

LONG-TERM MENTORSHIP UNLOCKS LIFELONG SUCCESS

Every child deserves the support and opportunities to thrive, no matter their starting point.



WHO WE ARE

Friends of the Children–Los Angeles (Friends LA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth through relationships with long-term, dedicated mentors.

Unlike traditional mentorship programs, our mentors (called "Friends") are full-time, paid professionals—not volunteers.

We provide 12+ years of 1-on-1 mentorship beginning at kindergarten to equip kids with the skills, resilience, and support needed to succeed in school and life.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **Age:** Child is between the ages of 4-6 years old
- **Location:** Child resides within Los Angeles County
- **DCFS Involvement:** Family has received DCFS services that are closed or closing.
- **Commitment to Long-Term Support:** Families ready to partner for 12+ years of FREE mentorship

HOW TO ENROLL

For inquiries related to enrollment or referrals, please contact enrollment@friendsla.org or go to www.friendsla.org/how-it-works/program-interest to complete our online referral form.

PROVEN OUTCOMES

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 a GED

93%

remain free from juvenile justice system involvement

98%

wait to parent until after their teen years