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There's Still Time to Register for Enhanced DI Coaching Academy!

Are you wanting to expand your ability to assist others in developing their skill in presenting DI lessons? NIFDI is offering our popular Coaching Academy, Enhanced Coaching and Facilitating Professional Development on April 26 & 27, in Columbus, Ohio. This two-day training, co-sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education, is designed for instructional coaches, peer coaches and others responsible for observing instruction and improving student performance.

If you attended the NIFDI Coaching Academy presented in November, this is a companion academy and not a repeat of the earlier session. Topics include:

- Communicating with staff in order to increase instructional effectiveness.
- Refining observational skills to increase the coach's ability to provide data-driven feedback.
- Determining the appropriate intervention based on data and observation.
- Utilizing a variety of interventions (in-class coaching, small group practice, 1:1 rehearsal sessions).
- Designing and delivering efficient on-going professional development sessions.
- Facilitating Data Analysis Team meetings to find and solve student performance problems in a timely manner.

The low fee of \$249 includes lunch each day as well as a binder filled with resources. For a complete brochure and registration information, [click here](#).

Sixth Southwest DI Conference to Include Effective Trainer Institute!



By popular demand, NIFDI is including the popular Institute *Becoming an Effective DI Trainer* in the 6th Southwest DI Conference lineup.

The institute provides advanced training for teachers, coaches and building coordinators who already have substantial DI experience and are ready to become trainers. Over the course of five days, participants are introduced to the main steps for developing a program training for teachers new to Direct Instruction: creating a training outline, designing materials for a training packet, identifying critical program formats and articulating the rationale for the program's design. Participants pre-select a program and level to train, develop an outline for training teachers in the program and then deliver a presentation to the other participants. Trainees spend approximately half their time with the course leaders and half their time in other sessions observing and assisting actual program training sessions at the institute.

The conference sessions are focused on the K-3rd grade levels of Reading Mastery Signature Edition Reading, K-2 grade levels of Reading Mastery Signature, DISTAR Arithmetic 1 as well as Corrective Reading Decoding.

To register or download a complete brochure, [click here](#).

Plan to Attend the 44th National Direct Instruction Conference



Plan now to be in Eugene, Oregon July 23-27 for the 44th National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes! Our keynote speaker this year is nationally recognized author, speaker and consultant Anita Archer. Dr. Archer has taught elementary and middle school students and has served on the faculties of San Diego State University, the University of Washington, and the University of Oregon. She will also conduct a pre-conference session on her popular textbook *Explicit Instruction: Effective and Efficient Teaching*.

The conference will include training on all levels of the DI programs, as well as sessions on classroom management, data collection and analysis and much more. New sessions this year include Teaching Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities, Targeted Professional Development, and much more. The conference also features all of our comprehensive institutes, including the Becoming an Effective DI Trainer, DI Coaching and the Administrators Institute: Effective Implementation and Supervision of DI. To download a complete brochure or to register for the conference, [click here](#).

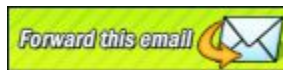
Nominate an Educator for an Excellence in Education Award

An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success--success of students, teachers and entire schools. For many years, there has been a tradition of recognizing excellence in education at the National DI Conference and this year is no exception. Individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children will be recognized through the following awards:



- * Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award
- * Wes Becker Excellent School Award
- * The Wayne Carnine Student Improvement Award

Please take this opportunity to identify and nominate a colleague and/or school that has made a difference. Nomination applications are short (1-2 pages) and are available on our website. Nominations are due in our office by June 3rd, so [download the application packet today!](#)



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