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If you have questions or need additional information, you can reach us at 877.485.1973 or info@nifdi.org.

Register Now for NIFDI Remote Trainings

Effective training is critical to the successful implementation of Direct Instruction (DI). In these highly focused trainings, you will learn, practice, and receive feedback on the critical presentation skills needed to teach the programs. Group size is limited, so you will receive the feedback you need to ensure student success.

Reading Mastery Signature Edition Grade 1 Reading

Friday, February 6, 7:30am - 2:30pm PT

Direct Instruction Spoken English (DISE)

Friday, February 6, 7:30am - 2:30pm PT

To view descriptions and register for these events, [click here](#).

Free Webinar Scheduled - An Overview of Authentic Direct Instruction Math Programs

An Overview of Authentic Direct Instruction
Math Programs

A FREE NIFDI WEBINAR

Learn what makes authentic Direct Instruction programs effective



Friday, February 13
1:00pm - 2:30pm PT

February 13, from 1pm-2:30pm, NIFDI will provide a free overview of all Direct Instruction programs for teaching numeracy. This session will help you understand the intended audience for each Authentic Direct Instruction math program. Use of the programs in general or special education sessions will be highlighted, along with

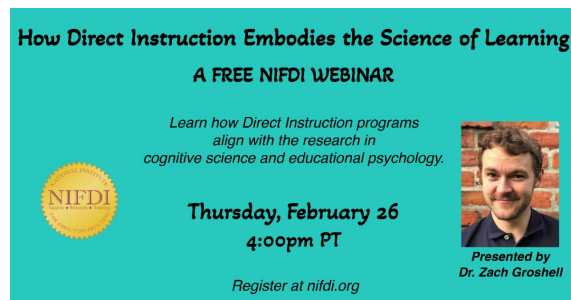
other considerations in program selection. Appropriate sequencing will be featured. Scheduling, in terms of time and frequency, will also be discussed.

Questions answered will include:

- How does one decide whether to use Corrective Math or Connecting Math Concepts?
- When to use DISTAR Arithmetic I vs. Connecting Math Concepts Level A
- When should one begin using Essentials for Algebra?
- Is there a fast-track for any of the programs?
- And much more!

The session will have time for questions and answers. You may also send your questions in advance to info@nifdi.org, and we will be sure to answer them.

Click here to register!



How Direct Instruction Embodies the Science of Learning
A FREE NIFDI WEBINAR

Learn how Direct Instruction programs align with the research in cognitive science and educational psychology.

Thursday, February 26
4:00pm PT

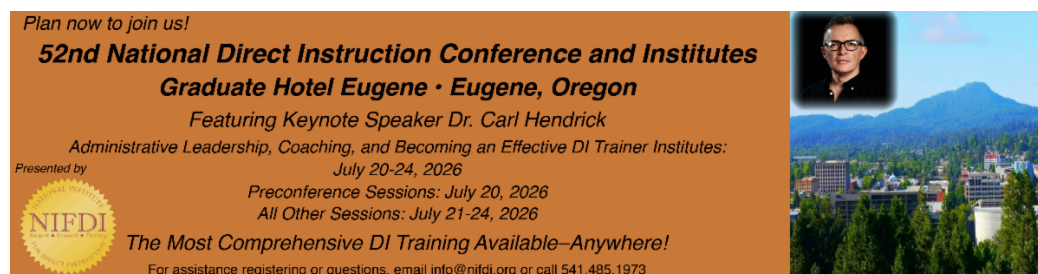
Register at nifdi.org

Presented by
Dr. Zach Groshell

Zach Groshell to Present How Direct Instruction Embodies the Science of Learning

Join noted education consultant Dr. Zach Groshell on February 26th at 4 pm Pacific. This free 60-minute webinar will detail how Direct Instruction programs align with the research in cognitive science and educational psychology. Examples from the DI programs will demonstrate how the careful instructional sequencing, scripting of the programs, checking for mastery, and other features optimize student learning and retention. Zach will also discuss the importance of leadership and effective, ongoing professional development, both of which are critical to the successful implementation of DI.

Click here to register!



Plan now to join us!

52nd National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes
Graduate Hotel Eugene • Eugene, Oregon

Featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Carl Hendrick

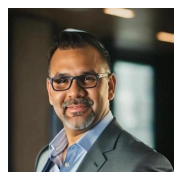
Administrative Leadership, Coaching, and Becoming an Effective DI Trainer Institutes:
July 20-24, 2026

Preconference Sessions: July 20, 2026
All Other Sessions: July 21-24, 2026

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Bonus Keynote Added to National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes Agenda

On Wednesday, July 22, Ernesto Rodriguez, Founder/Director of Kindful Restorations in Riverside, California, will present *Direct Instruction: Not Only for Reading But Also for Building a Better Life*. Ernesto will share his personal journey, first serving over two decades in prison, with over half a dozen years in solitary confinement. Now, within two years of his release, he is leading a multi-million-dollar nonprofit. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of the principles of DI and how they benefit self and others. This very powerful [four-minute video](#) captures Ernesto's past and movement to the future.

Registration for the conference will open soon! Make your plans to be in Eugene July 20-24, 2026! You can start now by securing your lodging for the conference week at the Graduate Hotel. Located in downtown Eugene, the Graduate is steps away from restaurants, shopping, and entertainment options.

Reservations can be made by calling 1.800.991.8903 and referring to booking code 92N or online by [clicking here](#).

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