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**Direct Instruction Virtual Conference Opening Keynote—
Reason to Hope—Direct Instruction and the Future
of Our Fragile World**
Monday, July 27
9:00am–10:15am Pacific, 12:00–1:15pm Eastern
**Bill Sower, Michigan Educator and President,
The Christopher and Virginia Sower Center for Successful Schools**
Join NIFDI for this free 2-part presentation!



Attend the Free Opening Keynote Presentation for the Direct Instruction Virtual Conference!

Join us Monday, July 27 at 9am Pacific, for the Opening Keynote for the Virtual Direct Instruction Conference. The keynote, delivered by Bill Sower, is titled *Reason to Hope, Direct Instruction and the Future of our Fragile World*. Part one, *Conscientious Blindness*, traces the history of policies that have directly or indirectly contributed to the continuing plight of under educated students. Part two, *The Medicine Wheel of Educational Solutions*, presents viewers with a framework on how we can give students the education they truly deserve.

Presenter Bill Sower has taught and advocated for Direct Instruction for many years as a special education teacher for incarcerated youth, public school teacher and principal, and consultant authorized by the Michigan Department of Education to serve the state's lowest performing schools.

Bill has also pioneered the use of Restorative Practices in Michigan schools.

**To sign up for this free session
[click here.](#)**





Join us for the...
Virtual Direct Instruction Conference
Tuesday, July 28-Friday, July 31, 2020

Sessions include

- ✓ Introduction to Direct Instruction (July 28 & 29 only)
- ✓ Behavior Management for the Direct Instruction Classroom
- ✓ Direct Instruction Coaching
- ✓ Direct Instruction Supervision and Leadership

Space is limited! Register today!



Plan to Attend the NIFDI Virtual Direct Instruction Conference!

NIFDI was forced to cancel the National Direct Instruction Conference, but there will still be some virtual trainings this summer. During the week of July 28-31, NIFDI will host 4 virtual training sessions:

- * Direct Instruction Coaching
- * Behavior Management Essentials
- * Administrative Leadership in a Direct Instruction School
- * Introduction to Direct Instruction (July 28 & 29 only)

These interactive sessions will run for 3 hours a day. Conference schedule, registration and complete descriptions are available on the [Virtual Conference website](#).

The training in these sessions is focused on skills and information used in the traditional, face-to-face context. However, there will be some information provided on how to make adjustments for the virtual, live setting.



Join us for...

Online Preservice Training

Monday, August 3-Thursday, August 6, 2020

<p>Morning sessions include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMSE Grade K Reading RMSE Grade 1 Reading Corrective Reading Decoding Level A 	<p>Afternoon sessions include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RMSE Grade K Language RMSE Grade 1 Language Corrective Reading Decoding Level B1, B2, and C
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NIFDI Announces Online Preservices!

NIFDI is offering online preservice training sessions on select programs during the week of August 3-6. These preservices will provide participants with most of the critical skills and content they need to start to deliver the DI programs effectively in the fall.

Program trainings include:

Morning Sessions (8:00am-10:30am, Pacific)

- Reading Mastery Signature Edition Grade K Reading
- Reading Mastery Signature Edition Grade 1 Reading
- Corrective Reading Decoding Level A

Afternoon Sessions (12:00noon-2:30, Pacific)

- Reading Mastery Signature Edition Grade K Language
- Reading Mastery Signature Edition Grade 1 Language
- Corrective Reading Decoding Level B1, B2 and C

In order to facilitate mastery of skills, we are limiting group size to no more than 12 participants per session. After receiving group instruction, attendees will break into small groups for practice and feedback from our highly skilled presenters. Participants will have the opportunity to demonstrate their mastery of skills and earn a certificate of proficiency.

Another unique feature is the availability of "office hours." Each day, for 30 minutes after the morning and afternoon sessions, participants can sign up for time with their trainer to meet individually or in small groups to work on further skill development.

Participants in these preservices will be contacted about follow-up trainings during the school year to further develop their presentation and correction skills!

The sessions are only \$350 for the first one and \$300 for a second one. Enroll by July 24 and receive a \$50.00 discount!

For session descriptions and registration, [click here!](#)

If you have a group that needs training in the programs listed above, or any other Direct Instruction programs, please send an email to bwickman@nifdi.org.

NIFDI to Begin Distributing Direct Instruction Spoken English (DISE)!

The National Institute for Direct Instruction is pleased to announce that they will soon begin selling Direct Instruction Spoken English (DISE) through our online store (<https://www.nifdi.org/store.html>).

DISE, formerly published by Voyager Sopris Learning, is designed to help non-English speaking students who have at least a third grade knowledge of their native language achieve a functional mastery of the English language in one year or less. The program features an explicit, systematic instructional model that supports English language learners. DISE only teaches spoken English -- not reading or writing skills. All lessons are presented in English, and the teacher does not need to know the students' native language. Students are taught both social and academic vocabulary.

The program has two levels. Level I consists of 100 90-minute lessons. Students who have no knowledge of the English language will need between 140 and 170 days to complete the 100 lessons in Level I of the program. Level II is a continuation of Level I and consists of 80 lessons. Students will need 100-120 school days to complete all 80 lessons. Lessons in Level II require 50 minutes versus the 90 minutes required per lesson in Level I.

Complete pricing and ordering information will be announced in early August. We anticipate we will begin to fill orders by August 15. If you have questions, please contact us at info@nifdi.org.



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