

WFL-BOCES Online Learning Coordinators' Workshop *June 2019*



AS YOU COME IN:

- Get your name tag
- Make sure you sit together with others from your district



Online Learning Coordinators' Workshop Goals

1. Gain a better understanding of online students' experience and needs
2. Co-construct a shared understanding of the role of Online Learning Coordinator (OLC)
3. Start to develop a repertoire of best practices for OLCs\
4. Develop the foundations of a professional learning community



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Today's Agenda

1. Reflection on experiencing AccelerateU as learners
2. AccelerateU features for OLCs
3. Students' challenges & strategies to address them – Discussion of readings

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4. Panel of experienced OLCs

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5. Co-constructing the OLC role
6. Next steps
7. Closing – Key take aways



Reflections on Experiencing Accelerate U as Learners

Individual reflection:

- How did you feel as you worked through the course materials on your own?
- What challenges did you encounter?
- What help did you get/ wish you could have got?



AccelerateU Features for OLCs



Students' Challenges & OLCs Strategies

Discussion of Readings

In small groups:

Identify and discuss:

- Potential challenges for students taking online courses
- Strategies to address each challenge
- What would it take to implement each strategy



BREAK



Panel of Expert OLCs

Round 1:

Introduce yourself, share your responsibilities as OLC, and tell us one memorable story in your role as OLC

Round 2:

Share tips about how OLCs can best support students taking online courses



BREAK



Co-constructing the OLC role

Large group:

- What are key functions OLCs can play?

Small groups (by "function"):

- What are key strategies to fulfill the assigned function?
- What resources/ structures would be needed to implement these strategies?

Large group sharing + discussion



Next Steps

- Online journal reflection
- Online workshop evaluation
- Grant expectations and opportunities for Year 2
- Brainstorm ideas to sustain the professional learning community
- Questions?



Take aways

Directions:

- Share one key insight you gained as a result of today's experiences



THANK YOU!

