

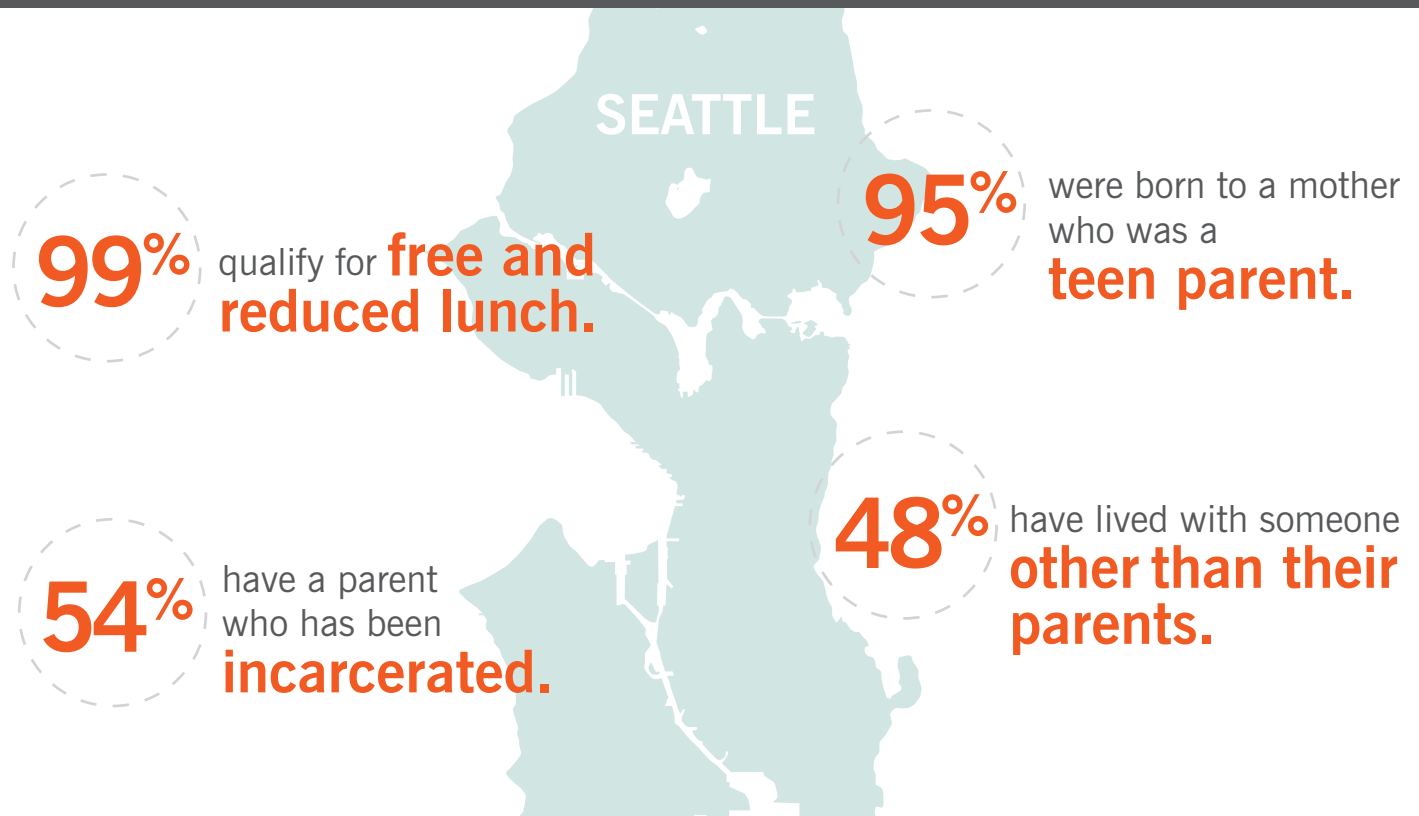
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Friends of the Children is **the only** youth development program breaking the cycle of poverty and violence, preventing school dropout, teen parenting, and criminal activity—by selecting the most vulnerable children, and making a 12 ½ year commitment to their success. And we stay with them **no matter what**.

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Our model is courageous, unique and proven. We provide each child with a salaried, professional mentor, who we call a *Friend*, from kindergarten through graduation. This full-time *Friend* ensures the quality, consistency and commitment needed to enable youth to develop and achieve their greatest potential.

The children enrolled in Friends of the Children are those who face the highest risks of poor outcomes, including school dropout, early parenting and criminal activity. Most live in poverty, move frequently and **have experienced trauma**.



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“WE GET A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE
BECAUSE WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE
SOMETHING MORE.”

—FRIENDS YOUTH



Our results are remarkable given the challenges our children face.

Overall 81% of our youth have completed high school. In the last school year:

74% of students met grade level **math standards.**

51% of students missed fewer than 10 days **of school.**

74% of our elementary students met grade level **reading standards.**



87% **avoided suspension.**

Among our enrolled youth:

94% have avoided teen parenthood.

94% have avoided juvenile detention due to criminal activity.

We are relentless so they can be resilient.

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