



Capitol Hill Day

Part of the 2018 National Mentoring Summit

Ask House members to pass the amended Child Protection Improvements Act (CPIA) which provides universal access to FBI fingerprint background checks for organizations serving vulnerable populations.

- CPIA would ensure all organizations serving vulnerable populations - youth, elderly, and individuals with disabilities - have access to national FBI fingerprint checks for background screening of staff and volunteers. It does not mandate the use of these checks and carries no taxpayer expense (per CBO). An uncovered record does not necessarily mean individuals cannot volunteer.
- The House approved CPIA unanimously in May 2017. The Senate also approved CPIA with amendments in October 2017. **We encourage the House to swiftly approve the Senate-passed bill without further amendments.**

House: Adam Schiff (D, CA-28) and Mike Bishop (R, MI-08):

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Senate: Orrin Hatch (R, UT) and Al Franken (D, MN) Senate-passed CPIA October 2017

Support Investment in Quality Youth Mentoring by supporting \$90 million for the Youth Mentoring Grant at DOJ in FY18 and \$100 million in FY19.

- The **Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bill** funds the Youth Mentoring Grant managed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) at DOJ. This is the only remaining federal grant exclusively funding mentoring grounded in evidence-based research. We request \$90 million in the final FY18 appropriation (level funding) and \$100 million in FY19.

Co-sponsor the Mentoring to Succeed Act (S. 1658) to support school-based mentoring programs that serve at-risk students.

- The Mentoring to Succeed Act would award grants to high needs schools or non-profit organizations to establish or expand school-based mentoring programs to assist at-risk students in middle school and high school in developing cognitive and social-emotional skills to prepare them for success. The bill focuses on using trauma-informed practices to support safety in communities and schools.

Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL):

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Co-sponsor the Foster Youth Mentoring Act (H.R. 2952) to support mentoring programs that serve youth in the foster care system. We ask House offices to co-sponsor the bill and Senate offices to support the introduction of the bill.

- The Foster Youth Mentoring Act provides grants to establish or expand mentoring programs that serve foster youth. The bill seeks to fill a gap to provide foster youth with social capital, resources, and the support they need to develop positive relationships and connections.

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