

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 88A, § 55.

In subsections (a), (c), (e), and (f) of this section, the defined term "local director" is substituted for the former references to the "director of the local department of social services", "director of the local unit", and "local unit director" for brevity and consistency.

In subsection (d)(1) and (5) of this section, the former references to "welfare" are deleted as surplusage.

Defined terms: "Department" § 5-101
"FIP" § 5-301
"Local director" § 5-101
"Secretary" § 5-101
"Temporary cash assistance" § 5-301

5-320. MENTORING PROGRAM.

(A) ESTABLISHED.

IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL DIRECTORS, THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A MENTORING PROGRAM FOR FORMER RECIPIENTS.

(B) USE OF MENTORS.

(1) THE MENTORING PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE FIP CASEWORKERS IN LOCAL DEPARTMENTS WHO VOLUNTEER TO BE MENTORS.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH OTHER ENTITIES UNDER § 5-306 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ACQUIRE MENTORS FOR FORMER RECIPIENTS.

(C) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED.

MENTORING MAY INCLUDE:

- (1) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO RESOLVE WORKPLACE PROBLEMS;
- (2) PROVIDING WORKPLACE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE;
- (3) JOB COACHING;
- (4) PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP LIFE SKILLS;
- (5) COUNSELING AND TUTORING; AND

(6) ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HELP FORMER RECIPIENTS THROUGH THE FIRST MONTHS THAT THEY NO LONGER RECEIVE TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE.

(D) ELIGIBILITY.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MENTORING PROGRAM, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL: