

The Children's Hospital *of* Philadelphia

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Dr. Paula Barrett
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Dear Dr. Barrett:

This past summer our research team and associated partners from community schools in Philadelphia had the pleasure of welcoming one of your trainers, Dr. Julia Gallegos, to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. We had a two-day training on the Friends for Life program. We were thoroughly impressed with the training, the protocol itself, and the wealth of resources your program offers. We will use FRIENDS along with two other evidence-based protocols in a continuum of prevention project for externalizing and internalizing disorders in community schools in Philadelphia. The project is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA. We believe that FRIENDS will be very well received by the children and teachers and that it will be effective in preventing and treating mild to moderate forms of anxiety in children.

Thank you for sharing FRIENDS with us. We would like to keep you informed about the progress of our project and how FRIENDS is received in the community.

Sincerely,



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