# Big Brothers Big Sisters: Resource Guide

Ongoing

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## AL

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham

Info/Hotline · Open

1901 14th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205

**Phone** 205.939.5590
**Web** www.bbbsbhm.org
**Checks payable to** Big Brothers Big Sisters
**Service** Permanent

In the wake of Alabama's recent devastating tornado outbreak, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham has been assessing the well–being of the 700+ children in our programs. Approximately 50% of the children we serve have been contacted and accounted for. Unfortunately, we do have 13 children and their families who have lost everything – their home, clothes, and personal belongings. We are asking for the following donations to help these children and their families rebuild their lives:

*children's clothes (all sizes)
*NEW socks, shoes, and underwear
*school supplies
*Wal–Mart gift certificates worth between $10 and $50
*buckets and plastic bins (to store salvaged belongings)

Please drop off all donations at our office located at 1901 14th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35205. Thank you.

Email: customerrelations @ bbbsbhm.org

**Services offered:** Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location
**Campaigns:** 2011 Alabama Tornado; 2011 Spring – Tornadoes–Floods–Wind Storms; Big Brothers Big Sisters
Updated May 3, 2011 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8160

## IN

### Foundation for Youth (Also at this site: "Foundation of Hope" Food Pantry)

Walk–in Resource · Open

Community Youth

405 Hope Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201

**Phone** (812) 372 7867
**Web** www.foundationforyouth.com
**Serves** Bartholomew Co., IN
**Service** Temporary

From the website:

FLOOD RELIEF SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This flood plan will cover the affected children 100%. As long as the funding is available, Foundation For Youth will cover the fees these families paid prior to suffering damages to their homes, jobs and livelihoods caused by the recent flood. Thank You very much for your support

** All Contributions are fully Tax Deductible**

Donations by Mail
Check donations can be mailed to:

Foundation For Youth
405 Hope Avenue, Columbus, IN 47201.

Please specify if donation is for "Flood Relief Scholarship". Thank you!

To make an online donation go to:
http://www.foundationforyouth.com/contribute.php

This database record is for the youth program:
after school; weekends and summer
source: http://www.gleaners.org/documents/GleanersFoodBankofIndianaCharityList.pdf

Regular Services (from the website):

Athletics & Aquatics
Big Brothers

Big Sisters
Boys & Girls Club
Columbus Youth Camp

See also the food pantry operation at this address:
https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3303

**Services offered:** Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Program
**Campaigns:** 2008 MidWest Floods; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy's & Girl's Club
Updated Mar 23, 2009 · https://reliefdb.org/shelters/3302

## MA

### Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. (NEW foreclosure prevention loans)

Info/Hotline · Open

178 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111
**Phone** 617–348–6000
**Web** www.bostonabcd.org
**Service** Temporary

http://www.dotnews.com/2011/mattapan–abcd–offers–assistance–hud–foreclosure–loans

Mattapan ABCD offers assistance for HUD foreclosure loans

By
Michael Caprio, Special to the Reporter
Jul. 8, 2011

The Action for Boston Community Development, Inc. center in Mattapan will be providing pre–application assistance for distressed homeowners interested in $50,000 foreclosure prevention loans offered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

An estimated 1,200 local homeowners will receive the funds, which are offered through the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program. The funds cover 24 months of mortgage payments, or $50,000, whichever comes first.

They are available in zero interest, forgivable packages. Applicants must submit a pre–application to the ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center and will be entered into a lottery. If selected, the applicant will then be eligible to complete a full EHLP application. The Department of Housing and Urban Development will make the final determination about eligibility and amount of assistance.

To be eligible for assistance, homeowners must have been delinquent on their mortgage payments and must have residency in the distressed home. They must also show likelihood of foreclosure (in the form of a bank letter, statement, etc.), have an income of $75,000 or below as a result of unemployment, underemployment or medical emergency, have a monthly mortgage payment that is more than 31 percent of one's income, and demonstrate an ability to resume repayment of debt obligations.

Selected applicants will be required to provide paperwork including mortgage statements, utility bills, 2009 and 2010 tax returns, a notice of delinquency from a mortgage lender, and a confirmation of employment status from an employer.

There exist certain eligibility restrictions: being currently in bankruptcy (personal of business), having two open liens on a home, and having a federal tax lien on a home can make someone ineligible for assistance.

Potential Mattapan applicants must submit their pre–application paperwork, along with a third–party authorization form, to the Mattapan ABCD office by July 22. There is no fee to submit the pre–application forms. For more information on the program, visit www.findehlp.org or call the toll–free hotline at (855) 346–3345. Those looking for information can also call the Mattapan ABCD office at (617) 298–2045.

Boston Globe article:

http://www.boston.com/yourtown/boston/fenway_kenmore/gallery/summerworks_2011/

By Matt Rocheleau, Globe Correspondent
Anti–poverty agency Action for Boston Community Development recently celebrated the completion of its 46th summer helping employ, educate and train around 1,200 city teens and young adults, between 14 and 21 years old, from low–income families. Around 6,500 applications were submitted for the 1,200 spots.

http://www.bostonabcd.org/centers/

ABCD responds to the needs of our community through our decentralized, city–wide network, which includes 13 unique neighborhood centers. At these community outposts, we give hands–on assistance on a day–to–day basis through a broad spectrum of specialized programs like Fuel Assistance, SummerWorks and Head Start, designed to serve individuals and their families at every stage of their lives.

Our Programs:

Career Development

Charitable Campaigns

Early Child Care & Education

Elder Services

Financial Futures Initiative

Food Pantries

Fuel Assistance/Energy Conservation

Health Services

Housing & Homelessness Prevention

Youth Development

**Services offered:** Advocacy, Anti–Poverty; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Housing, Eviction Defense; Advocacy, Housing, Occupancy/Building Permits, Septic/Water Wells, Information Resources; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Referrals (For Seniors/Elders); Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Housing Resource Referrals; Assistance, Referrals, Housing, Short–Term Housing Referrals; Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling; Counseling, Financial/Budget Counseling; Counseling, Financial, Home Buying Process; Counseling, Housing Counseling; Counseling, Personal Finance Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Families; Demographic Served: Families, w/Young Children; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Low Income Folks, Women Only; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Demographic Served: Women; Directories, Directory of Services, Case Management; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories, Financial Assistance Programs; Directories, Job Fair / Employment Listings & News; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Community Center; Facility: Recreation Center; Financial Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance; Financial Assistance, ** Financial Assistance (ANY/ALL Types); Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Assistance; Financial Assistance, Housing, Mortgage Loan Deferment Assistance; Grants * (ANY/ALL Types of Financial Grants); Grants, Community Development; Grants, Housing, Housing Related; Housing * (ANY/ALL Types); Housing, Housing Assistance, Relocation $ for Survivors; Housing, Subsidized/Low–Income Housing; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Legal, Human Rights; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Educational Services (See also Category for School); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Financial, Counseling, Mortgage–Foreclosure Problems; Services, Financial, for Folks w/Bad Credit (that want to get better); Services, For Folks Trying To Get Off Welfare; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Event, Party, Anniversary Event; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Education, 1st Time Home Buyer Education; Training Classes, Employment, Job Training (Elders/Seniors); Training Classes, Eviction Defense Clinic; Training Classes, Financial Literacy; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
**Campaigns:** Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy's & Girl's Club; Ending Extreme Poverty; Government, City/Town Agency; Government, US Deptartment of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
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## Center for Teen Empowerment

Walk–in Resource · Open

48 Rutland St, Boston, MA

**Phone** 617.536.4266
**Contact** various people, see below
**Web** www.teenempowerment.org
**Service** Temporary

This group also works with the Warren Gardens "Higher Ground" neighborhood improvement program: https://reliefdb.org/shelters/8987

CONTACT INFO for Teen Empowerment:

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The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.

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Teen Empowerment Program
21 Balfour Street
Dorchester, MA 02125
617-427-1488 or 617-427-1599
kit@teenempowerment.org

EGLESTON SQUARE SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
2010 Columbus Avenue
Roxbury, MA 02119
Phone: 617-442-4684
Fax: 617-442-4687
jen @ teenempowerment . org

WARREN GARDENS SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
130 Warren Street
Roxbury, MA 02119
617-652-8014
craig @ teenempowerment . org

ROCHESTER SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
392 Genesee Street
Rochester, New York 14611
Phone: 585-697-3464
Fax: 585-413-1951
doug @ teenempowerment . org

SOMERVILLE SITE:
Teen Empowerment Program
165 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02145
Phone: 617-625-6600 ext. 2256
marlon @ teenempowerment . org

from the website:

THE TEEN EMPOWERMENT MODEL

The Teen Empowerment Model, upon which the Center for Teen Empowerment's programming is based, is a comprehensive methodology for working with groups that has wide-ranging applications in both youth and adult settings. It is made up of a clearly articulated set of beliefs that are actualized through a system of group building, skill development, decision making, and behavior management methods.

A. Beliefs
The first four in this set of beliefs have particular ramifications for youth program structure and approach, while the final two apply more broadly to both youth and adults in terms of how education and training are provided and how these constituencies work and relate together in groups.
There is a connection between feeling powerless and increased risk of engaging in dysfunctional behaviors.

* When youth, particularly those at greatest risk, do not have access to legitimate sources of power, they are more likely to be attracted to negative behaviors as a means of acquiring power.
* While most youth do not have input into decisions about how schools and communities function, they often have easy access to negative forms of power, such as dealing drugs or using weapons.
* Providing varied opportunities for a broader range of youth to access legitimate forms of power reduces the need among young people to pursue destructive forms of power.

Analysis + Decision-making + Action + Success = Power
Teen Empowerment provides youth with the tools they need to analyze the issues in their communities and schools, to identify those issues they consider to be most important, and to make decisions concerning the best ways to address these issues. Adults then provide the necessary support to ensure that these efforts are as successful as possible. While people can and do learn from

their failures, the TE Model is based on the belief that people of all ages usually learn more from success than from failure and are more likely to be inspired by success to continue traveling down a positive path.

Youth have the ability to make real and meaningful changes in their schools and communities.
The work done at Teen Empowerment is not merely an exercise that is good only for the youth involved. Teen Empowerment youth organizers are engaged in real work with the expectation that their efforts will result in the achievement of powerful and positive changes in their schools and communities.

To make real change, youth need access to adequate resources to implement their ideas.
Teen Empowerment actualizes this belief by paying young people to work as youth organizers, and providing them with the resources they need to implement their organizing strategies. Every TE site has access to the financial resources needed to carry out their chosen community and school change strategies.

The most effective forms of youth and adult leadership are facilitative rather than command in nature.
The role of a Teen Empowerment leader is to facilitate a process by which the group identifies the best solutions to the problems it faces and makes decisions about the actions that need to be taken.

In both youth and adult group settings, there is a connection between the skillful use of interactive group work methods and the ability of the group to reach consensus and to maximize the amount of productive work they are able to accomplish.
Interactive methods used skillfully can help to form deep relationships among group members and to build a trusting environment where people are willing to take chances and experiment with new forms of creative problem solving. Furthermore, these methods can build real consensus in a group by bringing out voices, thoughts, and feelings that might otherwise remain hidden. This genuine consensus provides a significantly more powerful basis for action because the chosen actions are more fully supported by all group members.

B. Methods
This section first gives an overview of Teen Empowerment's interactive methodology and its centrality to all of TE's work. It then describes the procedures by which the TE Model carries out its youth organizing mission: selecting and training the youth organizer group, working with the group to plan and implement social–change initiatives, and creating and maintaining a highly productive group by managing behavior and practicing effective communication skills.

1. The Innovative Use of Interactive Modes of Learning and Work
One of the important factors enabling TE's success is the Teen Empowerment Model's unique approach to group facilitation, which emphasizes interactive modes of work and communication as a means of significantly increasing productivity. This reliance on interactive methods is based on the belief that groups function optimally when everyone's voice is heard and when group members are given the tools they need to develop relationships based on trust. In this kind of caring and safe environment, people of all ages become willing to take chances and experiment with new forms of creative problem solving. Furthermore, the use of interactive methods brings out thoughts, feelings, experiences, and skills that would otherwise remain hidden, thus creating a much broader basis for reaching a consensus to take action and for maintaining the motivation to ensure that the chosen actions are successfully implemented.

Teen Empowerment uses these interactive methodologies in every aspect of our work with both youth and adults. We have found that the thoughtful application of these methods helps groups to effectively achieve their goals –– from goals as simple as learning names to more sophisticated goals such as resolving dysfunctional classroom dynamics or developing innovative curricula that enable populations with special needs or learning challenges to succeed. Furthermore, TE uses interactive techniques to continuously reinforce the vital link between the group's mission and its current work, thereby increasing the group's investment in its work and in the ultimate success of its organizing efforts. Thorough integration of these methods into all aspects of our work allows TE to engage the hearts, minds, and energies of diverse groups of students, teachers, and other youth and adults in finding solutions to difficult problems.

2. The Participant Selection Process
The initial phase of the Youth Organizing project at each site is the Participant Selection Process, which is used to select young people who will work as a youth organizer group. The selection process includes an extensive recruitment of applicants; a first interview consisting of a two hour interactive group session and a ten minute individual interview; and a second interview, using the same methods as the first, conducted with about one third of the initial applicants.

Following the second round of interviews, staff considers each of the applicants. At each site, TE seeks to hire a group that is gender–balanced, reflects as closely as possible the diversity of the school or community where the group will work, and includes those who are considered to be at–risk. Through this process, staff identifies youth who are connected to all of the various subgroups of the targeted school or community and are willing and able to exert a positive influence over those subgroups.

3. Initial Training Modules
During the first week of the project, youth organizers complete a detailed curriculum designed to:

* Build group and individual relationships.
* Identify key issues in the community or school where the project is based.
* Place identified issues within a larger social context.
* Develop 2–3 strategic action steps to begin addressing the identified issues.

* Begin implementation of the first strategic initiative using TE's 10 Step Planning Process.
* Orient group members to Teen Empowerment's Behavior Change System.

4. Ongoing Training and Planning Sessions
After the initial training period, youth organizers continue to meet for interactive work sessions four or five days per week. The first session each week is used to address group issues and implement the Behavior Change System (see below). Each of the other sessions uses the TE meeting format, as follows:

* Introduction, covering the purpose of the day, the timeline of upcoming initiatives and projects, and a review of the day's agenda.
* Warm–Up Question, which poses a question to be answered by each member of the group. Facilitators select the question to highlight some aspect of the group's work, to educate the group regarding a societal or community change dynamic, or to work with a particular group dynamic.
* Springboard Exercise, which consists of a physical or intellectual group challenge that is designed to generate and focus group energy, to highlight a societal, community, and/or group dynamic, and to connect group members to the purpose of their work together.
* Work Section, consisting of decision–making and educational activities that take place in the whole group, and of small group work (such as planning logistics, producing graphic materials, and writing and practicing speeches, skits, or raps) needed to carry out the chosen organizing strategies. When participants work in small groups, the groups report back on what they accomplished and in some cases demonstrate what they have produced and get feedback from the group.
* Summation, in which the facilitator speaks briefly about what has been accomplished and what is coming up for the group, makes announcements, and addresses any logistical issues such as assignments or handouts to be distributed.
* Evaluation, in which group members rate and comment on the day's work.

5. Implementation of Social Change Initiatives
Every year at each Teen Empowerment site, youth organizers plan and implement numerous initiatives designed to achieve their goals for positive change. Read about recent initiatives at our sites here.

6. The Behavior Change System
TE's Behavior Change System is used to manage behavior and to develop appropriate work, learning, and communication skills within the context both of TE Youth Organizing groups and of the larger community. The system also has broad application and has been used in a variety of projects that seek to employ participants in a group work setting while addressing communication and behavioral issues. The system used by TE's Youth Organizing projects includes:

* Weekly Feedback: In this element, participants learn how to give and receive both criticism and praise and to view feedback as a set of skills that can be improved through practice and reflection. Feedback aims to connect positive emotions with both positive and negative information about each group member. In the weekly session, facilitators first lead the group through exercises designed to surface group issues. They then provide training in feedback skills. Finally, the facilitators open the feedback session; facilitators give feedback to group members, and group members give feedback to one another and to the facilitators.
* Youth Organizer Work Contract: The Youth Organizer Work Contract details exactly what is expected of each group member and the precise consequences for failing to meet the expectations. Expectations are clearly outlined and cover some 25 behavioral categories, including motivation and attitude within the group and behavior within the classroom or the community. Here is an example of how the contract works: The first time a participant is late for group, he/she is warned; the second time, the participant loses two hours pay; the third and fourth times, he/she loses three hours pay; and the fifth time, the participant is fired. Participants can earn back an assessed fine if they work for a specified amount of time without incurring that infraction. If a participant is fired, he or she may, at the discretion of the staff, reapply in writing and, after volunteering in the program for a week with no contract infractions, be rehired.
* Intensive Feedback: Once a year, each TE site participates in a daylong Intensive Feedback session that takes place on a school holiday or a weekend. In the morning of the session, an outside facilitator conducts interactive exercises designed to surface group issues. The afternoon consists of further training in feedback skills, time to prepare feedback, and about three hours of giving and receiving feedback, using one of several formats. Intensive Feedback sessions are life–changing in nature and result in significant individual growth, resolution of group tensions, and noticeable gains in the group's ability to work productively for the improvement of their school or community.

C. Operational Structures
Teen Empowerment programming is implemented through a common–sense operational structure that consists of three components:

* Youth organizing. TE has sites in Boston, MA, Somerville, MA, and Rochester, NY. At each site, youth are hired and trained to identify critically important issues and to design and implement effective actions to address these issues. In addition, youth in each city come together to work on citywide initiatives, most notably the annual Youth Peace Conferences.
* Consulting and training. TE trains teachers, school administrators, police officers and other adults working in human service organizations in the use of our unique and effective methodology.
* Dissemination of instructional materials. Teen Empowerment is developing a series of publications and videos that will make TE's methodology accessible to a national audience. The first of these is Moving Beyond Icebreakers©: An Innovative Approach to Group Facilitation, Learning, and Action.

D. Conclusion

The Teen Empowerment Model is a comprehensive system for bringing people together into working groups that function effectively to reach their goals for creating positive change. TE is committed to continuously refining the model and to learning through practice and reflection how best to fulfill our organizational mission. In addition, we are immersed in ongoing efforts to disseminate what we have learned and to broaden the scope of the model to serve other populations that could benefit from this work. Through this process, Teen Empowerment is building an ever more sophisticated system for increasingly productive, meaningful, and significant institutional development.

See materials for these topics at this link:
http://www.teenempowerment.org/model.html

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**Services offered:** Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Child Advocacy; Advocacy, Economic Justice for Impoverished Populations; Advocacy, Employment, "At–Risk" Job Applicants; Advocacy, Health & Human Rights; Advocacy, Housing, Community, Housing Development; Advocacy, Human Rights; Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Advocacy, Social Justice; Assistance, Referrals * General Information & Referral; Assistance, Referrals, Youth Services; Business Internship Opportunities for Young Adults; Community Outreach Programs; Community, Recreation, Recreational Programs; Community Service Program; Counseling, Career Counseling; Counseling, Support Group * (ANY/ALL Types); Demographic Served: Social Peers; Demographic Served: Sustainable Communities; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served: Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Victims of Economic Injustice, Urban; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Directories, Directory of Services, City/Town; Directories of Services & Programs * (ANY/ALL Types); Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Documentation, Volunteer Instructions; Documentation, Volunteer Management Guidance; Education, Communication with at–risk teens; Education, for Parents, about teens' risky behaviors; Education, Parenting at–risk teens; Events, Community Meetings; Facility: Recreation Center; Information Resource, Alternative Schools/Education; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Demographic Information; Information Resource, Neighborhood Network; Information Resource, Situation Reports & Status Reports; Information Resource, Watchdog Site, Social Justice; Information Resource, Youth Services; New "Business" Models; New "Business" Models, Education; New "business" models, Government; New "business" models, Sustainable Societies; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Employment, Internship Program; Services, Family, Children * (ANY/ALL Types of Childrens Services); Services, Family, General Family Assistance; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Social Event *(any/all types) see also category "Events"; Social Event, for Teens; Social Event, Networking Group *any/all types; Social Event, Networking Group, Employment/Professional Networking; Social Events, Party / Festival; Training, Activism; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Business Skills; Training Classes, Communication Skills; Training Classes, Computers Skills; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training Classes, Life Skills, Youth; Training Classes, Literacy Training; Training Classes, Volunteer Orientation & Training; Training, Employment, Job Skills, Youth; Training Government, Training on How it Works; Training, Job Training; Training, Micro–Economic Entrepeneurship; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Trainin, Social Awareness; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Leadership Development; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
**Campaigns:** Alternative Societies; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Boy's & Girl's Club; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Head Start Program; Neighborhood Network; New "Business" Models
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## Louison Family Center

Shelter · Open

Shelter, Community Outreach, Family Programs
137 Newbury St., Brockton, MA
**Phone** 508–584–4315, ext. 209
**Service** Temporary

Capacity: 15 Families

David Jon Louison was the 5–year–old son of one of Brockton's prominent attorneys who was kidnapped in 1974. The Greater Brockton community united, raising reward money for use to secure the child's safe return. Unfortunately, that did not happen, and the family made the decision to use reward funds to open a shelter.

The David Jon Louison (DJL) Center was founded in 1982 as a non–profit, charitable, educational foundation created to serve families with infants and toddlers who were homeless or living in cars, abandoned buildings, and overcrowded apartments. The original center has expanded to encompass three adjoining properties located in a residential neighborhood in the Greater Brockton.

After a quarter of a century of successful service delivery to homeless families, the David Jon Louison Center's Board of Directors voted to merge with the Old Colony YMCA, thereby adding value and significantly enhancing the mission of both organizations. The David Jon Louison Center was chartered with YMCA of the USA as an Old Colony Y division in July 2006.

The Old Colony YMCA DJL Center's mission is to assist families through the crisis of homelessness, while providing services that promote a successful transition towards self–sufficiency. The Center was founded on the principle that every human being has dignity. Homeless individuals often lose their own sense of dignity, therefore, the Center strives to recognize, reinforce, and respect the dignity of all people who come to us for assistance.

The Center offers temporary shelter as well as educational opportunities for the personal, social, and economic growth of all members of the homeless families. Once housed and self–sufficient, it is hoped that these individuals and their families will continue to recognize their own unique dignity, value, and self worth as they work towards the fulfillment of their goals and their own personal potential.

Services offered to families in DJL Center care include:

Emergency shelter
24–hour staff coverage
Food pantry as necessary
Clothing when necessary
Access to medical care
Transportation for housing appointments
Handicap accessibility
Intensive Case Management
Family Care Planning (individualized strength–based treatment plans)
Weekly Meetings with Case Manager
Communal House Meetings
Subsidized Child Care
Job Search
Career Choice Assistance
Educational Counseling/Support
After–Care Case Management and Support
Support Groups (Parenting, Women's Issues, Self–Esteem, Girls Empowerment...)
Mental Health Services through referral to our Mental Health Clinic
Individual and Family Therapy
Mediation and Family Support
Life and Pro–Social Skill Building Activities
Budgeting classes conducted through partnership with Harbor One
Individual financial management and credit counseling
Family Memberships to the Y (includes fitness center and all fitness classes, youth programming, swimming lessons, karate lessons, youth sports leagues, etc.)
Big Sister Big Brother Mentoring Services
Children attend YMCA Summer Camp
Arts and Crafts classes for children
Toddler group – child witness to violence project for 2–4 yr olds
Homework Club and tutoring
Volunteer led "Fun Friday's" and "Family Fun Nights"
BBQ's, game nights, swimming parties, etc.

The Old Colony Y David Jon Louison Center offers services based upon a vision of unifying and fortifying families in crisis by surrounding them with all the strengths the YMCA and our community–based partners have to offer. This vital program provides

housing plus intensive wrap around services designed to shorten homelessness and meet individual needs, enabling parents and children to stabilize, work on goals, and eventually flourish independently in the community.

**Services offered:** Case Management, Homeless; Case Management, Low Income (Individuals/Families); Case Management, * (Providers of ANY Type of Case Management); Counseling (Free or Sliding Scale) * (ANY/ALL Types of Counseling); Counseling, Support Groups, Parents; Distribution * (ANY/ALL Types); Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Food Distribution, Food Pantry (Distributes to the Public); Medical, Services, Medical Care * (ANY/ALL Types); Mental Health Services; Services *0* (Choose this if You Provide or Need ANY Type of Social Services); Services, Family, Children, Child Care Program; Services, Family, Children, Recreation, Summer Camp; Services, Tutoring Services; Shelter * (ANY/ALL Types); Shelter, Emergency Shelter; Shelter, Homeless Shelter; Social Event, Arts & Crafts; Training * (ANY/ALL Types of Instruction) ; Training Classes, Education, Parenting; Training Classes, Financial, Money Management; Training Classes, Life Skills, Misc.; Training, Services, Employment /JobTraining ; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types)
**Campaigns:** Big Brothers Big Sisters; Homelessness Relief Services; YMCA/YWCA
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## American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Quaker Social Justice Action, Cambridge

Info/Hotline · Open

Cambridge, MA
**Web** www.afsc.org/office/cambridge-ma
**Service** Temporary

from the site:

Cambridge, MA is home to four of AFSC's Northeast Programs:

The Healing and Transformative Justice Program works with survivors of crime, those convicted of crime, and their families and communities.

The Material Assistance Program (MAP) gives clothing and basic house goods to people in need in the Greater Boston area.

The Peace and Economic Security Program (PES) works for nuclear abolition, coordinates international peace building efforts, and advocates for peace here at home.

Project Voice advocates for better immigration policies, educates immigrants and low wage workers about their rights, and organizes a host of related community campaigns.

In addition, our Cambridge-based New England Regional Office coordinates the efforts of our New Hampshire, Western Massachusetts and South East New England programs, all of which engage their regions in a variety of peace and justice efforts, and our Wabanaki program, which works for justice and healing in Maine's Native communities.

Film lending library, must-see documentaries about war, racism, and other ills:
http://tools.afsc.org/bigcat/mustsee.php

**Services offered:** Advocacy, * (ANY/ALL Types); Advocacy, Social Justice; Advocacy, Social Justice, Fair Labor/Worker Rights; Clothing, All Sizes, New or Gently Used * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Community Outreach Programs; Community Outreach, Public Awareness, Humanitarian Issues; Community Service Program; Distribution, Clothing Closet; Distribution, Clothing Distribution (To the Public); Events, Community Meetings; Events, Protest Actions; Household Items (small) * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Information Resource * (ANY/ALL Types); Information Resource, Resources Available to Disaster Survivors; Library Services * (ANY/ALL Types) ; LIbrary Services, Film lending; Linens, Bedding * (ANY/ALL Types of Bedding) New or Gently Used/CLEAN; Services, Disaster Recovery ; Services, Disaster, Repository (For Lost Articles/Artifacts Found Post Disaster); Services, Humanitarian Aid ; Social Event, Book/Study/Discussion Group; Social Event, Films/Cinema/Movies/Lectures; Support for "All Local" Disasters; Toiletries * (ANY/ALL Types); Toiletries, Personal Hygiene Products * (ANY/ALL Types) ; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
**Campaigns:** Alternative Societies; American Friends Service; Big Brothers Big Sisters; Economic Solidarity and Cooperativism; Ending Extreme Poverty; Occupy Wall Street / Occupy America / Occupy Together; Quakers; Social Activists/Organizers; Social Change Initiative
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## Big Brother Big Sister Foundation

Warehouse · Open

5 Mear Rd, Holbrook, but serving metro/worcester areas, MA
**Phone** (774) 776-7200, (800) 483-5503
**Web** www.bbbsfoundation.org/web/pagedetail.aspx?pgID=contactus
**Service** Temporary

Bill Cifrino, Operations Manager
wcifrino @ bbbsfoundation . org

General office questions:
Karen Gray, Office Manager
kgray @ bbbsfoundation . org

Questions or issue with your pick–up:
Dispatch
dispatch @ bbbsfoundation . org

Questions about Clothing Drives and Special Events:
Maria Sullivan, Marketing Coordinator
msullivan @ bbbsfoundation . org

Find a drop box:

http://gd.bbbsfoundation.org/gd.donations/main/binlocations.aspx

Location Name Address City State Zip Type Comments Map
Abington 400 Bedford Street Abington MA 02351 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Allston 60 Everett Street Allston MA 02134 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop M–F 7am–7pm, S–S 10am–5pm
Attleboro 34 Perry ave. Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Stop and Shop parking lot
Berlin Jones Road Berlin MA 01503 BIN Transfer Station
Brockton 135 West Gate Drive Brockton MA 02301 BIN Lowes parking lot
Brockton Oak Hill Way Brockton MA 02301 BIN Recycling Center
Burlington 26 Beacon St Burlington MA 01803 BIN Beacon Village Apts.
Cohasset 823 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Cohasset MA 02025 BIN Aubuchon Hardware on Rt. 3A
Dartmouth 25 Faunce Corner Rd Dartmouth MA 02747 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking lot
Duxbury Mayflower St Duxbury MA 02332 BIN Duxbury Transfer Station open Wed– Sun 8am – 4pm
East Bridgewater Bridge St. East Bridgewater MA 02333 BIN Recycling Center Every Other Saturday
Fall River 333 Mariano Bishop Blvd Fall River MA 02721 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Foxboro 141 Main Street Foxboro MA 02035 BIN Stop and Shop
Framingham Weld Street Framingham MA 01702 BIN Property Center Estates
Franklin Old West Central Franklin MA 02038 BIN Franklin Crossing Condos
Holbrook 5 Mear Road Holbrook MA 02343 BIN BBBS Foundation off rt. 139
Holliston 589 Concord St Holliston MA 01746 BIN Sterling Services, Route 126
Kingston 32 William C Gould Way Kingston MA 02364 BIN Lowes parking lot
Mansfield 377 Chauncy Street Mansfield MA 02048 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot
Medford 85 George P Hassett Dr. Medford MA 02155 BIN Medford Town Hall
Norfolk 33 medway Branch norfolk MA 02056 BIN Norfolk Transfer Station Open Wed, Fri, and Sat
North Attleboro 1360 South Washington Street North Attleboro MA 02703 BIN Lowes parking lot
Norton 33 West Main St. Norton MA 02766 BIN Aubuchon Hardware
Norwood 14 Hill St. Norwood MA 02062 BIN Norwood Depot Train Station
Pembroke 158 Hobomock St. pembroke MA 02359 BIN Pembroke Transfer Station open Wed, Sat, and Sun
Pembroke 108 Old Church Street Pembroke MA 02359 BIN Lowes Parking Lot
Quincy 65 Newport Avenue Quincy MA 02170 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Rehoboth Transfer Station Intersection of Plain St and Martin St. Rehoboth MA 02769 BIN Open Tues 4pm–7pm & Sat 8am–4pm
Salem NH 5 Delaware Dr Salem NH 03079 BIN BBBS NH Warehouse
Somerville 1244 Broadway Somerville MA 02144 BIN Kirklands parking lot, in rear
South Boston 566 Dorchester Ave Boston MA 02127 BIN Tedeschis Parking Lot
Watertown 700 Pleasant Street Watertown MA 02472 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop Parking Lot
Weston 199 Church St weston MA 02493 BIN Weston Transfer Station open Tues Wed Fri and Sat
Weymouth 729 Bridge St. Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Lowes Parking Lot, harborlight mall
weymouth 2 winter st Weymouth MA 02188 BIN Dependable Cleaners Parking Lot
Woburn 2 Elm Street Woburn MA 01801 DONATION STATION Stop and Shop parking lot

**Services offered:** Demographic Served:  Low Income Folks; Demographic Served: Teens; Demographic Served:  Teens, Troubled; Demographic Served: Vulnerable & Marginalized Populations; Distribution, Bulk Distribution; Distribution, Supplies, Local Distribution of Supplies; Donations, Drop–Off, Collection Site Location; Drivers, Local Deliveries, Volunteers; Drivers, Local Pickup / Delivery, Volunteer; Drivers, Local Pick–Up, Volunteer; Drivers, Truck Drivers, Volunteer (Fuel is Covered); Hand Truck; LOAN ONLY, Pallet Jack; LOAN ONLY, Truck; Pallet Jack; Recycling, Appliances; Recycling, Computers & Electronics; Recycling, Household Items; Recycling, Random Stuff; Recycling, Recycling Network & Gift Recycling; Recycling, Services * (ANY/ALL Types); Resource Website for "Green" (incl socially just) Products/Services; Resource Website for "Green" Living Suggestions; Transportation, Access To Trucks/Transportation; Transportation * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck * (ANY/ALL Types); Vehicle, Truck, Box Truck; Vehicle, Truck, Pick–Up, Pickup; Vehicle, Utility Vehicle; Warehouse, Warehouse Space
**Campaigns:** Big Brothers Big Sisters; Ending Extreme Poverty; Ending Pollution
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## Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Worcester/Central Middlesex, Inc.

Info/Hotline · Open

Acton "Safety Net" Leadership Summit
SEE NOTES, SEE NOTES, MA
**Phone** SEE NOTES

**Web** www.bbbsworc.org
**Serves** Central & Metrowest, MA
**Service** Permanent

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Mass/Metrowest is one agency located within two offices in Framingham and Worcester.

4 Franklin Commons, Framingham, MA 01702
508–879–7762, 1–888–879–7762, Fax: 508–872–0678, 603.mentor@bbbs.org

484 Main Street, Suite 360, Worcester, MA 01608
508–752–7868, 1–800–540–7868, Fax: 508–752–7316, 603.mentor@bbbs.org

Who are volunteers?
Our volunteers are doctors, mechanics, architects, construction workers, teachers, lawyers, students, retirees and more.

What does it take to be a volunteer?
All it takes is having fun and sharing time. Little moments such as taking a walk, riding a bike, or watching a movie turn into big magic when shared with a child. You'll be having fun while showing a child that you care.

Who are the Little Brothers, Little Sisters, and their families?
Our Little Brothers and Sisters can range in age from 6–13 years old. They can be children from single family homes, families new to the United States, or children with other special circumstances. The children live across Central Massachusetts and Metro West and are looking to share a little time with a Big Brother or Big Sister in their community.

How do I become a volunteer?
Just Apply to submit an online application along with three references. Then just call Joy Monopoli at 508–752–7868 to schedule an interview.

What types of activities do we share together?
Generally, our Big Brothers and Big Sisters spend at least a few hours every month with their Littles, shooting hoops, cooking, riding bikes, or playing video games– anything that lets a child know that someone else cares for them, pays attention to them, and lets them safely enjoy their childhood.

What happens if questions arise or if I need to change my schedule?
Your case manager is always available to answer questions or help with problems. Just give him or her a call or send an email!

**Services offered:** Advocacy, Services, Youth Services; Counseling, Mentors; Demographic Served: Children; Directories, Youth Services & After–School Programs; Services, Youth Services, Crime Prevention Programs; Volunteer Opportunities, In General * (ANY/ALL Types); Volunteers, Individual Volunteers (This facility accomodates Individuals Volunteers); Volunteer, Volunteer Registry, Online; Warehouse, Warehouse Space; Youth, After–School, Afterschool Program; Youth, Mentor Program; Youth Outreach; Youth Program
**Campaigns:** 211 (groups that are ASSOCIATED with 211); Acton Leadership Summit, Acton Massachusetts; Big Brothers Big Sisters
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