Professional Development Coaching Activities

Case Studies
To teach educators useful techniques, our coaches use case studies. Together they talk through different scenarios, ask questions, and explore problem-solving options, they practice how to work through similar scenarios with their students.

- Coach shares a specific situation. Example: “At my site, I noticed...”
- Other coaches ask clarifying questions.
- Other coaches share open-ended questions for the coach to consider.
- Coach shares possible next steps.
- Coach team role plays next steps using the coaching strategies.

Guiding Questions
- How did the coach feel about the role play? Is there anything the coach is still uncertain about?
- What coaching strategies did the coach use? Were they helpful? Why or why not?
- Are there other strategies that may have been more helpful?
- How did the coaching strategies used in the role play address the challenges in the case study?
- What other coaching strategies could the coach use?
- What would the pre-visit or follow-up email look like?
- What implications would this scenario have for the coach/teacher and/or coach/leader meeting?
- What implications would this scenario have for the coach log? How would it impact the following areas?
  - Barriers to implementation
  - Coaching strategies
  - Goal setting
  - Classroom support