

Breaking the Cycle of Generational Poverty



FRIENDS of the
CHILDREN
SF Bay Area

30 Years of Verified Success

▼ We identify and enroll children facing the greatest systemic barriers

Our youth have experienced multiple adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by the time they reach kindergarten. We partner with community organizations and San Francisco Unified School District to help us identify children ages 4 to 6 who could most benefit from a relationship with a Professional Mentor.



▼ We hire full-time, salaried Professional Mentors

Our model was founded on research showing that the single most important factor in overcoming childhood adversity is a long-term, nurturing relationship with a consistent and caring adult.



▼ We commit to stay with each child for 12+ Years, No Matter What



▼ We use a trauma-informed and evidence-based approach



 **83%**
of Youth

Receive their high school diploma or GED.

 **98%**
of Youth

Choose to become parents after their teen years.

 **93%**
of Youth

Remain free from the juvenile justice system.

 **92%**
of Youth

Go on to enroll in post-secondary education, serve our country or enter the workforce.

Evidence-Based Results

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IT MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE.

The Harvard Business School Association showed that for every \$1 invested in Friends of the Children, the community benefits over \$7 in saved social costs. Helping one child saves the community \$900,000.



I've seen so much growth and healing from my guys that have had to witness things that no child – or person – should ever have to witness.

I watch as they choose to go on outings with me, to read books, and to play.

Together, we work on our core principles – school success, building healthy habits, plans and skills for the future, making good choices, and pro-social development.

These teachable moments are the things they will have forever.

Greg, Professional Mentor

