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National Direct Instruction Conference Dates Adjusted, Keynote Speaker Announced!

We had previously announced two of our Institutes, would run July 26-30. We made an adjustment, and DI Coaching and Becoming an Effective DI Trainer will begin on Monday, July 25 and conclude on Friday, July 30. All other sessions, including the Administrator Leadership Institute, will begin on Tuesday, July 26.

We are also thrilled to announce that Dr. Anita Archer will be the keynote speaker at the conference opening on July 26. Anita is a nationally recognized speaker, author and consultant. She has authored co-authored numerous instructional programs, including REWARDS and REWARDS Plus, as well as the popular text Explicit Instruction.

Update: Free Access to All Articles in Special Publications Focused on Direct Instruction Available!



All of the Direct Instruction articles in the September 2021 issues of *Perspectives on Behavior Science (PoBS)* and *Behavior Analysis in Practice (BAP)* are now available as



open access/downloadable pdfs for 8 weeks. The papers in PoBS review Siegfried “Zig” Engelmann’s achievements as a pioneering scientist, examine the DI research base, and explore how DI’s theory of instruction and application are harmonious with behavior analysis. Articles in the BAP special section on DI describe how behavior analysts and teachers can incorporate DI and its essential features into their practice.

The papers can found and downloaded at these links:

PoBS: <https://link.springer.com/journal/40614/volumes-and-issues/44-2>

BAP: <https://link.springer.com/journal/40617/volumes-and-issues/14-3>

Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of Zig Engelmann’s Birthday

Siegfried “Zig” Engelmann was the creator of Direct Instruction (DI), the senior author of the DI programs, the founder of the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) and the author of foundational articles and books on DI, such as *Conceptual Learning*, *Your Child Can Succeed* and *Preventing Failure in the Primary Grades*. (Read more about his numerous contributions to the field of education at <https://www.nifdi.org/main/siegfried-engelmann-1931-2019.html>.) In celebration of the 90th anniversary of Zig’s birth on November the 26th of this year, NIFDI is making his memoir, *Teaching Needy Kids in our Backwards System*, available for the cost of shipping and handling (\$5.00) through December. Read about the early development of DI, behind-the-scenes perspectives on Project Follow Through, Zig’s pioneering work with students with severe disabilities, and much more. Place your order for the book while supplies last by [clicking here](#).

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