BIG SISTER BIG BROTHER

WELCOME TO THE OLD COLONY YMCA BIG SISTER BIG BROTHER PROGRAM!

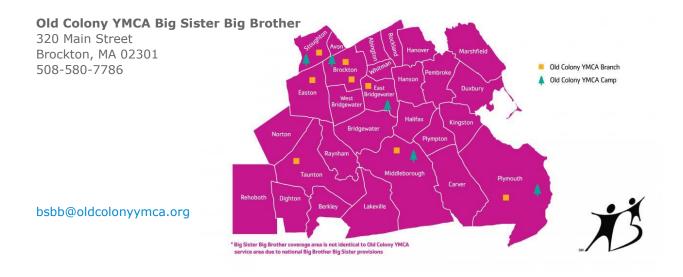
The Old Colony YMCA, based in Brockton, Massachusetts, is a non-profit organization dedicated to offering a variety of services to youth in our 29 southeastern Massachusetts community since 1993. The Y's Big Sister Big Brother program, affiliated with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, is proud to provide children ages 6-18 with positive, caring adult mentors. This is a free service that we provide. We believe that every child can benefit from having a dedicated friend outside of the family; someone who is there for that child and spends time with him or her because they want to.

Our community-based program offers traditional one-to-one matching of "Bigs" with "Littles" – matches enjoy activities such as playing sports, visiting parks/museums/libraries, biking, hiking, or just spending time together.

A national study found that Littles who meet regularly with their Bigs were:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to start drinking
- 52% less likely to skip school

We serve a large portion of Southeastern Massachusetts - just take a look at our service area!



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