less likely to start using illegal drugs**
- **27% less likely to start drinking**
- **Less likely to lie to their parents**
- **More likely to have better relationships with peers**

—Public/Private Ventures
Making a Difference,
An Impact Study of Big Brothers Big Sisters

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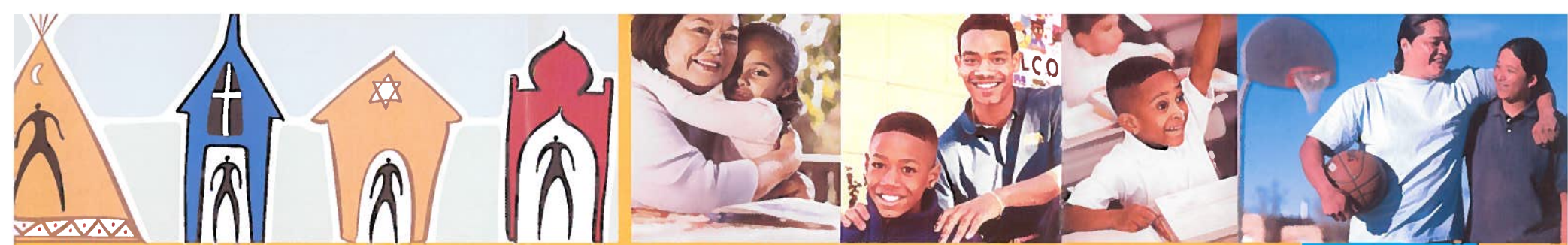
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What it
means to
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Amachi Big Brothers Big Sisters is the only congregationally based mentoring program in the United States to offer a proven and effective model for mentoring children of incarcerated parents.

The Need

Over 2.5 million children nationwide face a 70% probability of following their parent(s) to prison at some point. The caring members of your congregation can

help break the cycle of intergenerational incarceration for the children who live right around the corner in our community.

Our Faith is in You

You will join other congregations that share a vision of mentoring your community's children in need. Through a consortium of faith-based partnerships, and *People of Faith Mentoring Children of Promise*—the Amachi

motto—a whole generation of our community's children can become happy and productive citizens.

How it Works

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides proven, comprehensive support service to Amachi volunteers and to the families of the children. Each partner congregation helps recruit volunteers and hosts orientation and group gatherings. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides support that allows the congregation to focus on service.

Inspiration

The Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode Sr. is the Amachi champion and leader of the Philadelphia prototype. Goode challenges you to become a “lighthouse” in your community—through Amachi Big Brothers Big Sisters. His moving words are at right.



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Little Moments. Big Magic.™

Amachi is more than a 'program.' It is the passionate response to the needs of children with one or both parents in prison. These children are invisible to most of us. While there are many programs to help those in prison, there are few viable programs to address the specific needs of the 'invisible' children.

—The Rev. Dr. W. Wilson Goode Sr.

