

# ADVANCING INCLUSIVE MENTORING BRIEFING

## *Policy and Programmatic Priorities*

### ***Connecting with mentors.***

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

### ***Connecting with role models.***

Increasing pool of mentors with similar backgrounds, experiences, and identities for mentee matches; Supporting the Mentoring to Succeed Act and Foster Youth Mentoring Act; Providing technical assistance for disability-led organizations to leverage Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition Services funding for mentoring programs.

### ***Building a peer mentoring workforce.***

Investing in a national paid peer mentoring workforce for young adults with disabilities; Establishing a peer mentoring technical assistance and certification center to scale operations; Researching and publishing results of enhanced agency, pipeline to employment and overall fidelity of the peer mentoring model.

### ***Delivering inclusive and accessible e-mentoring solutions.***

Expanding e-mentoring connections; 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 mentoring 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](mailto:cfabbi@mentoring.org).

To join the National Disability Mentoring Coalition, please email [khumphrey@pyd.org](mailto: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](http://www.mentoring.org)
- Partners for Youth with Disabilities: [www.pyd.org](http://www.pyd.org)
- National Disability Mentoring Coalition: [www.disabilitymentors.org](http://www.disabilitymentors.org)
- American Association of People with Disabilities: [www.aapd.com](http://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](#)