Enhanced Coaching and Facilitating Professional Development

A Direct Instruction Coaching Academy
for instructional coaches, peer coaches
and others responsible for observing
instruction and improving student performance

Columbus, Ohio
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Coaching is critical to the success of DI!

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 will become stars, but some may demonstrate little to no improvement, keeping the implementation as a whole from achieving a high level of success.

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.

Join the National Institute for Direct Instruction (NIFDI) and Tamara Bressi for a Direct Instruction Coaching Academy on the essentials of successful DI coaching. This session equips building and district-level instructional coaches, peer coaches, lead teachers and mentor teachers with critical coaching and support skills.

An effective coach will help the DI teacher evolve from a technician to an engineer of instruction. This session will provide participants with information and practice in:

- Refining observational skills to increase the coach’s ability to provide data-driven feedback, including both short and extended observations.

- Facilitating rehearsal sessions to provide practice for instructional staff in lesson formats and program content.

- Determining the appropriate intervention based on student performance data and observations. (A brief overview of written records in the Direct Instruction classroom will be provided as part of this training.)

- Facilitating Data Analysis Team meetings to find and solve student performance problems in a timely manner.

Presenter: Tamara Bressi

Tamara is an experienced Direct Instruction (DI) teacher, trainer and coach. She holds a Master of Science in Special Education from the University of Oregon. From 1992 to 1998, Tamara was a resource room/self-contained special education teacher in Eugene, Oregon. From 1998 to 2004, Tamara was a 2nd grade teacher and has served as a Teacher on Special Assignment for K-3 reading programs at her school, with responsibilities of conducting observations of DI reading groups, data analysis and curriculum training in addition to her regular teaching assignment.

From 2003 through 2009, Tamara was an Implementation Manager for NIFDI at middle schools and elementary schools in Guam. In 2010, she was Co-Director of Training for NIFDI and in 2012 became the Director of Training Development (DOTD). Both positions carry the responsibilities of creating, arranging and evaluating training sessions for teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals and NIFDI consultants. Tamara is also one of two trainers for the Institute on Becoming an Effective Direct Instruction Trainer, which is an integral component of the National Direct Instruction Conference held in Eugene, OR.
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Logistic Information:

The Academy will be held at the McGraw-Hill Education Headquarters, 8787 Orion Place, Columbus, Ohio. Free parking available.

NIFDI has secured a $118.00 per night room rate at Cambria Suites—Columbus/Polaris, 9100 Lyra Dr., Columbus, OH Phone 614.841.9100 A shuttle to the Academy is available.

*Please reference NIFDI Coaching Training to receive discounted room rates. Limited space available. Discounted pricing may not be available after February 5.

The $269.00 registration fee includes all materials, and lunch both days.

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