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](mailto: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