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## NIFDI Celebrates 20 Year Anniversary!



The National Institute for Direct Instruction traces its roots back to 1993 and the Accelerated Student Achievement Project (ASAP). ASAP was a joint project between the Engelmann-Becker Corporation, Utah State University, the Utah State Office of Education and 3 Utah school districts. Utilizing experience gained from Project Follow Through, Siegfried Engelmann and his staff implemented and refined what is now referred to as the Comprehensive Direct

Instruction Model in 3 Utah schools. When the project ended in 1997, Engelmann wanted schools to continue to have access to high quality implementation services. He founded NIFDI as a non-profit organization, and as they say, the rest is history. NIFDI has worked in 28 US states and territories, and hundreds of schools. Other notable achievements since 1997 include creating the most extensive database of Direct Instruction research available, training hundreds of educators each year in our academies and conferences, and, through NIFDI Press, making many valuable print and video resources available to educators throughout the world.

## Tell Us What You Want at the 2018 National Direct Instruction Conference!



Planning is underway for the 44th National Direct Instruction Conference. The conference will be held July 23-27, 2018 in Eugene, Oregon. Each year educators from around the world come to hone their skills and increase their understanding of how best to teach the wide range of learners in today's classrooms. We will continue to offer program training, our popular institutes for administrators, coaches and staff development specialists as well as

many informational sessions.

We would like to hear from the field what sessions you would find most useful and interesting. We can't guarantee that your idea will be used, but we will certainly look for trends among your suggestions. Please send an email with your ideas to <a href="mailto:bwickman@nifdi.org">bwickman@nifdi.org</a>. By sending an email you will also be entering for a chance to win a tuition waiver for the conference, a \$725.00 value!

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# There's Still Time to Register for Fall Leadership and Coaching Academies!



Join the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) for a Leadership Academy in Columbus, Ohio October 16 & 17. This two-day training, co-sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education, is designed for administrators, instructional coaches, curriculum directors and school board members and will focus on the essential features of a successful Direct Instruction (DI) implementation.

Participants will be shown how schools should be set up for success with Direct Instruction. Participants will identify steps they should take to implement Direct Instruction effectively as they develop an action plan tailored to their schools that can be followed through the year. A full brochure and registration information is available on our website.



On November 6 & 7, NIFDI will present Analyzing Data, Classroom Observations & Providing Feedback-a Direct Instruction Coaching Academy. This two-day training, co-sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education and conducted by Tamara Bressi, is designed for instructional coaches, peer coaches and others responsible for observing instruction and improving student performance.

Through demonstrations, practice and hands-on activities, participants will learn how to:

- \* Gain meaningful information from lesson progress and in-program mastery data.
- \* Model how to improve written records.
- \* Conduct supportive classroom observations and demonstrations.
- \* Provide effective oral and written feedback to instructors.
- Conduct classroom demonstration, in-class coaching and team teaching

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\* Design and deliver effective, on-going professional development sessions.

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You can also contact Bryan Wickman, NIFDI's Outreach Events Coordinator, at 1.877.485.1973 or by email at <a href="mailto:bwickman@nifdi.org">bwickman@nifdi.org</a> with questions or for more information.

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