

Virtual Coaching in Rural Afterschools & Libraries

Educational Context



Drivers of PD

- Rural educators are isolated, lacking colleagues and local workshops.
- Changing practice takes time, application, reflection.
- Focus on skills transfers across a variety of settings with diverse youth.

Professional Development



Coach & group meet repeatedly to focus on key skills.



In between sessions, they practice the skills while filming themselves...

...and then critique their videos together.



Great job guiding her to make her own discoveries!

Broader Impact

- We are characterizing features of highly engaging online learning.
- We are helping other organizations “virtualize” their curricula.

Ongoing Challenges

- We have a strong model, but how do we incentivize it at the systems level?
- Rurals are particularly hard: the staff shoulder broad responsibilities and have little chance for promotion.
- Waves of funders have other PD priorities, e.g.:
 - Equity
 - English language learners
 - Family engagement
 - Social and emotional learning