Creating a strong foundation for your coaching program is essential to make an impact on teacher and student learning. The Student-Centered Coaching model is built on seven core practices that provide a roadmap for how to improve your coaching efforts. Use this handy checklist to track how you are evolving your practices to have a direct impact on student learning.

### Checklist for Effective Coaching Practices

1. **Utilize Coaching Cycles**
   - Avoid one-shot coaching opportunities that provide little to improve student learning.
   - Ensure that coaching cycles are ongoing and data driven.
   - Use cycles to provide job-embedded professional development.
   - Provide time for students to master the standard and for teachers to develop their skill in delivering instruction.

2. **Set Standards-Based Goals**
   - Use standards-based goals to drive coaching cycles.
   - Develop goals around student learning rather than by what the teacher should be doing.
   - Focus coaching on student achievement.
   - Avoid using coaching for teacher evaluation.

3. **Unpack the Goal into Learning Targets**
   - Use learning targets to create the criteria for measuring student growth.
   - Use student-friendly learning targets.
   - Drive teaching and assessment that is focused and deliberate.

4. **Co-Plan with Student Evidence**
   - Use student evidence to formatively assess on a continual basis.
   - Focus on student evidence to make more informed instructional decisions.
   - Sort student work according to patterns.
   - Deliver differentiated instruction matched to where students are on any given day.

5. **Co-Teach Using Effective Instructional Practices**
   - Empower coaches to become a presence in the classroom.
   - Encourage coaches and teachers to work side-by-side with students.
   - Ensure coaches and teachers are equally engaged in instruction together in the classroom.

6. **Measure the Impact on Student and Teacher Learning**
   - Track day-to-day coaching practices to validate coaching efforts.
   - Measure impact on both student and teacher learning.
   - Engage teachers asking for feedback on what worked and where to go next.
   - Use student performance data to measure your coaching program at a systems level.

7. **Partner with the School Leader**
   - Build a supportive environment where coaches and leaders partner to achieve goals.
   - Ensure that coaches and school leaders work together to define their respective roles.
   - Analyze student data to look for trends across the school and district.
   - Encourage teachers to engage in coaching cycles and celebrate those who do.