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## ***ANNOUNCEMENT***

### PILOT PROGRAM FOR NEW METHOD OF APPOINTING COORDINATORS

From: The International Leadership Council

To: All Coordinators and Coordinators in Training

(Note that “Coordinator in Training” has often been abbreviated CNT, but we use the abbreviation CiT)

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During 2018, the ILC invites Coordinators in Training (CiTs) to participate in the proposed new system for appointing Coordinators. (The document can be found at [www.focusing.org/ccr](http://www.focusing.org/ccr) or [www.focusing.org/ccr](http://www.focusing.org/ccr).) In order for this pilot to work well, both the CiT and their Mentoring Coordinator (MC) should want to participate. We are very grateful to those who are willing to pilot this program, and we encourage CiTs from various language/cultural groups and from various Focusing styles to participate, so that the results of this pilot will be applicable to a wide range of CiTs. Your participation will be very helpful as we discern together the best way forward.

The Coordinator and the CiT will agree on who the Support Team will be. The training of the CiT can begin without the Support Team in place, but the Support Team should be actively in place with enough time to be a meaningful part of the CiT’s training. CiTs who have already begun their training are welcome to join the pilot program. During the pilot program, the ILC is available as a resource to each team, and members of the ILC will contact the MC and the CiT periodically to inquire about how the program is going. (The ILC’s questions will be about how the program is going, not about the readiness of the CiT.) The CiT and any member of their Support Team are always encouraged to reach out to the ILC with feedback, questions or concerns. If you are interested in being a part of the pilot program, but have questions about it, please don’t hesitate to write to us with your questions at [ilc@focusing.org](mailto:ilc@focusing.org) or to any individual ILC member.

During 2018, the ILC will function as a communication hub and handle incoming and outgoing information about the development of the pilot program. About halfway through the year, the ILC will communicate to all Coordinators about the program, and will invite feedback from any Coordinator.

During the pilot program, the old guidelines for appointing Coordinators still apply for all other CiTs and Coordinators. (The old guidelines are found at

<http://www.focusing.org/coordinators/Guidelines-to-Become-a-Certifying-Coordinator-2013.pdf>.) In other words, during the pilot program, two different methods of appointing Coordinators will be in place. This will allow the ILC to ensure that the new system is workable and useful before everyone must follow it. Any CiT who enters into a training program with a Coordinator under the old guidelines will be allowed to complete their training under the old guidelines.

At the end of 2018, the ILC will assess how the first year pilot went and will report to the Board and to the Coordinators. It will probably revise the document, based on what it has learned. It might decide to continue with the pilot program in 2019. Or, if it determines that the system is working well enough to implement, it will ask the Board to confirm the new system, after consultation with all Coordinators.

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