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Plan now to attend...

Enhanced Coaching and Facilitating Professional Development
Direct Instruction Coaching Academy II

Presented by
 for instructional coaches, peer coaches and others responsible for observing instruction and improving student performance

March 6 & 7, 2025
Cambria Hotel—Orlando Airport · Orlando, Florida
 For assistance registering or for questions, email info@nifdi.org call 541.485.1973

Attend NIFDI's In-Person Coaching Academy!

Join veteran trainer Tamara Bressi on March 6 & 7 for NIFDI's popular academy—*Enhanced Coaching and Facilitating Professional Development*. This 2-day training at the Cambria Hotel—Orlando Airport equips building and district-level instructional coaches, peer coaches, lead teachers, and mentor teachers with critical coaching and support skills.

With effective peer coaching, staff development, and strong leadership, teachers using Direct Instruction will improve dramatically, and students will progress farther and faster than they ever have before.

Here is a sampling of topics that will be covered:

- **Refining observational skills**
- **Facilitating rehearsal sessions**
- **Determining the appropriate intervention**
- **Facilitating Data Analysis Team meetings**

A description and registration information is available on our [website](#). You can also contact Bryan Wickman, NIFDI's Outreach Events Director, at 1.877.485.1973 or by email at info@nifdi.org with questions or for more information.

51st Direct Instruction Conference and Institute Registration Open!



Plan now to join us!

51st National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes
Graduate Hotel Eugene • Eugene, Oregon

Featuring Keynote Speaker Dr. Jan Hasbrouck
Administrative Leadership, Coaching, and Becoming an Effective DI Trainer Institutes:
 Presented by July 21-25, 2025

Preconference Sessions July 21, 2025
 All Other Sessions: July 22-25, 2025

The Most Comprehensive DI Training Available—Anywhere!
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Plan on being in Eugene, Oregon, July 21-25, 2025, to attend the **51st National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes**. We are planning an amazing week of training and special events this year.

Since 1974, educators from around the world have gathered in Eugene each year to attend what is regarded as the most comprehensive DI training available. We are excited to host Dr. Jan Hasbrouck as our featured keynote speaker this year. Jan has a long history with Direct Instruction, having received her B.A. and M.A. at the University of Oregon. She is the author and co-author of several books and instructional programs.

We are featuring several new offerings this year, including a 4-day institute designed for higher-education instructors on how to incorporate DI into their teacher preparation courses.

[Download the brochure](#) for complete session descriptions and [register online here!](#)

Nominations Open for Excellence in Education Awards

An important feature of successful Direct Instruction implementations is to celebrate success—the success of students, teachers, and entire schools. Each year, we recognize individuals and schools that have made a significant difference in the educational performance of children through the following awards:




- [The Carnine-McRoberts Student Improvement Award](#) – This award honors the parents of Doug and Linda Carnine. It is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding improvement, academic or behavioral. Teachers submit nominations. The winner, selected by Doug and Linda Carnine, will be presented with a plaque and \$1,000. The winner's school will also receive \$1,000.
- [Siegfried Engelmann Excellence in Education Award](#) – This award is named after Siegfried “Zig” Engelmann, co-creator of Direct Instruction, senior author

of the DI programs, and founder of NIFDI. The recipient of this award can be anyone – a teacher, paraprofessional, administrator, college professor, etc. – who has provided a significant contribution to the field of education and/or student achievement.

- [Wes Becker Excellent School Award](#) – This award is named after Wesley Becker, co-creator of Direct Instruction and longtime Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Oregon. This award is given to a school for exemplary implementation of Direct Instruction.

Please take the opportunity to honor a member of the DI “family.” The nomination process is simple and means so much to the individuals and our profession. Please identify and nominate a colleague and/or school that has made a difference. Nomination applications are short (1-2 pages) and **are due in our office by June 3rd**. [Download the application packet today](#) or click the award titles above to complete the online applications.



Introducing Direct Instruction Remote Trainings






Corrective Reading Decoding Level A –
Friday, February 21 & Saturday, March 8

Corrective Reading Decoding Levels B1 & B2 –
Friday, February 28 & Saturday, March 15

Reading Mastery Signature Edition Grade K Reading –
Friday, March 7

Reading Mastery Signature Edition Grade 1 Reading –
Friday, March 14

For assistance registering or for questions, email bwickman@nifdi.org call 541.485.1973

Attend a NIFDI Remote Literacy Training!

In the coming weeks, NIFDI will be offering a series of remote trainings focusing on literacy. In these highly focused webinars, you will learn, practice, and receive feedback on critical skills needed to successfully teach the programs. Each webinar is 6 hours. All sessions will be held from 7:30am-2:30pm Pacific time. Here is the lineup for February and March:

- **Corrective Reading Decoding Level A** • [February 21](#) or [March 8](#)
- **Reading Mastery Signature Edition (RMSE) Grade K Reading** • [March 7](#)
- **Corrective Reading Decoding Levels B1 & B2** • [February 28](#) or [March 15](#)
- **Reading Mastery Signature Edition (RMSE) Grade 1 Reading** • [March 14](#)

These sessions will provide participants with a strong, fundamental understanding of the programs and their delivery. They are ideal for newer instructors or as a brush-up for more experienced individuals. Plan now to attend!

Project Follow Through Featured on Chalk & Talk Podcast

Marcy Stein, professor emeritus from the University of Washington, Tacoma, was interviewed about her firsthand experience with Direct Instruction (DI) and Project Follow Through—the world’s largest educational experiment. Despite showing DI’s effectiveness with at-risk students, the results were largely ignored.



Marcy shares insights into the origins of DI and its instructional design and emphasizes that it's effective for all students, not just those struggling academically. She also addresses common misconceptions, walks through a typical DI math lesson, and gives advice on how to bridge skill gaps in the classroom. This episode unpacks the story of Project Follow Through and the ongoing fight for evidence-based education. [Click here](#) to listen to this informative interview.



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