

### Successful Bigs...

- ✓ Put a child's safety and well-being first.
- ✓ Are consistent and dependable.
- ✓ Emphasize friendship instead of changing the child's behavior.
- ✓ Initiate phone contact and activity planning with their Little.
- ✓ Decide activities together with their Little.
- ✓ Are not authoritarian.
- ✓ Have realistic expectations.
- ✓ Are patient.
- ✓ Focus on having fun.
- ✓ Set boundaries and limits with Littles and parents/guardians.
- ✓ Know that the positive impact on the child starts to show after the relationship is already built.
- ✓ Contact their Match Support Specialist monthly.

### Bigs ARE NOT...

- ✗ Parent substitutes.
- ✗ Financial support.
- ✗ "Taxi" services.
- ✗ Babysitters.
- ✗ Peers.
- ✗ Therapists.