MENTOR’s Capitol Hill Day

Part of the 2022 National Mentoring Summit

During Capitol Hill Day, MENTOR hosts hundreds of youth development and mentoring program staff, advocates, researchers, youth and others to share with Congress the value and positive impact mentoring has on young people and communities.

EXPAND THE FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN QUALITY, EVIDENCE-BASED YOUTH MENTORING TO IMPROVE SUPPORTS, INTERVENTIONS AND OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

➢ The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s (OJJDP) Youth Mentoring Grant is part of the Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill and is currently the only mentoring-specific line item in the entire federal budget. MENTOR calls on Congress to fund this competitive grant at a minimum of $110 million in FY22 and $130 million in FY23.


➢ The bill seeks to address the greater need for critical programs that support our country’s most vulnerable young people. The Foster Youth Mentoring Act would provide foster youth with healthy volunteer and peer mentor relationships through expanding and enhancing mentoring programs that serve foster youth.

Lead Contacts:

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We are seeking a Senate Republican sponsor – please contact MENTOR with interest.


➢ The bill creates federal investments and partnerships in youth workforce readiness, including out-of-school time programs, that will build knowledge, skills development, and learning experiences that prepare young people for the 21st century workforce and boosts their economic potential over a lifetime.

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The Transition to Success Mentoring Act | Rep. Andre Carson (IN-07)

➢ The bill establishes a grant to support school-based mentoring programs and partnerships with community-based organizations, aimed at helping middle school students facing risk transition from middle school to high school.

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JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH MENTORING CAUCUS

➢ The bipartisan Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus hosts briefings and events to share information about the positive outcomes for young people from mentoring relationships. It serves as a forum for Members of Congress to discuss strategies of how to ensure relationships are centered in the supports and interventions for youth in policy. Through information sharing, network building, and action on legislation, the Caucus works to close the ‘mentoring gap’ and build sustained congressional support for the national mentoring movement.

Lead Contacts:

Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05): Faith Wilcox, Faith.Wilcox@mail.house.gov or 5-2011

SUPPORT NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

January is National Mentoring Month, where we celebrate the power of relationships and work to increase public awareness of mentoring. We also use this time to recruit individuals to mentor (especially programs that have waiting lists) and advocate for institutions to integrate quality mentoring into their policies, practices, and programs. Honor the power of mentorship by co-sponsoring the National Mentoring Month resolution and giving a public statement in support of mentoring. More details and resources are linked here: House and Senate.

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