

## **During National Mentoring Month, our movement:**

- Raises public awareness of mentoring
- Celebrates the powerful impact of mentoring relationships
- Recruits individuals to mentor, especially for programs that have waiting lists of young people
- Advocates for institutions to integrate quality mentoring into their policies, practices and programs

Each year since its launch over 20 years ago,
National Mentoring Month has enjoyed strong bipartisan support from the President,
Members of Congress, governors, mayors and other elected officials.



## **HOW CAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS PARTICIPATE?**

- Co-sponsor the National Mentoring Month Resolution. Contact Faith Wilcox in Rep. Scanlon's office (faith.wilcox@mail.house.gov) to sign on.
- Deliver a public statement/speech in support of mentoring. Members are invited to share a
  short speech on the House floor or on their social media at any time throughout the month to talk
  about their own mentoring relationships, or highlight a program from their state. Check out
  MENTOR's sample speech <a href="here">here</a> and sample social media <a href="here">here</a>. Additional sample social media
  from the Youth Mentoring Caucus can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Don't forget to use the hashtag
  #MentoringMonth!
- **Join the Youth Mentoring Caucus.** The bipartisan <u>Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus</u> hosts briefings and provides opportunities to expand quality youth mentoring across the country. Contact Faith Wilcox (faith.wilcox@mail.house.gov) to join.
- Support legislation to expand funding for quality mentoring. Sign on as an original co-sponsor of the Mentoring to Succeed Act (<a href="mailto:amy.aaronson-levine@mail.house.gov">amy.aaronson-levine@mail.house.gov</a>) and Transition-to-Success Mentoring Act (<a href="mailto:diala.qassem@mail.house.gov">diala.qassem@mail.house.gov</a>), which will both be introduced this month.
- **Visit a mentoring program in your community.** Use the <u>Mentoring Connector</u>, the only database of programs in the country, to locate programs in your district.
- **Meet with a mentoring advocate from your district.** Constituents from programs in your district will be advocating on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Be on the lookout for meeting requests!

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