

Executive Coaching for Leaders: Unlocking Strategic Growth

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At People Advisory Group, we've partnered with leaders at every stage:

- New executives stepping into complex roles,
- Seasoned leaders navigating change,
- And high-performers ready for their next level. What we've learned is this: the most effective leaders don't go it alone.

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The Strategic Benefits of

Executive Coaching

When we sit down with leadership teams, one of the first things we ask is, "How are you supporting your decision-makers to grow with your business?"

Executive coaching is often the lever that unlocks sharper insight, better decisions, and more resilient leadership. It's not about fixing problems. It's about equipping leaders with tools that create long-term business value.

Massive Return on Investment (ROI)

- A MetrixGlobal study found executive coaching yields a 788% ROI, driven by productivity and

improved retention.

Source: american.edu

- A PricewaterhouseCoopers study reported an average 7× ROI, with over 25% of companies reporting between 10× and 49× returns.

Source: sparkeffect.com

- A Fortune 1000 survey showed a consistent ROI of 6x.

Source: luisazhou.com

Enhanced Performance

- Mercer found coaching increased individual performance by 70%, team performance by 50%, and organizational performance by 48%.

Source: mercer.com

- The International Coaching Federation reports 86% of organizations saw a positive ROI from coaching and 96% would repeat the investment.

Source: johnmattone.com

Real-World Impact: Coaching in Action

We've coached leaders through product launches, M&A transitions, reorgs, and explosive growth. The impact isn't theoretical. It's personal and measurable. Coaching offers a sounding board, a mirror, and a catalyst.

These stories show how it moves the needle in real business contexts.

- Intel implemented a coaching-based leadership model that helped improve team trust and clarity—contributing to \ \$1 billion in operating margin gains.

Source: coachingfederation.org

- A professional services firm that invested \$75K in executive coaching saw:
 - 20% increase in director retention (>\$200K in savings)
 - 24% improvement in engagement
 - 16% increase in client satisfaction
 - \$300K in new business from existing accounts

- **Source:** sparkeffect.com

Why Leaders Benefit from Coaching

When we coach leaders, they often tell us it's the first time they've had a space that's fully theirs—to think, reflect, and grow without judgment. Coaching isn't about telling leaders what to do; it's about helping them see clearly, act intentionally, and lead more authentically.

Self-Awareness and EQ

- Leaders gain insight into their strengths, blind spots, and impact, fueling trust and

communication. A meta-analysis showed coaching significantly improves self-awareness.

Source: rbj.net

- 90% of top performers demonstrate high emotional intelligence.

Source: skylineg.com

Engagement and Retention

- Coached leaders create environments where people want to stay. Teams with engaged leadership report 32% higher retention and 21% higher profitability.

Source: co2coaching.com

Support During Growth and Change

Coaching is especially powerful during times of organizational transition. Leaders stay

focused, grounded, and connected to their purpose even when the landscape shifts.

Best Practices for High- Impact Coaching

Great coaching doesn't happen by accident. Whether you're a CEO or an HR leader building a coaching program, here's what we advise to create meaningful impact:

1. **Define clear, measurable outcomes:** Focus on goals that matter to the business.

2. **Match leaders with credentialed coaches:** Chemistry and credibility matter.
3. **Track results:** Monitor improvements in engagement, decision-making, and team effectiveness.
4. **Build a coaching culture:** Embed coaching values — curiosity, feedback, growth — into your broader leadership philosophy.
Sources: [coachingfederation.org](https://www.coachingfederation.org)

Final Thought

Executive coaching isn't just a leadership perk. It's a performance strategy. Whether you're navigating complexity or scaling something new, coaching helps your leaders lead with more clarity, confidence, and connection.

Ready to explore how executive coaching could support your leadership team? Let's talk.

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