

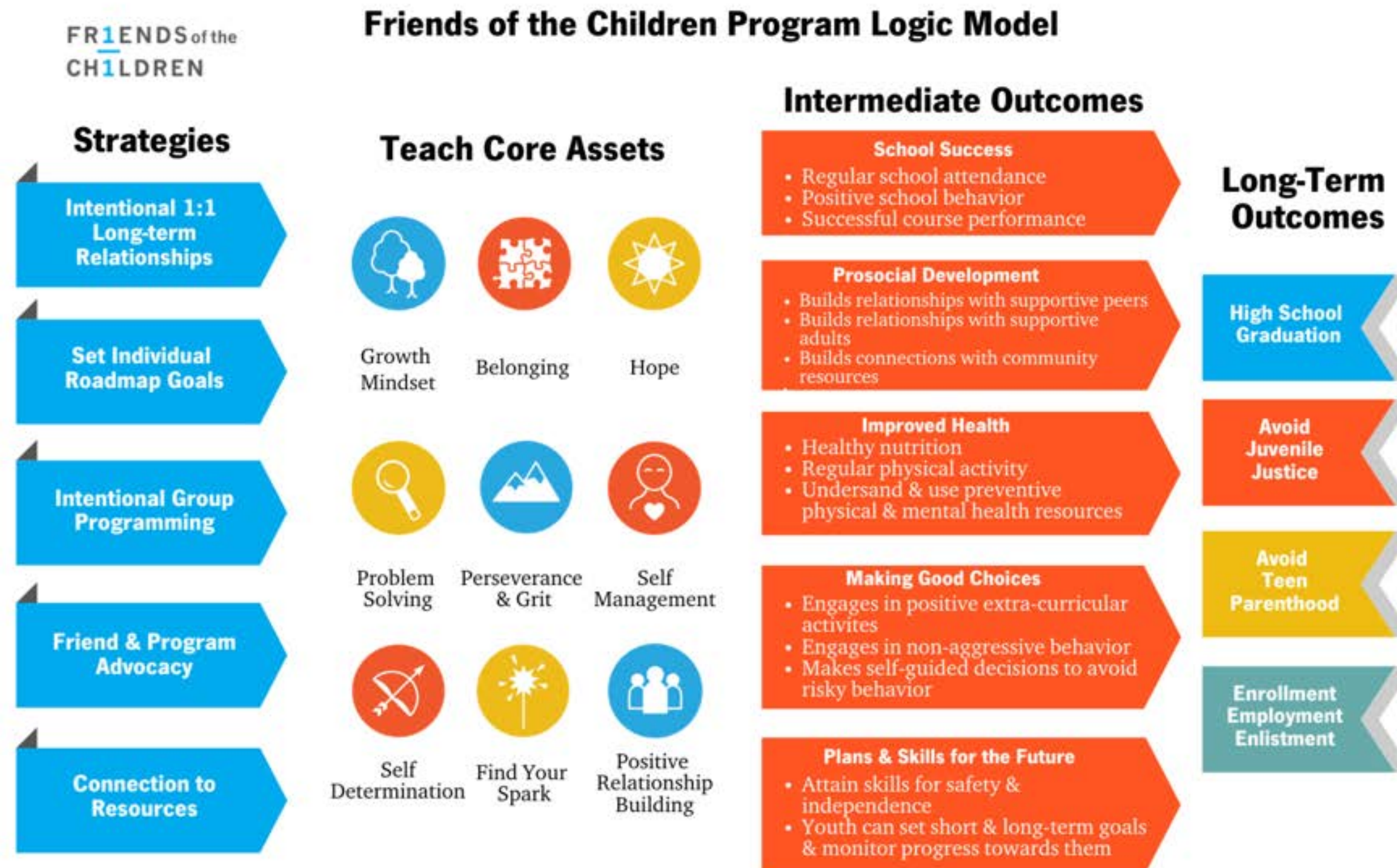
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Detroit

Addressing ACEs through a Professional Mentoring Model

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Background & Model

- *Mission:* Impacting generational change by empowering youth who are facing the greatest obstacles through relationships with professional mentors – 12+ years, no matter what.



ACEs in our work

- Children must have 2 or more ACEs to enter our program. On average our kids have 10.
- ACEs affect our work in two ways:
 - Life Stressors
 - *Environmental or individual circumstance or action which is having a direct negative impact on the youth's daily functioning and goal attainment.*
 - Critical Incidents
 - *Issues or incidents that occur in a youth's life that put youth in serious risk of: harm to self or others, critical lack of basic needs, maltreatment, potential barriers to intermediate and long-term outcomes.*

Mentor- Mentee Connection in the Model

- 1. We select children with the greatest risks
- 2. We employ full-time, salaried, professional mentors, who we call “Friends.”
- 3. We commit for the long term.
- **4. Our work is individualized and intentional.**
- **5. We work in the home, in the school and in the community.**
- **6. We evaluate, measure and improve.**

2Gen Approach

TWO-GENERATION (2GEN) APPROACH: **HOW WE'RE DOING IT**

Impacting change across generations – for both youth and their families:
Empowering families to move beyond obstacles such as poverty, foster care and criminal justice involvement, and toward health, well-being and community.



Ten of our locations are now implementing our 2Gen approach.

By 2025, all locations in our network will implement 2Gen, advancing opportunity and possibility for both youth and caregivers together.

Thank You for Listening

“Any child in any situation can succeed, even those facing the most obstacles. Our youth go on to become leaders in their communities and successful in their careers. This has ripple effects on their siblings, peers, neighbors, and their children, breaking the cycle of generational poverty.”

-Friends of the Children, National Team

