

ADVANCING INCLUSIVE MENTORING BRIEFING

Policy and Programmatic Priorities

Connecting with mentors.

Removing barriers to inclusive mentoring practices; Increase awareness of the Mentoring Connector and Disability Mentoring Programs; Expanding Disability Mentoring Certification programming; Adding inclusion and accessibility technical assistance support services at the National Mentoring Resource Center.

Connecting with role models.

Supporting the Mentoring to Succeed Act and Foster Youth Mentoring Act; Enhancing technical assistance to increase capacity for Centers for Independent Living and other disability-led organizations to leverage Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition Support Services funding and to expand the provision inclusive mentoring.

Building a peer mentoring workforce.

Investing in a national paid peer mentoring workforce, including a peer mentoring technical assistance center, channeling young people with disabilities who choose work the chance to start work while providing roles models and mentors to youth and students with disabilities.

Delivering inclusive and accessible e-mentoring solutions.

Expanding e-mentoring connections to a common digital exchange platform; Including e-mentoring as a category in the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention mentoring programs initiative; Building accessible infrastructure to help close the learning loss gap for students with disabilities by embedding mentors with disabilities for support and reducing isolation.

To join the Youth Mentoring Advocacy Coalition, please email cfabbi@mentoring.org.

To join the National Disability Mentoring Coalition, please email khumphrey@pyd.org.

To learn more about the organizations involved in today's Advancing Inclusive Mentoring briefing, please visit the below websites:

- Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus: <https://www.mentoring.org/congressional-youth-mentoring-caucus/>
- Congressional Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus: <https://disabilitiescaucus-langevin.house.gov/>
- MENTOR National: www.mentoring.org
- Partners for Youth with Disabilities: www.pyd.org
- National Disability Mentoring Coalition: www.disabilitymentors.org
- American Association of People with Disabilities: www.aapd.com

Additional Resources:

- [Best Practices for Mentoring Youth with Disabilities](#)
- [Mentoring for Youth with Disabilities Model/Population Review](#)
- [NDMC's Disability Mentoring Certification Program](#)
- [AAPD's Disability Mentoring Day Toolkit and Resources](#)
- [Peer MentoringWorks Community of Practice and Toolsuite](#)