

MENTOR National's Capitol Hill Day



Part of the 2021 National Mentoring Summit

During Capitol Hill Day, MENTOR National hosts hundreds of youth mentoring and youth development 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 \$120 million in FY22.**

Foster Youth Mentoring Act | Rep. Karen Bass (CA-37) and Rep. Don Bacon (NE-02)

- The bill provides support for mentoring programs serving youth in the foster care system to provide foster youth with access to social capital and resources to support their emotional, academic, and career development.

House Sponsors:

Rep. Karen Bass: Heather Zenone, heather.zenone@mail.house.gov or 5-7084

Rep. Don Bacon: Rachel Pearce, rachel.pearce@mail.house.gov or 5-4155

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

The Chronic Absenteeism Reduction in Every School Act | Rep. Tim Ryan (OH-13) and Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA-03)

- The bill would establish school-based programs that pair mentors with students who are chronically absent and provide them with the necessary support systems to achieve success. The bill's comprehensive approach to reducing chronic absenteeism uses real-time data collection on attendance, strategic integration of social services for tailored interventions and quality mentoring relationships to support students.

House Sponsors:

Rep. Tim Ryan: Rachel Jenkins, rachel.jenkins@mail.house.gov or 5-5261

Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler: Adrianna Lagorio, Adrianna.Lagorio@mail.house.gov or 5-3536

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ADDRESS THE HOMEWORK GAP AND ITS IMPACT ON LEARNING AND SOCIAL CONNECTION

Emergency Educational Connections Act | Rep. Grace Meng (NY-06) and Senator Edward Markey (MA)

- A version of the Emergency Educational Connections Act will be reintroduced in the 117th Congress and provides schools and libraries funds to invest in connectivity for students, educators and more.
- MENTOR National supports the use of the FCC's E-rate program as the vehicle to efficiently and equitably deliver resources to communities to address the Homework Gap.

House Sponsor:

Rep. Grace Meng: Mark Olson, mark.olson@mail.house.gov or 5-2601

Senate Sponsor:

Sen. Edward Markey: Joey Wender, joseph_wender@markey.senate.gov or 4-2742

JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH MENTORING CAUCUS

- The bipartisan Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus hosts briefings, events, plans to elevate bipartisan legislation related to mentoring opportunities, and to ensure mentoring is inclusive and culturally relevant for all young people. It also serves as a forum for Members of Congress to discuss strategies and policies and how they can ensure relationships are centered in the support and interventions for youth in new and existing policies.

To join the Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus contact:

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

SUPPORT AND CO-SPONSOR THE NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH RESOLUTION

January is National Mentoring Month, where we celebrate volunteer mentors, mentoring programs work in communities, and the value of centering relationships in the intentional outreach and support of young people. ***Honor mentors in your District or those in your life online using #mentoringmonth***

- **House:** contact Faith Wilcox (Rep. Scanlon) faith.wilcox@mail.house.gov
- **Senate:** contact David Caruolo (Sen. Whitehouse) david_caruolo@whitehouse.senate.gov or Caitlin Wilson (Sen. Blunt) caitlin_wilson@blunt.senate.gov



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