

PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Big Brothers Big Sisters strives to make a positive difference in the lives of children and youth, primarily through a professionally-supported, one-to-one relationship with a caring adult. The goal is to assist them in achieving their highest potential as they grow to become confident, competent, and caring individuals by providing committed volunteers, local and national leadership, and standards of excellence. Serving Clay, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo Counties.



The Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is a program designed to help children enrolled in child care facilities to receive the nutritious meals their growing bodies need while keeping costs down for the child care provider or facility. This program serves 12 counties: Clay, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo.



The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) program provides financial child care assistance through vouchers for low income families who are working or enrolled in school. CASY is the intake agency for 10 counties: Clay, Greene, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo.



Child Care Resource & Referral (CCRR) is a service available to help families locate and evaluate child care programs in 11 counties. Our services are based on best practice to assist in the improvement of quality child care and to provide support and information regarding Paths to QUALITY™, Indiana's quality child care rating system. CCRR is a project of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. Counties served are: Clay, Greene, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo.



Safe Kids Vigo County teaches young children and their families how to live and play safely. Programs include free car seat installation clinics, bicycle safety training, fire and burn safety/prevention, pedestrian safety, and firearm safety. Union Hospital is our partner to ensure safe travels for the youth in the Wabash Valley. Serving Vigo, Clay, Sullivan, Parke, and Vermillion Counties.



The **Out of School Club** after-school and summer camp is a program designed to provide children with a safe and healthy place to go when school is not in session. **Camp Rave** provides a structured summer camp for children, kindergarten through 5th grade. This camp is offered in collaboration with Purdue Extension-Vigo County, and with funding from the United Way of the Wabash Valley. The Out of School Club serves Vigo County. Camp Rave serves Clay, Vermillion, and Vigo Counties.



Strengthening Families is for families with school age children. The program can help youth and caregivers develop skills and understanding that lead to a more positive, stronger, and stress-free household. Parents learn nurturing skills to support their children and discipline skills to help effectively guide their youth. Youth learn skills to help deal with stress and peer pressure and develop an increased appreciation of their parents. Serving Vigo County.



The **Teen Court** program provides a chance for first time juvenile offenders to turn a mistake into a positive experience. Offenders admit guilt and a trial is conducted to determine appropriate consequences with teenagers serving in the roles of prosecuting and defense attorneys and as jurors. Serves Vigo County.



The **Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program** is designated to prevent youth from beginning tobacco use, encourage and aid youth and adults to quit using tobacco, work to reduce the adult smoking rates in Indiana, and assist in enacting smoke-free policies. Serving: Vigo County.



iLead. Designed to provide youth the opportunity to enhance and develop leadership skills and empowerment within a grassroots framework. This youth leadership council works within the community to formulate social media campaigns, provide a summer leadership conference, promote educational lessons and activities during monthly meetings, and be the voice of communication to peers in promoting positive social behaviors. iLead embraces the idea of youth empowerment and the impact of peers educating peers. Serves Vigo County.



Bikes for Tykes. Through community partnerships and donations, bicycles and helmets are provided to children in need during the holiday season. Serves Clay, Vermillion, and Vigo Counties.