

The Mentoring Effect on Education

Mentoring changes the course of young lives, which, in turn, can change the future of **communities** by making them **better** places to work, live and thrive.

It can lead to a reduction in poverty and unemployment, to **safer schools** and neighborhoods and to a renewed optimism for **growth**.

The Challenge

At the national level, Saskatchewan's graduation rate ranks below the Canadian graduation rate and sixth out of 13 Canadian jurisdictions. Youth who do not graduate from high school are at a serious disadvantage in terms of personal and economic success.

The Solution

Immediate Results:

- Students who meet regularly with their mentors are **52% less likely** than their peers **to skip a day of school** and **37% less likely to skip a class**
- Girls are 2.5X more likely to be **confident** in their ability to be successful at school.
- Boys are 2X more likely to believe that school is fun and that **doing well academically** is important

Safer Schools:

- Girls are **4X less likely to bully**, fight, lie or lose their temper.
- Boys are 3X less likely to suffer **peer pressure** related anxiety
- Boys are **2X less** likely to develop **negative conducts** like bullying, fighting, lying, cheating or losing their temper.

Future Success:

- 63% have **post-secondary** education
- 17% more likely to be **employed**
- 13% **higher earnings** - \$315,000 higher lifetime earnings
- 47% hold **senior leadership** positions

Serving as role models, our mentors teach by example the importance of giving and giving back, **of staying in school** and of having respect for family, peers and community.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Yorkton and Area currently is serving more than 200 children and youth; through mentoring however, we have more than **100 children and youth waiting for mentors**.

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Stats referenced come from these studies.

Boston Consulting Group - Social Return on Investment Study

Public/Private Ventures study of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) longitudinal study