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Amachi Texas provides one-to-one mentors to children who have a family member in prison, on probation, or on parole.

### **Greater Risks Facing** a Child of a Prisoner

- Truancy and Delinquency
- Gang Activity
- Crime and Violence
- Substance Abuse

## Prison is no place for a family reunion.







### **Mentoring Leads** to Success

- Specialized Training
- Case Managed Match Support
- Match Activities
- College Preparation & Workforce Readiness Training

#### **Community Problems:**

31% of Texas prisoners are functionally illiterate.1

70% of children of prisoners will follow their parents to prison.3

33% high school drop out rate in Texas.7

17% of Texas prisoners are high school graduates.2

Children of prisoners are five times more likely to commit a crime.4

#### **Amachi Texas Solutions:**

Since 2006, 98% of Amachi Texas children have been timely promoted to the next grade level.6

Since 2006, less than 3.8% of Amachi Texas youth from 6th through 12th grade have been referred to the criminal justice system.<sup>6</sup>

84% of Amachi youth go on to graduate high school.<sup>6</sup>

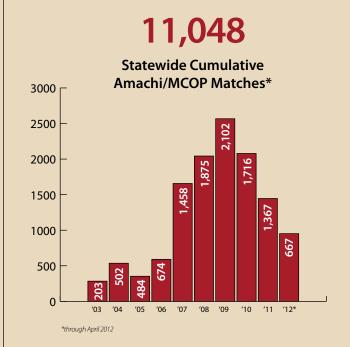
Independent studies<sup>5</sup> show that an at-risk youth after one year of having a BBBS mentor is: 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs and 33% less **likely** to become violent

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention research study of Amachi Texas youth (2007-2011) showed statistically significant differences in the following areas:

· Literacy

- · Engagement with adults
- · Closeness to family
- · Making friendships

1) The Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, (2) Texas Department of Criminal Justice, (3) U.S. Senate Report (2000), (4) Bureau of Justice Statistics, (5) Public/Private Ventures, (6) BBBS data, (7) Education Research Center



### Amachi Texas Founding Partners

Office of the Governor of Texas One Star Foundation Texas Education Agency Texas Department of Criminal Justice Big Brothers Big Sisters

#### **Amachi Texas Community Partners**

Texas Juvenile Justice Dallas Bar Association Dallas Police Department Dallas County Juvenile Boys and Girls Club

Offenders Re-Entry Initiative

Texas Teachers

Library of Congress

AmeriCorp VISTA

Office of Juvenile Justice and

US Department of Education

Texas

- North Texas Fatherhood



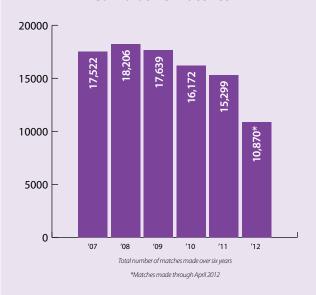


"Omar has taught Iman about persistence - to excel in academics and reach his potential."

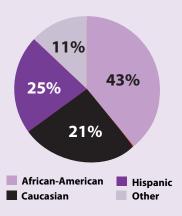
- Iman's Mom

## 45,237

## Statewide Cumulative Matches\*



## Ethnic Breakdown of Children Served



# Mentoring in Texas Works

Big Brothers Big Sisters enriches, encourages and empowers children to reach their highest potential through safe, positive mentoring relationships.

## **Key Findings of BBBS Alumni:**

A **2008 Harris Interactive Research Study** of adults who were formerly Little Brothers and Little Sisters culminated in the following reults:

90% believe their Big provided stability when they needed it

**77%** agree that their Big helped them make better choices

77% did better in school than their peers

**75%** more likely to earn a four-year college degree

**65%** believe their big hlepd them reach a higher level of education than they thought possible

Average length of Big Brothers Big Sisters match in months (24.3 months Community Based, 14.7 months School Based. Current YTD Texas Reporting Agencies)

Number of counties in Texas with active Big Brothers Big Sisters matches

