



Referral Form for Kids into the Barn Buddy Youth Enrichment Program

The Barn Buddy program pairs up a child in grades 3-7 with a youth mentor to meet at the barn once per week. The one-hour sessions include activities in community service, taking care of animals and doing a fun, relationship-building activity. Sessions are designed to (1) Help build trust, empathy and confidence; (2) Help increase feelings of importance and self-awareness (3) Help teach work ethic and instill sense of respect and responsibility (4) Help to build social skills by creating healthy relationships in a controlled environment.

The cost of the program is \$50/month. Program fees are set as low as possible and only cover administrative costs of the program and supplies used during the sessions. We are able to take a limited number of children into the program based on a referral from their case worker, an office aide or a school nurse / counselor. Applications will be assessed based on appropriateness of fit and mentor availability. Scholarships may be available based on financial need.

We are unable to meet the needs of any kids who have any of the following disqualifying characteristics: Kids who have a history of any violent behavior towards people or animals, kids who have committed any crimes, kids who display sexually reactive behaviors, kids who require adult supervision at all times and kids who do not toilet independently.

Your name: _____ Referring organization: _____

Child's name: _____ School: _____ Grade level: _____

Name of Parents / Guardians: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Please rate the following challenges the referred student has experienced on a scale from 0-4 and indicate with a Y or N if they are still experiencing that challenge. If the student very traumatically experienced it, write a 4. If the student has not experienced it, write a 0. If it is unknown, write N/A. If you would like to provide any more info on this student to help determine their potential fit into the program, please either write on the back or include an attachment.

Challenge	Rating	Current?	Optional Information
Difficulties making or keeping friends			
Lack of confidence or self-esteem			
Teasing and/or bullying at school			
In foster care or living with a guardian			
Anxiety or Depression (<i>please indicate</i>)			
ADD / ADHD			
Autism			
Trauma or Grief			
Lack of a supportive family network			
Emotional abuse / neglect			
Physical or Sexual abuse			

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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