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## ***Episode 5 of the Direct Instruction Podcast Released!***


The fifth episode of the podcast series sponsored by NIFDI has been released. Hosted by educator and parent Dr. Zach Groshell, the series features interviews with trainers, authors, researchers, and others, each giving their insights on various aspects of DI. This episode answers the question, “How has DI impacted reading proficiency in indigenous communities?” Zach Groshell interviewed Casey Sovo, a member of the Comanche Nation and a 20-year educator. He is currently an administrator for the Bureau of Indian Education. Casey is the keynote speaker at the 50<sup>th</sup> National Direct Instruction Conference on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to listen to this compelling podcast.

## ***There's Still Time to Register for the 50th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes!***


Plan now to join us in person!

**50th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes**  
**Graduate Hotel Eugene • Eugene, Oregon**  
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Plan on being in Eugene, Oregon, **July 15-19, 2024**, to attend the **50<sup>th</sup> National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes**. We are planning an amazing week of training and special events to celebrate this milestone.



The conference began as a small, regional training event held at a high school in Eugene, with an attendance of 80 educators, mostly from the West Coast. Since 1974, as many as 750 educators from around the world have gathered each year in Eugene to attend what is regarded as the most comprehensive DI training available. NIFDI began sponsoring the conference in 2014 and has expanded the offerings to include a 5-day Administrator Leadership Institute, a greater variety of preconference sessions, and training on the full range of DI programs.

This year's opening keynote will be delivered by Mr. Casey Sovo, an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, who began working for the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) in 2001 as a high school English Language Arts teacher and became the Education Program Administrator for the New Mexico South Education Line Office (now called the Albuquerque Bureau-Operated Schools Education Resource Center) in July 2010. Mr. Sovo deeply believes in the power of education to provide opportunities for changing the outcomes for future generations. He is a strong proponent of Direct Instruction and has supported its implementation in many BIE schools. His story is informative and inspiring.

Please join us this July for the most comprehensive Direct Instruction training available—anywhere!

[\*\*Click here to register or download the brochure!\*\*](#)

## **NIFDI Presenting at the National Autism Conference!**

NIFDI will be presenting at the National Autism Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Faun Hyde-Olivera and Randi Sautler will present a session titled *Specific Direct Instruction Programs that Meet the Needs of Students Diagnosed with Autism*. The session will provide program overviews and teach specific strategies for children with autism. For more information on the conference and the session, [click here](#).



We will also be exhibiting at the conference. If you attend, be sure and stop by our booth!

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