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# **Enhanced Direct Instruction Coaching Academy Announced!**



Are you wanting to expand your ability to assist others in developing their skill in presenting DI lessons? NIFDI is offering our popular Coaching Academy, *Enhanced Coaching and Facilitating Professional Development* on March 2 & 3, in Columbus, Ohio. This two-day training, co-sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education, features veteran DI trainer Rosella Givens and is designed for instructional coaches, peer coaches and others responsible for observing instruction and improving student performance.

If you attended the NIFDI Coaching Academy presented in November, this is a companion academy and not a repeat of the earlier session. Topics include:

- Communicating with staff in order to increase instructional effectiveness.
- Refining observational skills to increase the coach's ability to provide data-driven feedback.
- Determining the appropriate intervention based on data and observation.
- Utilizing a variety of interventions (in-class coaching, small group practice, 1:1 rehearsal sessions).
- Designing and delivering efficient on-going professional development sessions.
- Facilitating Data Analysis Team meetings to find and solve student performance problems in a timely manner.

The low fee of \$279 includes a binder filled with resources as well as lunch each day. For a complete brochure and registration information, click here.

## Video of ELL Pre-K Pilot Program Released

Last spring NIFDI and partner IDEA Public Charter Schools



presented a session titled, *ELL Education: Keys to Ensuring Early Literacy* at the National Charter School Conference. The presentation was very well received and led us to create a condensed, video version of the presentation. This video highlights an academic preschool pilot project begun in Fall of 2014 at Pharr IDEA Academy in Pharr, Texas. In this pilot, students in this predominately ELL school were taught using Espanol to English and/or DISTAR Language prior to entering kindergarten.



It is a great demonstration of what can be done to help students gain the English Language skills they will need for future success. To see the video, <u>click here.</u>



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