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Which Summer Conference Should You Attend?

What's the difference between the National Direct Instruction Conference and the Southwest Direct Instruction Training Conference? Which one should you attend?

These questions may come to mind when trying to determine the best fit for your staff development needs. The events are quite similar and will provide you with quality training and information. The Eugene conference will continue to offer the 5 day-long Institutes (coaching, trainer training, and administrative management). There is a focus on training mainline DI programs through the end of the program. These are 4 half-day workshops. Eugene also features shorter, 2 half-day sessions and a set of Sunday preconference workshops in topics related to DI, but not necessarily program-specific (behavior management, introduction to DI, etc.).

The Southwest conference also features 4 half-day program sessions as well as the Institute on Becoming an Effective DI Trainer. A key difference is that the program training here is focused on the first 30 lessons of the programs, with practice to mastery of key formats. Later lessons in the programs will be highlighted and practiced. This conference is particularly well-suited for a school that will receive on-going support from an external partner and utilize this event as their intensive preservice, with follow-up training through the year.

If you haven't signed up to attend one of our summer training events, there's still time!

The 40th Annual National Direct Instruction Conference will be in Eugene, Oregon, July 13th-17th. Check out the full [conference offerings](#) and [register online](#) today!

Our Southwest Direct Instruction Training Conference is August 3rd-7th in San Antonio, Texas. You can find the session descriptions in our [conference brochure](#) and [register online](#).

NIFDI Partners with Elgin Foundation for Sustainability Project

The National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) has partnered with the Elgin Children's Foundation, a publicly funded non-profit organization based in Tennessee, to provide training and support for a literacy initiative for underserved children in rural Southern Appalachian communities. This partnership is designed to sustain an initiative that began four years ago with over 9,000 students receiving Direct Instruction.

NIFDI will support the initiative's efforts by conducting regional training sessions for school coaches and administrators and providing on-site follow-up to build capacity at the building and district levels. The training and support services are scheduled to begin this August.

Elgin Children's Foundation was founded in 2003 to serve children in rural Southern Appalachia with the mission to give children a chance to learn, grow, and maximize future educational opportunities. In addition to supporting

literacy efforts in the 45 schools across nine school districts, the foundation also provides dental and medical care to underserved children in the area. Learn more about the foundation on their [webpage](#) or by visiting their [Facebook page](#).



Share Your DI Story with Others!



Do you want the opportunity to tell others the impact Direct Instruction has had on you or your students? The National Institute for Direct Instruction has just launched a testimonial line where you can share your DI story with others. Submit it to NIFDI and give others a window into the world of DI!

To submit your story, email testimonials@nifdi.org or call us at 541-505-5700. In your submission, please provide your name, phone number, location and your story of how DI has affected your life and/or your students. We will transcribe these stories and post them on our webpage. Call or email us today, and let the rest of the DI community learn about your success!

The Latest from NIFDI Press: *Science and Social Studies in Reading Mastery Signature Edition*

NIFDI Press is proud to announce the latest title: *Science and Social Studies in Reading Mastery Signature Edition* by Dr. Nancy Woolfson.

Reading instruction consumes a large part of the daily schedule, reducing the amount of time for content area studies. *Reading Mastery Signature Edition* in grades two through five integrates a wide range of social studies and science concepts and information. *Science and Social Studies in Reading Mastery Signature Edition* is a powerful tool for teachers, coaches and curriculum directors to have available for planning and integrating subject areas in order to reinforce critical content.

Quickly reference subject areas and topics covered in the highly acclaimed *Reading Mastery Signature Edition* program. This resource contains:

- A grade-level index of all science and social studies content covered
- A list of the lessons where specific scientific terms and concepts are addressed in the program

Science and Social Studies in Reading Mastery Signature Edition facilitates making connections with content material taught in the program and is a must-have addition to the resource library of any teacher using grades 2-5 of the *Reading Mastery Signature Edition* program!

Pre-order your copy now for only \$24.99 and have this title shipped the day of release! You can order through [NIFDI's online store](#) or by calling 877.485.1973.

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