

# ABOUT Us

**Youth Services System, Inc.** is committed to responding to the complex needs of youth at serious risk. For over 40 years, Youth Services System, Inc. has reached youth and their families with our shelter, residential, community-based and professional services. Together with youth and their families, we work to improve their physical and emotional well-being, to address trauma, and to build the skills and connections they need to be successful. Supported by our volunteer Board of Directors, dedicated staff, and faithful community support, Youth Services System, Inc. makes an impact in the lives of youth at serious risk of harm.



*Changing lives for the better*

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# Youth Mentoring Network



*To create better futures for  
children, families, and our  
community*



*\*Program formerly  
known as Big Brothers  
Big Sisters of the Upper  
Ohio Valley*

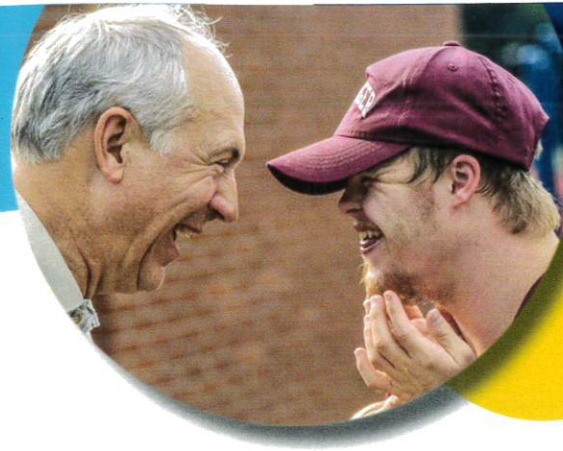


## FROM A MENTOR:

"I was raised in a family with lots of support and wanted to give that...support to a child... I am so proud of who my mentee is becoming and I'm grateful to have been a part of helping him reach his potential."



*YSS conducts a thorough background check on every potential mentor, and every relationship is supervised by a professionally trained social worker. The safety of the child is extremely important to us.*



## An adult mentor can help a child and their parent.

Studies show that children and youth matched with a mentor:

- Are more confident.
- Do better in school.
- Get along better with friends and family.
- Are more likely to steer clear of drugs and alcohol.

*The safety of children is extremely important to us.*

*We provide children a strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationship that enhances their lives.*

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**What matters with children** is not the activities; it is the fact that they have an additional caring adult in their lives. The impact goes beyond the child. The benefits extend to their family and friends, to their schools and community. Children believe in themselves because a mentor believed in them.

*\* Children between the ages of 6-17 are eligible for the program*

## YOUTH WHO MEET WITH A MENTOR REGULARLY WERE:

- 52%** less likely to skip school
- 46%** less likely to start using drugs
- 37%** less likely to skip class
- 27%** less likely to start drinking
- 1/3** less likely to hit someone.