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Registration Open for Direct Instruction Coaching Academy!

One of the most critical roles in a successful Direct Instruction Implementation is the Peer Coach. With good, careful peer coaching, teachers will become more skilled and proficient in teaching the program, and students will excel with improved instruction.

On October 29 & 30, NIFDI will present Analyzing Data, Classroom Observations & Providing Feedback. This two-day training, co-sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education and conducted by Tamara Bressi, is designed for instructional coaches, peer coaches and others responsible for observing instruction and improving student performance.

Through demonstrations, practice and hands-on activities, participants will learn how to:

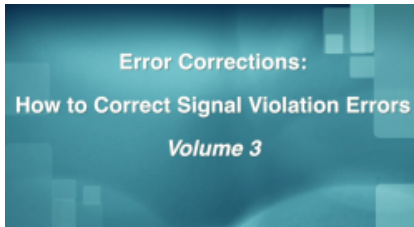
- Gain meaningful information from lesson progress and in-program mastery data.
- Model how to improve written records.
- Conduct supportive classroom observations and demonstrations aimed at increasing student success.
- Provide effective oral and written feedback to instructors to directly impact student performance.
- Conduct classroom demonstration, in-class coaching and team teaching
- Design and deliver effective, on-going professional development sessions.

A full brochure and registration information is available on our [website](#).

You can also contact Bryan Wickman, NIFDI's Outreach Events Coordinator at 1.877.485.1973 or by email at bwickman@nifdi.org with questions or for more information.

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Newest Video In-Service Released



The NIFDI video in-service library has grown to include How to Correct Signal Violation Errors, the third volume of the Error Corrections Series. The video in-services are designed to support school leaders in charge of managing Direct Instruction (DI) implementations. Through the guidance of the videos, participants will view demonstrations and receive information by expert DI trainers. Participants will also practice the skills being taught and receive feedback from the facilitator, who will follow a facilitator's

guide. In addition, these video in-services provide a model for district and building-level coaches, APIs (assistant principals of instruction) or building coordinators on how to sequence examples and focus on critical issues when training, as well as provide activities that promote mastery of the targeted skills.

These video in-services are very affordable (\$39.95 each) and include all facilitator and participant material. For ordering information and a complete description of the contents of each in-service, including this latest in-service [click here](#) to visit the NIFDI Store.

2018 National Direct Instruction Conference Opening and Keynote Available Online!



A video of Siegfried Engelmann's welcoming remarks and Anita Archer's keynote are posted for viewing on [Vimeo](#) or accessed through the [NIFDI website](#). In his opening Zig spoke about the outcomes teachers and administrators could expect from their participation in the conference.

Nationally noted educational consultant and author Dr. Anita Archer presented a keynote titled, "The Time is Always." She tied her presentation to nine key promises that educators must make to their students each day. These promises were linked to "Archerisms," a series of mottoes for teaching and managing. Anita is noted for her motivation and insights into how to reach and teach all students. Her bottom line resonated throughout the conference, "Teach with passion. Manage with compassion."



Excellence in Education Awards Presented at the National Direct Instruction Conference



In conjunction with the National Direct Instruction Conference, NIFDI presented several recognitions. The Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award was given to two individuals this year. The first recognition went to Sharon Buttner of Jacksonville, Florida. Sharon is a DI consultant, primarily for McGraw-Hill. In her 13 years of working with DI she has touched the lives of hundreds of teachers, administrators and others, for the benefit of children all across the US.

Lauren Anderson, of the Lee County, Florida Curriculum Department writes, "I cannot say enough good things about Sharon's dedication to excellence and her ability to support a county in their use of Direct Instruction. I have learned so much from watching her work with teachers and students. Her knowledge of DI is impressive, and her ability to communicate and coach is amazing.

A Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award was also presented to Gayle Gorman, currently Direct Instruction Coordinator at Lincoln Avenue, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In support of Gayle's nomination, long-time (now retired) McGraw-Hill representative Linda Heiderer wrote, "Gayle Gorman truly deserves recognition for her 25 year of excellence in teaching Direct Instruction. She has not only been a stellar DI teacher but she has also been a catalyst for expanding Direct Instruction in the 5 Milwaukee schools she has taught in over the years. Early on, she was either the lone DI teacher or one of the few teaching the programs. The unmistakable impact she has had on the reading scores led principals at each of her schools to either expand DI or to implement it school wide. "

Finally, the Wesley Becker Excellent School Award was presented to the staff and students of Ewing Halsell Academy, in San Antonio, Texas. Ewing Halsell is a first-year school of 375 students in the IDEA Charter School network, using DI in their Kindergarten, first and second grades. They showed promising results in their first year on implementation. In support of the nomination, Natalie Rubio, Senior Vice President of IDEA Schools, wrote, "In its first year of existence, our Ewing Halsell campus team has proven that a group of novice leaders and teachers-who relentlessly and apologetically pursue student achievement-can yield a proof point. While many doubt the abilities of our students-and the families they represent-we have proven that our students are capable of academic achievement-despite the challenges their plights represent.

NIFDI extends our congratulations to each recipient and we look forward to hear about their future successes. To view the video of the presentations, [click here](#). Also, look for the call for nominations announcement in the February NIFDI News.

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