Professional Development

Resource Name	Type	Description
Building an EdTech Strategy Toolkit (BEST)	Resource	Building an EdTech Strategy Toolkit is designed to walk instructors through a thoughtful process of designing strategic, sustainable instructional routines that leverage edtech and are centered around the factors that most impact their learners.
California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project (CALPDP)	Model	Website devoted to the CALPDP whose mission is to foster continuous program improvement through a comprehensive, statewide approach to high-quality professional development for the full range of adult education and literacy providers.
Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE)	Model	The COABE exists to provide leadership, communication, professional development, and advocacy for adult education and literacy practitioners to advance quality services for all adult learners.
Community Connections: Digital Literacy Acquisition Policy Brief	Research	Policy brief/case study from Portland State University about how the digital literacy acquisition program in a rural community was sustained through formal and informal connections across various organizations and community institutions.

Coursera	Platform	This series of courses will help you build, develop, and hone the essential skills needed to improve your employability and advancement in today's dynamic workforce.
Digital Literacy and Technology Integration in Adult Basic Skills Education: A Review of the Research	Research	Integrating digital technologies with instruction to enrich and extend learning activities. Ways adult basic education practitioners can support the digital literacy development of their learners by integrating digital technologies into instruction and helping learners make use of them.
Digital Literacy, the Pandemic, and Racism: A Cascade of Inequitable Events Demanding Action from Adult Education	Research	Abstract: The 2020 COABE Digital Literacy and Technology Integration Strand Meeting convened in highly unusual times. Firstly, adult basic skills programs across the country were in the midst of operating completely remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic and, additionally, the country was searching for a path forward after a national racial reckoning motivated by a surge of protests against White supremacy in the U.S. in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd. The two events made existing racial inequities and related economic, social, education, health care and other endemic disparities impossible to ignore and catalyzed a broad movement to protest against them. As a strand, we decided to convene in to explore how we might help to mitigate issues of digital exclusion in the Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) communities of learners we all serve.
EdTech Center @ World Education	Resource	Webinars presented on various topics by the EdTech Center at World Education.

EdTech Center @ World Education EdTech Integration Strategy Toolkit	Resource	The EdTech Integration Strategy Toolkit is a resource to help educators explore sustainable edtech routines — general, repeatable edtech activities that can be leveraged regularly regardless of context or content and provide predictable experiences for learners— and understand the underlying evidence-based strategies behind their use. It also provides guidance on how to develop learners' digital literacy when implementing these routines by providing sample questions teachers can ask that support direct instruction of digital skills. These questions are designed to help make connections between the tasks learners perform by way of the routine to the underlying digital skills being developed. **Video** **Blog** **App**
EdTech Center @ World Education Transforming Distance Education Course	Course	A course designed for education providers and practitioners teaching adult basic academic skills, ESOL, and literacy at a distance and/or through blended learning; it provides strategies and resources that are essential for both setting up and implementing distance education or teaching with a blended approach.
EdTech Routine Overview: Discuss Responses to Online Polls	Resource	Teaching how to collect and discuss learners' responses to online polls.
Essential Skills Program	Resource, Student	User friendly training videos that are valuable in any type of job and allow students to earn digital badge certifications to showcase their skills.
Google Certified Educator	Certification	Validate your proficiency in Google for Education products. Get information on educator certification and take the Educator Level 1.

Google Workspace Certification	Certification	This exam verifies proficiency in key features of the Google Workspace platform including Drive, Gmail, Google Meet, Docs, Sheets, Forms, and Slides.
Grow With Google	Course	Flexible online training programs designed to earn job-ready skills in high-growth, high-demand career fields such as IT Support, Project Management, Data Analytics and UX Design, available on Coursera.org. No relevant experience or degree required.
Harvard Skillbase	Resource	Browse a library of online career skills resources for job seekers and learners.
How Companies Transformed During 2020 and the Impact of Frontline Workers	Research	"How Companies Transformed During 2020 and the Impact on Frontline Workers" summarizes the findings from interviews conducted by the Aspen Institute and a January 2021 survey. 340 business leaders from a range of industries responded to the survey, sharing how the events of 2020 influenced their business operations and workforce practices.
IDEAL 103: Building an EdTech Strategy Toolkit	Course	This course walks instructors through a thoughtful process of designing strategic, sustainable instructional routines that leverage edtech and are centered around the factors that most impact their learners.
IDEAL Consortium	Model	A consortium that establishes quality innovative distance and blended learning programs through professional development (PD), providing technical support, and facilitating a network of education leaders.

Integrating Digital Literacy into English Language Instruction: PD Module	Resource	A PD Module that aligns with the Integrating Digital Literacy into English Language Instruction.
ISTE SkillRise	Resource	Initiative of ISTE providing various professional development opportunities for adult educators and workforce practitioners - including micro learning experiences focused on the profile of a lifelong learner and upskill with EdTech framework - to help educators explore the power of edtech for adult learning, as well as the importance of lifelong learning skills for adult learners. The "Upskill with Edtech: Preparing Adult Learners" framework and related course provides guidance on effective organizational strategies for advancing adult education and lifelong learning with digital tools.
ISTE Teacher Certifications	Certification	Internationally recognized credential for educators who have demonstrated mastery of the educators section of the ISTE Standards.
Keep Teaching (During School Closure)	Resource	Los Angeles Unified School District Adult Division resources for students to continue their studies while schools are closed.
Kentucky Skills U and Morehead State University Adult Education Academy	Model	PL webinars covering a variety of topics.
LINCS	Resource	Project-based lesson ideas for adult students to improve their skills in using technology to solve problems and communicate with others, while increasing their digital literacy skills and access to technology.
LinkedIn Learning	Platform	An online learning platform with over 17,000 courses.

Literacy Council of Montgomery County: Digital Bootcamps	Model	Education and workforce training including digital Literacy classes and recognized MS and G Suite certifications.
Literacy Minnesota	Model	PD to build the capacity of Minnesota ABE consortia to develop a Digital Equity plan for their ABE program based on established best practices.
Literacy Minnesota	Resource	Short stories for level 2-3 ESL learners.
Los Angeles Unified School District Adult Division	Model	Program providing access to high quality pre- and post-secondary education and training opportunities in local communities throughout Los Angeles.
Michigan Adult Education Professional Development	Model	A catalog of on-demand courses, community of practice, and PDs.
Microsoft	Model	Provide digital skills training and inclusive computer science education.
National Standards for Quality Online Teaching	Resource	A framework for schools, districts, state agencies, statewide online programs, and other interested educational organizations to improve online teaching and learning.
Nestle's Project Opportunity	Model	Project Opportunity is best known as Nestle's career acceleration initiative to help people gain work experience and strengthen their development skills. It's an unconditional commitment to training highly skilled workers through unique apprenticeship, mentorship, internship, and development opportunities.
NYS Adult Education Programs and Policy (AEPP)	Model	The AEPP's mission is to promote, develop, and support New York adult education programs, providing adult students with successful pathways and transitions to post-secondary education, apprenticeship training, and the workforce.

Outreach and Technical Assistance Network	Model	For the state of California (though many resources are open to anyone), OTAN provides: 1. Teacher training and support in technology uses and applications for adult learners 2. Online workshops and webinars on select technology tools targeted at teachers to enhance learner engagement, assessment and development of critical technology, and digital literacy skills. 3. Field support 4. An annual Technology and Distance Learning Symposium for adult education staff. Digital Leadership Academy Teaching With Technology Resources Technology and Distance Learning Symposium
Pearson certifications	Certification	Curriculum and courses geared to help people upskill.
Project IDEAL	Model	This website is part of a teacher preparation program intended to better prepare teachers to work with students with disabilities.
RI Adult Ed Tech Hub Site	Resource	PD and skills training to help learners.
Road to Hire, Charlotte	Model	Pathway, scholarship, and apprenticeship programs.
Salesforce Trailhead Training	Platform	Get hands-on and learn the Salesforce, digital, and soft skills you need to succeed from anywhere for free.
SkillRise Course	Resource	The course is grounded in the SkillRise framework and walks educators through the process of developing a new vision for adult and workforce learning, all the way through sustainably implementing that new vision.
SkillRise Profile of a Lifelong Learner	Resource	Profile of a lifelong learner detailing the digital skills adults need to thrive in the future of work.

South Carolina's "Summer Leadership Training" Course	Model	A graduate level digital literacy course included in the Summer Leadership Training.
System for Adult Basic Education Support (SABES)	Model	PD support to increase educator effectiveness and strengthen programs.
Technology Integration Matrix (TIM)	Resource	Thorough explanations as well as video examples of technology integration in practice arranged by subject area and grade level.
Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy and Learning (TCALL) Professional Development Center	Model	Training, resource, and innovation network for Texas. Adult education and literacy research, courses and curriculum, and professional development events related to literacy.
Texas Workforce Commission Metrix	Platform	The Metrix online learning platform provides Texans free online job readiness courses.
The California Council for Adult Education (CCAE)	Model	CCAE is the largest professional organization serving adult education in California.
The Digital Literacy Accelerator		The Digital Literacy Accelerator calls upon interested participants to design, prototype, pilot, and refine an educational intervention aimed at helping students and adults learn crucial skills related to strengthening digital literacy, particularly around civil discourse and identifying and combating misinformation.
Tool Evaluation Criteria	Resource	Explanation of how tools are evaluated for being featured in the Workforce EdTech Tools repository.
Transformation in 2020: How 2020 Accelerated Digital Transformation at Companies and What That Means for Frontline Workers	Research	Acceleration and adoption of digital technology in the workplace. This event looks at results of a survey of over 340 business leaders and features leading employers in food service, healthcare, manufacturing, and retail.

Transforming Distance Ed Course	Resource	An online asynchronous course created by The Ed Tech Center at World Ed with support from OCTAE. This self-paced four-hour course is designed for education providers and instructors of adult basic academic skills, ESOL, and literacy at a distance and/or through blended learning. The course offers strategies and resources for implementing distance education or teaching with a blended approach.
Udemy	Platform	Choose from 183,000 online video courses with new additions published every month.
United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA)	Model	An organization of appointed or elected representatives from school sites.
Upskilling New Americans: Innovative English Training for Career Advancement	Research	Paper offers a description of a fully-remote workplace ESOL program and how through proactive support and digital literacy skill building opportunities, learners were able to learn entirely at a distance.
Verizon Innovative Learning HQ	Model	Flexible, credentialed, professional learning for remote, in-classroom, and hybrid instruction.
WorkForce EdTech	Model	A group of non-profits collaborating on how to leverage technology to increase reach and outcomes in supporting lifelong learning and economic mobility for all.