## **Big Brothers and Big Sisters**

#### **Stance on LGBTQ+**

https://www.bbbs.org/wp-content/uploads/Big-Brothers-Big-Sisters-of-America-2019-Annual-Report.pdf

https://www.ocregister.com/2021/07/30/big-brothers-big-sisters-lgbtq-center-work-together-to-recruit-train-mentors/

In their last published Annual Report (2019), Big Brothers, Big Sisters wrote about their LGBTQ+ Initiative, which pairs adults as big brothers or sisters with children, both of whom identify as LGBTQ+ (p. 11).

https://www.bbbs.org/justice-equity-diversity-inclusion/

BBBS' LGBTQ+ Initiative is listed again under their DEI program, J.E.D.I. This is how they describe the program:

In 2016, we launched our LGBTQ Youth Mentoring Enhancement Initiative, funded by the Altria Group. This initiative was research-based, thoughtful, and deliberate. It was designed to ensure not just that LGBTQ youth and mentors would be accepted or tolerated within Big Brothers Big Sisters, but that they would be affirmed, understood, and celebrated. The initiative began as a pilot program with five local agencies. A year later, we expanded it to 20 agencies. Now, we've included our whole network in the program, which includes training opportunities, inclusive policies and procedures, and specific focus on anti-bullying, self-advocacy, and identity exploration.

https://www.facebook.com/BigBrothersBigSisters/photos/a.154810951008/1015 8753290916009/

BBBS' Facebook has multiple LGBTQ+ posts, particularly in the month of June. This post in particular demonstrates BBBS' support for transgenderism.

### **Planned Parenthood**

https://bbbscm.org/special-initiatives/

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https://bbbscm.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/LGBTQ-Resources-for-Bigs-Littles-Families.pdf

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Mass and Metro West state that they have a partnership with Planned Parenthood:

- ♦ "Finally, we have been building partnerships with agencies in our service areas that specifically serve queer and trans communities, including GSA Link and Planned Parenthood."
- ◆ Under LGBTQ+ resources in the second link above, BBBS of Central Mass and Metro West says they work with PP for "Affirming education, resources, referrals, and care for LGBTQ+ people." They also list PP League of Massachusetts as a source for "LGBTQ+ Services."

https://www.bigsandkids.org/partners/

BBBS of Essex, Hudson and Union Counties list Planned Parenthood as Community Partners.

https://www.bigsforkids.org/2022-forty-under-40.html

In this site we read the following: "Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati is proud to be the Presenting Sponsor of the 2022 Forty Under 40 awards, and we celebrate each honoree, along with the mentors who encouraged them throughout their lives." One of the honorees is listed as working for Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio.

### Other

https://www.npr.org/2022/05/24/1100839620/big-brothers-big-sisters-mackenzie-scott-donation

Pro-abortion MacKenzie Scott awarded BBBS \$122.6 million in 2021.

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