



**FR1**ENDS of the  
**CH1**LDREN

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# Mission

**Friends L.A.** is part of a national network with 30 years of experience in creating generational change by empowering youth who are facing the greatest obstacles through relationships with professional mentors – 12+ years, no matter what.



Our successful model is in 36 locations.

# Our Model

**FRIENDS:** We employ **full-time salaried, professional mentors** called Friends. Moving mentorship out of the volunteer realm is a key component to getting the quality, consistency and commitment children need.

**COMMIT FOR THE LONG HAUL:**  
**12+ years. No matter what.**

**INDIVIDUALIZED AND INTENTIONAL:** We focus on the growth potential of each child. Each Friend spends a **minimum of 16 intentional hours per month.**

## **HOME, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY**

Friends spend **two (2) hours 1:1** in each child's home, neighborhood, and community. Friends spend **two (2) hours** a week in the child's **classroom**

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# Training & Onboarding

- **Trauma-informed care / healing-centered engagement**
- **Trauma-informed referrals/resource support**
- **Child welfare and foster care system navigation**
- **Youth mental health first aid**
- **CSEC**
- **Mandated Reporter Training**
- **Anti-Harassment and Discrimination Training**
- **Cyber Security Training**

## IT WORKS



92% of youth go on to enroll in post-secondary education, serve our country or enter the workforce.



83% of youth earn a high school diploma or GED.



93% of youth remain free from juvenile justice system involvement.



98% of youth wait to parent until after their teen years.

## 2 Generation Approach (2Gen)

Our child-centered, 2Gen approach strengthens key protective factors for overall child well-being:

- Concrete Supports
- Social Connections
- Parental Resilience
- Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
- Social & Emotional Competence of Children



# How Can YOU get involved?

•Child resides within Service Planning Areas 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 within Los Angeles County (Antelope Valley, San Gabriel Valley, Metro-South Los Angeles, East, and South Bay).

•Child is between the ages of 4-6 years old.

•Family has received DCFS services (ER, Family Reunification, Family Maintenance, Kinship) that are closed/are closing.

Referring Agency		Address		Email	
Referrer's Name		Phone		Fax	

Please provide us with the information necessary to determine eligibility and ensure we link the potential client to the appropriate services. If we need additional information, we will contact you. If we can improve our service to you, please let us know.

### YOUTH INFORMATION

Please check all that apply:

- Child between the ages of 4-6 years old
- Family has had two or more contacts with DCFS
- Family has received ER or FM services that are closed/are closing
- Child or parent currently or previously receiving Mental Health Services.

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Single-Parent Household

Caregiver is previous foster youth or AB-12 qualified.

Child's Name		Date of Birth		Age	
Child's Address		City		Zip	
Race/Ethnicity (Optional)		Is the child potty trained?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Gender	
Preferred Language		Current School		Current Grade	
Does child have an IEP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, please describe:			
Please provide any other relevant information about the child:					

### CAREGIVER INFORMATION

#### Caregiver 1

Name		Phone Number		Email	
Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if same as child		City		Zip	
Race/Ethnicity (Optional)		Gender		Preferred Language	
Preferred Method of Contact	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input type="checkbox"/> Text <input type="checkbox"/> Email	Relationship to Child		<input type="checkbox"/> Has custody of child <input type="checkbox"/> Does not have custody of child	

Let's work  
together towards  
**collective  
impact!**

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