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## DI Implementation Featured in *The Australian*

In his May 11, 2013 article, *Controversial teaching method brings hope and social change to Cape York* published in *The Australian*, author Nicolas Rothwell captures the social reform efforts in Aboriginal communities of Cape York, Australia. The educational reforms in Queensland using Direct Instruction (DI) are remarkable. Noel Pearson - a primary leader in the reform efforts - is seeing his vision for creating a successful remote-area indigenous school come to fruition with the partnership of Cape York Aboriginal Australian Academy (CYAAA) and the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) working to implement DI successfully for all students.

Read more at: <http://www.nifdi.org/news-latest/225-australian-may-2013>.

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## Why WWC Procedures Shortchange DI

The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC) is a federally funded program that evaluates educational interventions and provides summary ratings on its website. Educators often refer to the WWC as a trusted resource for obtaining information on programs. Despite a large research base of scholarly literature reviews and meta-analyses unanimously concluding that Direct Instruction (DI) programs are highly effective, the WWC has found very few studies of DI that meet its criteria for review and has concluded that there is little evidence to support the programs' efficacy.

Of the more than 200 studies of DI curricula that the WWC has reported examining, only seven have met their inclusion criteria "without reservation." In contrast, John Hattie's recent summary of meta-analyses included over 300 studies, and the NIFDI research office has identified over 500 studies of DI's efficacy. This suggests that the WWC reviews have been incomplete, potentially excluding a number of studies that should have been included. The NIFDI analysis also points to numerous errors in the analysis of studies that have been included, detailing serious errors in the analysis of over half of the studies that fully met their inclusion criteria.

NIFDI's latest Technical Report provides an analysis of why the conclusions of the WWC regarding DI differ so markedly from the extant scholarly literature. Find the full-text Technical Report from NIFDI's Research Office here: [http://www.nifdi.org/documents-library/doc\\_download/270-technical-report-2013-1](http://www.nifdi.org/documents-library/doc_download/270-technical-report-2013-1).

Read more about the WWC and find other useful links at: <http://www.nifdi.org/research/what-works-clearinghouse>.

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## REMINDER: Applications for Becoming a DI Trainer Due June 3rd!

Prospective participants for NIFDI's Academy on Becoming a DI Trainer have just less than a week to get their applications in! Applications for the Academy, a five and a half day training offered as part of the upcoming Direct Instruction Training Institute in San Antonio, are **due no later than June 3, 2013**. Session leaders will select applicants and provide notification of acceptance by June 14th. Enrollment is limited, so if you plan to join this valuable training event, be sure to get your application in before the June 3rd deadline!

Need an application? You can download the application for the Becoming a DI Trainer Academy online at <http://www.nifdi.org/training-institute/becoming-a-di-trainer>.

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## DI-Announce Ending July 1, 2013

As you may know, the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) has provided an outlet called DI-Announce for distributing information regarding Direct Instruction for several years now. Subscribers to DI-Announce have received announcements about upcoming events, available resources and other general news about DI. With NIFDI News! as NIFDI's primary communication method for these kinds of announcements now, the need for DI-Announce has diminished. As a result, DI-Announce will be discontinued as of July 1, 2013. Not to worry, though! If you are receiving this email, you are already set to receive our messages and will enjoy uninterrupted communications.

Know other DI users or supporters who would benefit from receiving NIFDI News? Share this sign up link: <http://www.nifdi.org/component/content/article/61-uncategorised/226-nifdi-news-signup>. Interested parties can also sign up via their mobile device by simply texting NIFDI to 22828 to get started!

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