

Friends L.A. Referral Form

What is Friends L.A.?

Friends of the Children—Los Angeles (Friends L.A.) is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide children with a long-term relationship with a caring adult mentor. The mentor is a full-time salaried professional who spends time with the child, starting at 4- 6 years of age. These mentors are called “Friends.” The program commits to each child until they graduate high school, 12+ years, no matter what.

How can a Friend support you and your child?

Friends meet weekly with children in their homes, classrooms, and communities between 12-16 hours per month, to support the growth and development of your child. They work on supporting the hopes and dreams each parent has for their child starting with school success, positive interactions with peers and adults, and helping each child find their spark through extracurricular activities.

How is our agency involved?

We are partnering with Friends L.A. to help match children impacted by the foster care system to a Friend. We are referring youth and families with a lot of potential that may benefit from additional support.

Is there anything else I should know?

Friends L.A. is free and voluntary to all parents. They have open enrollment once a year on a first come, first serve basis. By completing this referral form, Friends L.A. will contact you to discuss enrollment. We cannot guarantee your child will be selected, but Friends will place youth on a waitlist for the next window of enrollment.

What if I have Questions?

Please contact Valerie Esquivel at 213.249.2963 (call or text) or email vesquivel@friendsla.org

I give my permission to Friends L.A. to contact me to determine if my child will benefit from program.

Parent’s Name (Print): _____

Parent’s Signature: _____

Child’s Full Name: _____

Child’s Age & Gender (M/F): _____

Child’s School: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Referring Agency: _____
