

MENTOR'S LADDER OF ADVOCACY CHECKLIST

#AdvocacyAugust



✓ AWARENESS

- Read MENTOR's Advocacy blogs, including the [Advocacy August Introductory blog post](#)
- Review MENTOR Affiliate blog posts on state-level advocacy initiatives
- Review MENTOR's new research summaries, [like this one](#) on the topic of mentoring youth in rural communities
- [Watch the recording](#) of the Mentoring Movement Organizing Call

✓ INTEREST

- [Pledge to be an Advocate for Mentoring](#)
- Register for the virtual [Youth-Led Advocacy Guide release party](#)

✓ ENGAGEMENT

- Complete the three pre-recorded [Advocate Academy](#) trainings and assignments
- Respond to MENTOR's Action Alert by [writing or tweeting to your elected officials](#)
- [Share your mentoring story](#) if you are a past recipient of federal funds
- Attend the [Youth-Led Advocacy Guide release party](#)

✓ ADVOCACY

- Respond to MENTOR's Action Alert by [calling your elected officials](#)
- Send a personal email to a staff member from a Member of Congress' office who you've met with in the past
 - Attach the [Youth Mentoring Grant](#) and [National Mentoring Resource Center \(NMRC\)](#) one-pager
 - Individualized state one pagers currently available for: CO, DC, FL, GA, IL, KS, KY, MD, MI, MS, NJ, PA, RI, TN, and TX
 - Email Chloe at cweitzman@mentoring.org for a copy of your state's one pager
- [Sign your organization on to a coalition letter of support for MENTOR's policy priorities](#)
- Draft and submit an op-ed to a local media outlet

✓ ORGANIZING

- Coordinate a site visit for elected official(s) during August Recess
 - Contact office of Member of Congress
 - [Senate Contact Information](#)
 - [House Contact Information](#)
 - Invite the elected official to participate in a public event
- Share these advocacy opportunities with your network
 - Send to a friend, your board member, your program participants, or post on social media/an online group