

# BIG STEPS TO SUCCESS

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## **VOLUNTEER MENTOR OPPORTUNITY! – Big Steps to Success**

Big Steps to Success is a mentorship program specifically designed for children and youth living in government care who are between the ages of 7 and 14. Children's Aid Society of Toronto and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto have partnered to deliver this program locally. The objective of the program is to help youth in care improve educational outcomes and benefit from a caring adult relationship. Each mentee-mentor pair will participate in the program for a minimum of one year. Learn more at: <https://www.cafdn.org/our-impact/programs-we-fund/big-steps-to-success/>

***We are currently looking to recruit volunteer mentors!***

### **Benefits of becoming a mentor:**

- Engage in a life-changing relationship built on friendship, trust and empowerment
- Help introduce your mentee to new experiences, opportunities and networks
- Have fun and share in mutual hobbies and interests!

### **Volunteer requirements:**

- 18+ years of age
- Minimum one year commitment (2 hours per week or 4 hours bi-weekly)
- Complete a mentor application form and assessment interview
- Provide a vulnerable sector check + character references
- Participate in mentor orientation and training

### **What mentoring looks like:**

Once you have completed the process to become a volunteer mentor, mentors (Bigs) and mentees (Littles) will be thoughtfully matched. You will meet with your Little for a few hours every week either in the community, at their school, virtually or a combination of the three. You will get to know them through meaningful conversation, activities and shared experiences. All Big Steps to Success mentors receive specialized training and are supported by their Big Steps to Success Coordinator throughout the match.

### **How to apply to become a mentor (Toronto, ON):**

- Step 1: [Click here to complete the online volunteer application form](#)
- Step 2: Reach out to Rhiannon Petrycka to let her know you are interested in becoming a volunteer mentor for Big Steps to Success! Stephanie can be reached via email at [rhiannon.petrycka@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca](mailto:rhiannon.petrycka@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca) or by phone at (416) 925-8981 ext. 4164

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