



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters®**

AMACHI MISSOURI 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

The aim of the Amachi program is to break the cycle of incarceration. Research shows that – without intervention – 70% of children with a parent in prison will end up serving time too. Mentorship can interrupt this painful cycle.

The Amachi mentorship program pairs a child with a caring adult mentor who listens, laughs, and learns alongside them. Core to the program is the belief that each child has unique needs and talents to be fostered.

Amachi is a West African word meaning "Who knows but what God has brought us through this child."

860 CHILDREN IN THE AMACHI BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PROGRAM

THE NEED IS GREAT **40,000** CHILDREN have a parent in a Missouri prison.

IMPACTING LIVES AND SAVING TAXPAYERS **\$61,604**
*Average annual cost of justice-involved youth in Mo. DYS Services**

AVERAGE TIME AMACHI LITTLES SPENT WITH THEIR BIG **5.5** HOURS/MONTH

The U.S. Department of Justice named Amachi Missouri a **NATIONAL BEST PRACTICE** in preventing juvenile delinquency.

ONLY THREE OF 860 AMACHI LITTLES entered the juvenile justice system

97% of Amachi Littles report **POSITIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

78% of young people served through Amachi Missouri experience **SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE** (increased 4% since 2020)

AMACHI SERVICE AREAS

ST. LOUIS, ST. CHARLES, CAPE GIRARDEAU, COLUMBIA, JEFFERSON CITY, SPRINGFIELD, KANSAS CITY

*Provided by Department of Corrections