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The following was sent to the Kentucky Skills U listserv.

Greetings, All-

As Kentucky's adult educators implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the time is right to move from professional development to professional learning that is aligned with and driven by the needs of the local providers. In response to clear feedback from the field requesting that professional learning have a stronger connection to the unique needs of each provider, we will be launching Professional Learning Communities in FY18/19.

Professional learning community (PLC) An ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators.

For years, adult educators have understood the necessity of moving from lecture to multi-modality instruction, from demonstrations to discussions. However, it is only recently that professional development has started moving from demonstration and discussion to professional learning that enables practice in doing and teaching others.

*At the heart of PLCs is the belief that instructors working together have the greatest ability to bring about changes in their respective programs. Instructors' knowledge, understanding of students, and desire for student success deems them in the best position to bring about **real change** that has long-lasting benefits for their programs. PLCs enable instructors to work collaboratively for the common good of students, and bring about change that ultimately results in greater success for students.*

To that end, KY Skills U is seeking qualified candidates to serve as coaches to each PLC. **If you know someone who you feel would be a great coach, is motivated, friendly, organized and passionate about adult learners, please share the flyer with them by [clicking here](#).** This is a part-time, time-limited position with flexible hours and virtual options.

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