



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**
OF ACADIANA

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THEY HAVE
THE POTENTIAL
TO CHANGE
THE WORLD.

WILL YOU STAND
WITH THEM?



BBBS NEWS & UPDATES

SAFE IN-PERSON MATCH CONTACT

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana is still advising matches to meet virtually through Phase 2. However, effective today in-person visits may resume only if the parent or guardian of your Little consents to resuming match activities.

Review Guidelines that must be followed in order to resume in-person match activities.

GUIDELINES:

- Both the Big and the Little must have not had any symptoms of any illness in the last 14 days and not have had any contact with any person with any symptoms of any illness in the last 14 days prior to ANY match activity.
- In- Person visits should be limited to one visit every two weeks to allow sufficient monitoring between visits.
- In- Person visits should be limited to no more than 90 minutes, including travel time when the Big and Little are together.
- All match activities must be limited to outdoor spaces or large indoor spaces still honoring and enforcing occupancy limits and social distancing.
- Big and Littles should observe all social distancing guidelines during visits.
- Face coverings are required to be worn throughout the activity. We encourage the parent to transport the Little to and from the activity to meet their Big.
- Bigs are responsible for ensuring their vehicle is properly sanitized before transporting their Little.
- Proper hand washing and personal sanitation should be observed by both the Big and Little throughout the visit.

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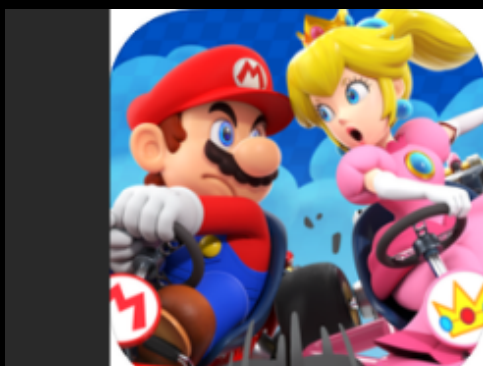
ACTIVITY IDEAS

Each week we give you fun ideas that Bigs & Littles can do together virtually!



Science Mom

Check-out Science Mom together & try out some of her experiments together via Zoom! You can find her on FaceBook & YouTube. @TheScienceMom



Play Online Games

Mario Kart Tour is another app that gives you a multiplayer option so you can play against each other! Download it in the App Store or Google Play Store.



Join a Virtual Club!

Try Virtual Lego Club at the Lafayette Public Library. Calling all LEGO lovers! They will post themes on Facebook at the beginning of each week, then you build your unique creations at home and share them with them in the comments of the post! As a bonus, they will also have live Zoom show & tell sessions!

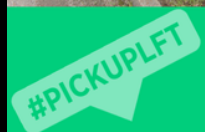


Get Crafty!

Learn to make an origami diamond and more! Watch videos & try your hands at it via Zoom.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



JOIN US AS WE
**PICK UP
LAFAYETTE**

Parish
PROUD

Parish Proud Announces **#PickUpLFT!**

"#PickUpLFT is a new hashtag starring you in your own neighborhoods. We've got the tools, we just need you volunteers to go out and clean up and beautify Lafayette. ☐

Tag us with the #PickUpLFT for a chance to win one of several gift cards we'll be giving away to those who participate each week!"

Request your toolkit here: <http://ow.ly/RH2r50AFsJT>



COMMUNITY RESOURCES CONT...

ACADIANA MEALS: AUGUST

FREE grab and go (7 day box) meals for KIDS 18 and under.
Kids must be present with parent or guardian or a Parent Pick Up Form completed

Tuesday (Lafayette)

St. Julien Park, Broussard 8:30 -10:30am
MLK Rec Center 12:30-2:30pm

Wednesday (Iberia)

West End Park, New Iberia 9:30-11:00am

Thursday (St. Landry + Acadia)

New Zion Baptist Church, Eunice 8:30-10:30am
Opelousas Civic Center 12:30-2:30pm

Friday (St. Landry + Acadia)

Sunset Community Center, Sunset 9:30-11:00am
Frog Festival Pavilion, Rayne 1:00-3:00pm



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF ACADEIANA



*A person 19 years of age and over who has a mental or physical disability (as determined by a State or local education system) and who participates during the school year in a public or private non-profit school program is also eligible for meals.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Three O'clock Project will continue to serve Acadiana as the start to school is delayed! We appreciate their commitment to serve and adapt with the changing needs of our community.

Kids must be present with a parent or guardian or a Parent Pick Up Form submitted at <https://feedthekidsla.org/>.

Paper forms will also be present on site.



SEND US YOUR STORIES

Send us your stories! We love hearing how Bigs, Littles & Families are staying connected virtually. Stories & pictures can be emailed to Christie at

choward@acadianabigs.com





FAMILY RESOURCES

We know many parents are feeling the stress of supporting & providing for their children over the weeks & months to come. It can be difficult to find a balance during this stay-at-home order. We will try our best to provide any resources we come across!

- If your workplace has temporarily closed or you have been told to take unpaid time off, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits through the [Louisiana Workforce Commission](#).
- A crisis text line has been activated to provide FREE, confidential support for people 24/7. If you need to talk to someone, you can get connected by texting REACHOUT to 741741 to reach a trained crisis counselor who will help de-escalate, identify coping strategies and use active listening techniques to support you.
- The Current has put together a user-friendly [dashboard of information & resources](#) for families in the Acadiana Area.
- Find the latest Lafayette Parish [COVID-19 UPDATES](#) in English, French & Espanol.



Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or requests!



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