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Direct Instruction Coaching
An Intensive Summer Academy

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

July 6-9, 2026
Leland, North Carolina

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

NIFDI Announces Summer Coaching Academy

Join experienced NIFDI trainer and Implementation Manager Tara Davis at the Roger Bacon Academy in Leland, North Carolina, for this intensive professional learning experience. In this 4-day event, participants will cover the content of two of NIFDI's most popular coaching academies.

The first two days will feature Coaching Academy I: [**Analyzing Data, Classroom Observations, and Providing Feedback**](#). Days three and four will cover the content of Coaching Academy II: [**Enhanced Coaching and Facilitating Professional Development**](#).

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. In an implementation that does not incorporate high-quality peer coaching, some teachers may become stars, while others may demonstrate little to no improvement, ultimately hindering the implementation as a whole from achieving a high level of success.

Registration is limited! Act now!

[Click here](#) for more information and to register!

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52nd National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes
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Featuring Keynote Speaker *Dr. Carl Hendrick*

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Register for the National Direct Instruction Conference and Institutes

Registration for the 52nd National DI Conference is open! Plan to join educators from around the world at the Graduate Hotel in Eugene, Oregon, July 20-24, 2026! The conference offers training in a wide range of Direct Instruction programs, as well as comprehensive institutes for instructional leaders, coaches, and professional development specialists.

This year, we are excited to host Dr. Carl Hendrick, an educational consultant, author, and researcher, as our featured keynote speaker. His presentation, *10 Rules for Designing Effective Learning that Works for Every Student*, will examine how Direct Instruction programs model all features that have come to be accepted as the science of learning and teaching. We are also happy to welcome speaker Ernesto Rodriguez. His keynote, *Direct Instruction: Not Only for Reading, But Also for Building a Better Life*, will highlight his compelling story and give insights into how we can break the school-to-prison pipeline that poor instruction creates.

No matter what your job title is—principal, supervisor, literacy coach, teacher, paraprofessional, professor, or something else—the National DI Conference has something for you. Plan on coming to Eugene this summer, take advantage of the beautiful location, and take part in the most comprehensive offering of Direct Instruction training and information available—anywhere!

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

Baltimore Curriculum Project Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Founded in 1996, the Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) operates 6 neighborhood charter schools in Baltimore City. The schools have partnered with NIFDI to implement Direct Instruction as the core literacy and arithmetic programs since their conversion to charter schools in 1996. NIFDI congratulates them on this anniversary and commends the leadership and staff, past and present, for their dedication to providing opportunities for success for the students they serve.



Founded in 1996, the Baltimore Curriculum Project (BCP) operates 6 neighborhood charter schools in Baltimore City. The schools implement Direct Instruction (DI) as the core literacy and arithmetic programs. Over the years, BCP schools have been among the highest performing schools in Maryland, receiving city, state, and national recognition. They recently published their first-ever [Impact Report](#), which highlights BCP's history. As one reads it, their commitment to DI and the importance of continued professional development is clear.

NIFDI congratulates BCP on this anniversary and commends the leadership and staff, past and present, for their dedication to providing opportunities for success for the students they serve. We look forward to our continued role in supporting and celebrating BCP success!



Excellence in Education Awards Nominations Due June 3rd!

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

- [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.
- [The Carnine-McRoberts Student Improvement Award](#) – This award is named in honor of the parents of Doug and Linda Carnine. It is given to a student who has demonstrated remarkable academic success with DI. Teachers submit nominations. The winner, selected by Doug and Linda Carnine, will be presented with a plaque and \$1,000 to the recipient and \$1,000 to the school the recipient attends.

Please take the opportunity to honor a member of the DI “family.” The nomination process is not cumbersome, and it 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 available on our website. Nominations are due in our office by June 3rd, so click the links above or [download the application packet](#) today!

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