

BIG STEPS TO SUCCESS (BSTS) REFERRAL PROCESS

Our mentoring programs foster thriving connections by matching based on shared lived experience and interests. Our goal is to empower and support youth and their families through these relationships.



STEP #1: ACCESS REFERRAL

- To access the referral form, reach out to the mentoring coordinator at Children's Aid Society Toronto (CAST).
- This referral is for children and youth who are currently receiving kinship services or are directly in care.



STEP #2: COMPLETE REFERRAL

- Once you receive the link to the referral, complete and submit the referral with the date the child/youth entered care.



STEP #3: REFERRAL RECEIVED BY BBBST

- BBBST's Big Steps to Success (BSTS) coordinator will receive the referral.



STEP #4: OUTREACH TO GUARDIAN/CAST WORKER & BUILD YOUR LITTLE BIO

- The BSTS coordinator will reach out to the guardian and/or the CAST worker to arrange for a time to complete the "Build Your Little Bio".

STEP #5: MATCHING

- After the "Build Your Little Bio" session has been completed the child/youth and their guardian will be scheduled to attend a Little Fundamentals which is mandatory. This is where they learn about how to have a safe and enjoyable match (completed virtually).



STEP #6: MATCHING

- The child/youth will then be placed in the waiting pool where we will continuously be looking for a suitable mentor.
- Matching times vary according to the number of volunteers in your area, availability, interests, and personality.



STEP #7: POTENTIAL MATCH

- The guardian will be contacted by telephone when a suitable match has been found for the child/youth. Information regarding the potential match will be presented.
- If all parties are happy with and agree to the potential match as well, the match will move to the match introduction.

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