

# Beneficial or Fostering Future Struggles (B.F.F.s)? Characterizing the Role of Friends in the Development of 13- to 17-Year-Old Adolescents

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Status	RECRUITING
Phase	Not Applicable
Sponsor	University of South Carolina
Enrollment	120 participants

## Key Eligibility Criteria

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### Inclusion (5)

- to 17 years old at first study visit
- Qualify as either maltreated (endorses history of maltreatment - physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional maltreatment, or neglect and/or has substantiated record of child maltreatment per Department of Social Services [DSS] records) or non-maltreated (denies history of maltreatment and/or no substantiated record of child maltreatment per DSS records)
- Parent participating in the study visit is a non-offending caregiver (no record of substantiated maltreatment against the adolescent participant)
- Participant identifies a best friend who is not a sibling or previous/current romantic partner who can accompany them to the study visit
- Participant, caregiver, and friend are fluent in written and spoken English

### Exclusion (4)

- <13 or >17 at time of first study visit
- No available non-offending parent or guardian/caregiver to participate in the study
- No best friend identified to accompany the participant to the study
- Participant, caregiver, or friend is not fluent in written and spoken English

## Locations (1 total)

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University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, United States