



SUGGESTED ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORTED DIRECT INSTRUCTION (DI) IMPLEMENTATIONS

Step 1: Inquire about the early identification of academic problems in neighborhood schools.

- How are struggling students identified in grades K-2?
- What program(s) are used with these students?
- What is the evidence of effectiveness of these programs?
- How is implementation fidelity of these programs ensured?
- How is student success measured in grades K-2?
- What actions will be taken if the program is not successful?

Step 2: Review resources on Direct Instruction's evidence of effectiveness.

- Clear Teaching on education-consumers.org website
- Searchable database of abstracts on NIFDI's website (www.nifdi.org) of more than 130 research articles.
- Email NIFDI's Research Department at research@nifdi.org.
- Videos and other resources on NIFDI's website
- Research resources on McGraw-Hill website. Research is located under "Other Resources" when you click the "Learn More" button on the program's page.

Handouts: The Research Base for Reading Mastery
Scientifically Based Research
Myths and Truths about Direct Instruction
Unique Characteristics of Direct Instruction

Step 3: Review what needs to be in place to make Direct Instruction a success.

- Identify a high-level administrator who will ensure implementation of all aspects of the model.
- Review website documents on the model at <http://www.nifdi.org/15/model-components>.
- Arrange a phone conference with the National Institute for Direct Instruction.
- Garner additional support for the implementation.

Handouts: Essential elements
Check-off form for new implementations

Step 4: Visit a Model Direct Instruction School.

- City Springs in Baltimore or other sites recommended by NIFDI

Handout: Profile of City Springs School, Baltimore

Step 5: Contract with NIFDI to ensure that the implementation is a success.

Handouts: NIFDI Services
Implementation options
NIFDI Advantage
School data form

Step 6: Once DI has been adopted, monitor the implementation in coordination with NIFDI.