



# Best Buddies Glossary

The following list defines the majority of member roles and common terms for Best Buddies.

**Associate Member/Associate Buddy** – a chapter member who is not matched in a one-to-one friendship, but who attends chapter meetings and group outings.

**Best Buddies Online (BBO)** – an online system that serves as a centralized location for all information regarding each Best Buddies chapter including chapter events, roster and member contact information, and match information. BBO is currently being utilized by our school and adult friendship programs.

**Buddy** – a volunteer with an IDD who is paired in a one-to-one friendship with a person without an IDD. (Must be 18 years or older if participating in a college chapter or citizens program.)

**Buddy director (BD)** – an individual with an IDD who works closely with the chapter leadership to ensure the full participation of all buddies in their chapter.

**Buddy pair** – two people, one with IDD and one without IDD, matched in a Best Buddies friendship.

**Chapter** – a group of students from an elementary school, middle school, high school, or college that is organized to create friendships between individuals with and without IDD and is recognized by the school administration and BBI.

**Chapter dues** – every chapter submits \$350 in chapter dues (high school and college only) each year by June 1.

**Chapter president (CP)** – a full-time student who organizes, leads, and maintains an active chapter of Best Buddies for the duration of one academic year.

**e-Buddy** – a person who is paired in a one-to-one e-mail friendship.

**Faculty advisor (FA)** – a member of the school faculty or full-time staff who serves as a liaison between the school administration and the chapter, providing support to the student leaders and chapter members throughout the year.

**Group outing** – a planned event where buddy pairs join together to participate in an activity as a chapter or group of matches.

**IDD-** Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability (such as Autism)

**Match** – two individuals, one with and one without IDD, who are paired in a Best Buddies friendship. Also known as a buddy pair.

**Mid-year snapshot** – a report that school CPs complete about their chapter on BBO at the end of the fall semester.



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**One-to-one friendship** – the pairing of one individual with IDD and one individual without IDD.

**Parent advisor** – a parent or guardian of a member in a middle/high school chapter who serves as a liaison between chapter leaders and chapter members' parents, assisting in the planning and communication of chapter events and outings.

**Peer Buddy** – a volunteer without an IDD from a school chapter who is paired in a one-to-one friendship with a person with an IDD. (Must attend the school of the Best Buddies chapter, or must be 18 years or older for the citizens program.)

**Program manager (PM)** – a member of the Best Buddies staff who oversees the daily management and development of all aspects of the Best Buddies program (colleges, high schools, middle schools, e-Buddies, citizens, promoters and ambassadors) he/she is managing.

**Secretary** – a member of the officer corps in a high school/college chapter who completes chapter forms/resources required by the school and/or BBI and reviews monthly friendship updates on each match.

**Vice president (VP)** – a member of the officer corps in a high school/college chapter who plans, supervises, and evaluates all chapter activities and program initiatives, including Best Buddies Month, Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day and Spread the Word to End the Word activities.

**Treasurer** – a member of the officer corps in a high school/college chapter who prepares and monitors the chapter budget, ensuring there is enough funds for chapter dues and chapter activities.