

## Family Fun Festival 2024 was FUN

The second annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Family Fun Festival took place on August 10th. Big thanks to Newark Station for hosting us. We had perfect weather for the Volleyball and Corn Hole tournaments. There were lots of fun activities provided by Licking Memorial Hospital, Sending Hope Ohio, the Christian Life Center, and the Millard family. The Energy Cooperative gave a SHOCKING presentation about the danger of powerlines. Thank goodness the Newark Fire Department was there with a 75 foot ladder truck in case we needed them. The Army National Guard came and let kids of all ages sit inside a vehicle the size of King Kong. Kids enjoyed a free Kona Ice and told us they can't wait to come back next year. Thank you to all of our sponsors for spreading the FUN!



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# 2023-2024 Survey Data

Our agency is data driven. The staff meticulously monitors and tracks the progress Littles are making in reaching the annual goals they create with the help of their Big. Coordinators administer initial Outcome Surveys to every Little and then follow up annually in order to determine any improvements or areas of need. The Outcome Survey focuses on 13 social emotional areas such as, Academic Performance, Community Connectedness, Avoidance of Risky Behaviors, School Discipline and Attendance, and Depressive Symptoms. We are pleased to share that our Littles maintained or showed improvement in 8 categories; the largest growth occurring in Academic Performance and a very significant decrease in Depressive Symptoms.

Our agency also administers an annual Strength of Relationship Survey to both Big, Littles, and Schools. This survey allows participants to rate their experience with their matches and with the agency. We are pleased that 98% of our Littles stated that their Big was an important person in their life and 96% of Bigs enjoy the experience being a Big. 100% of school administrators expressed a desire to continue Big Brothers Big Sisters in the 2024-25 school year, and thanks to generous support, we are returning and even expanding our Lunch Buddy programs. More details about that in the fall newsletter.

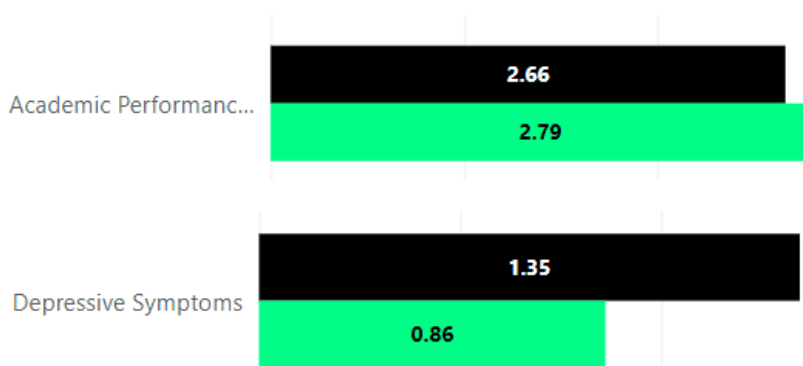
The data is in, and mentoring makes a Big difference!





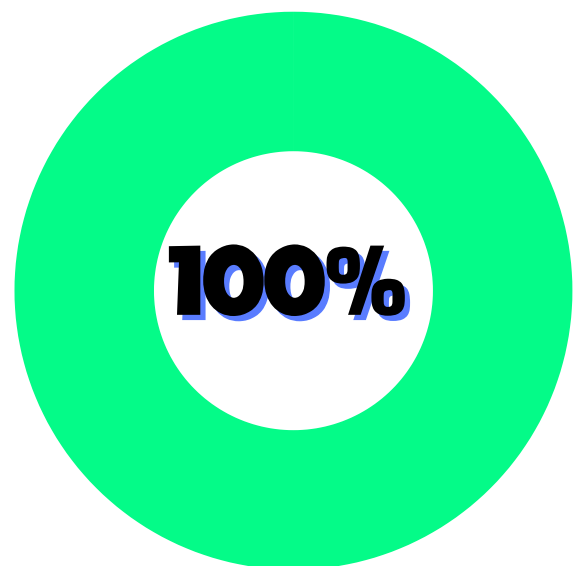
**When I'm with my Big I feel safe.**



**I feel well matched with my Little.**



-  Initial Outcome Agency Survey Data
-  2023-24 Follow Up Agency Survey Data



School Admin Approval  
100%