

MENTOR's Capitol Hill Day

Part of the 2023 National Mentoring Summit

This Capitol Hill Day, MENTOR is hosting over 500 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.



PROTECT AND GROW INVESTMENT IN RELATIONSHIP-CENTERED SUPPORTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- The Youth Mentoring Grant, managed by the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), is currently the only mentoring-specific line item in the entire federal budget. It also funds the National Mentoring Resource Center, which offers free training and technical assistance to any program that requests it. **We request \$130 million in FY24.**

INCREASE THE NUMBER OF YOUTH MENTORING-SPECIFIC FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

Foster Youth Mentoring Act | Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-05) and Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02)

- The bill seeks to provide foster youth with consistent, trained mentors in order to support their emotional, academic, and career development by establishing a discretionary grant for mentoring programs that serve youth in the foster care system.

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The Youth Workforce Readiness Act | Rep. Josh Harder (CA-09), Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01), Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02), and Rep. Lisa McClain (MI-10)

- The bill creates federal investments to support youth workforce programming and mentoring through out-of-school time programs that will build knowledge, skill development, learning experiences, and community partnerships 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 partnerships between school districts and mentoring programs focused on academic success through supporting youth facing risk of dropping out before graduation in the transition from middle school to high school.

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The Mentoring to Succeed Act | Rep. Jan Schakowsky (IL-09), Rep. Lori Trahan (MA-03), and Rep. Jesus “Chuy” Garcia (IL-04)

- This bill would expand school-based mentoring programs for youth facing risk in communities with high rates of violence. It requires high quality, trauma-informed training for mentors and establishes goals of improving college access and attainment, skill development and career exploration.

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JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH MENTORING CAUCUS

- The bipartisan [Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus](#) hosts briefings and events to educate on relevant topics and emerging trends in the mentoring movement. Through information sharing, network building, and action on legislation, the Caucus works to close the ‘mentoring gap’ and build sustained congressional support for the mentoring movement.

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SUPPORT NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

January is National Mentoring Month, when our movement celebrates the power of relationships and works to increase public awareness of youth mentoring. We also use this time to recruit mentors and advocate for institutions to integrate quality mentoring into their policies, practices, and programs. Show your support by co-sponsoring the National Mentoring Month resolution and giving a public statement in support of mentoring. More details and resources [are linked here](#).

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