

Professional Development Standards:

Helping adult education practitioners develop the knowledge and skills they need begins with rigorous and relevant professional development. Professional development standards define characteristics of quality professional development that develops effective and reflective adult educators.

The standards are broad guidelines for providing quality professional development experiences that are usually accompanied by a set of indicators for each standard to operationalize the standards in adult education. The standards can be used:

- By state adult education leadership to set a vision for professional development,
- By professional developers to guide them as they design and deliver professional development activities,
- By practitioners to help them understand the characteristics of effective professional development.

In 2006 the [Association of Adult Literacy Professional Developers](#) (AALPD) identified the development of quality standards in professional development as a priority area. These standards, in conjunction with the AALPD [policies](#) are designed to enhance professional development systems at the state and local levels.

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