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This session builds upon and expands the coaching skills learned in the Direct Instruction Coaching Institute. It equips building and district-level instructional coaches, peer coaches, lead teachers, and mentor teachers with the tools needed to achieve an effective, efficient and sustainable DI implementation.

In this 4-half day session, Participants will learn how to:

- Conduct efficient problem-solving sessions to identify and solve student performance problems in a timely manner, including the facilitation of data analysis team meetings as a key part of the problem-solving process.
- Identify detailed steps using DI instructional design to address a student's specific skill deficit and scaffold the delivery of explicit, targeted remedies, without involving full lesson push-backs; coach instructors on how to schedule and deliver targeted remedies.
- Use videos and remote coaching of classroom instruction as a tool to support the coaching process.
- Conduct effective lesson rehearsal sessions as a tool to build instructor DI lesson delivery skills.
- Identify DI implementation fidelity measures and create reports for stakeholders and decision-makers to help inform the process of sustainability.

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

Silver Star Schools Announced!



The National Institute for Direct Instruction is launching a new program to recognize schools or networks that have demonstrated a long-term commitment to utilizing Direct Instruction programs with fidelity. These entities will be highlighted as *Silver Star Schools* at the National Direct Instruction conference, at 4:30pm on Thursday, July 24, in Eugene, Oregon. By recognizing these remarkable schools, our hope is to inspire others to achieve similar success.

In this inaugural year, NIFDI will recognize the successes of:
[Mystic Valley Regional Charter School](#), Malden, MA
[Classical Charter Schools/Roger Bacon Academy](#), NC
[Baltimore Curriculum Project](#), Baltimore, MD

These campuses have utilized Direct Instruction programs as their core academic instruction and have shown remarkable results. If you are attending the conference this summer, please plan to join us for this celebration!

Direct Instruction and the Science of Reading Webinar Recording Available

The video of our recent webinar on how DI intersects with the science of reading is now available. This 73-minute webinar describes key features of *Reading Mastery* and *Corrective Reading* and how the instructional delivery and design of these programs align with the body of research and evidence of the most effective path to literacy. [Click here](#) to view the webinar.

If you are interested in taking a deeper dive into the topic, consider attending the National DI Conference. There are sessions that focus on the science of reading and learning:

- ***DI and the Science of Reading***—This session, presented by Dr. Marcy Stein, will outline how Direct Instruction reading curricula exemplify the findings from the science of reading.
- ***DI and the Science of Learning***—In this session, Dr. Zach Groshell will present key cognitive science findings and components that are essential for effective learning and show how these findings are incorporated into DI programs.

[Click here](#) for registration information.

Latest Direct Instruction Podcast Released

The latest Direct Instruction Podcast features veteran behavior management consultant and researcher Geoff Colvin. In this 36-minute conversation with Zach Groshell, Geoff describes how Direct Instruction interfaces with behavior management. He traces the history of Positive Behavior Intervention Supports and his work at the University of Oregon. Geoff also talks about trends in behavior management and the pitfalls of some current practices.

[Click here](#) to listen to this engaging interview.

Dr. Carl Hendrick Voices Strong Support for Direct Instruction

In a recent webinar sponsored by McGraw-Hill Education, Dr. Carl Hendrick expressed strong support for Direct Instruction (DI) programs as examples of distributed/spaced practice and other techniques that ensure students master the content they encounter. Dr. Hendrick, who works at the [Academica University of Applied Sciences](#) in Amsterdam with a focus on bridging the gap between research and practice, is a leading expert on the Science of Learning. His books include:

How Learning Happens, co-authored with Paul A. Kirschner, and

How Teaching Happens, co-authored with Paul A. Kirschner, and Jim Heal.

[Click here](#) to access the webinar, *The Science of Learning meets Direct Instruction with Dr Carl Hendrick*.

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