



## Families as Partners

The success of our match relationships is not just based on how well we can match a Little and Big. **Our parents and guardians play an integral role in the success of our matches.**

Just like we ask our Bigs and Littles their preferences for a match, our Parents and Guardians also share what type of Big they believe would be best suited for their child.

Your Enrollment Specialist will ask you about the *hopes, dreams, and ambitions* your child has and how we can help match your child with a Big to help achieve them

**Once your child is matched,** our Parents and Guardians are our eyes and ears. We ask that our Parents and Guardians:

- **Approve** all match outings between your child and their Big (prior to them taking place)
- Closely **monitor** all match activity
- Closely **monitor** all communication between your child and their Big
- **Watch** your child's behavior with their Big, including before and after outings
- **Ask** your child **open-ended questions** about their relationship with their Big
- **Communicate** effectively with your child's Big
- Actively **engage** in Match Support
- **Participate** in agency-led training opportunities
- **Contact** your child's Match Support Specialist with any questions or concerns (no matter how big or small)