

## Persistence Strategies

Use this table to brainstorm some strategies that would help bolster learner persistence and motivation in your own institutions. Include strategies that are already taking place and those you would like to see begin.

<b>Intake &amp; Orientation</b>	Outline an intake process that includes these elements.  How does this differ from your organization's current intake practice?	
<b>Instruction</b>	What are some questions you could ask students at intake OR at the beginning of a course to provide learning options and opportunities for them to be involved in decision-making processes?  How can/do instructors work to develop more relevance for learners in classes?	
<b>Counseling &amp; Peer Support</b>	How can individualized counseling and follow-up be incorporated into already busy staff and faculty schedules?	

	<p>How might peer mentoring increase persistence? Are there options currently available for students to participate in peer mentoring? If not, how could a peer mentoring system be put in place?</p> <p>What tutoring options are available for students? What could be put in place to make this stronger?</p>	
<p><b>Re-engagement</b></p>	<p>How do you re-engage students? Consider their reasons for leaving.</p>	
<p><b>Others?</b></p>	<p>What other strategies may help bolster learner persistence and motivation?</p> <p>Are these in place at your institutions? What resources would be needed to do this where you work?</p>	

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