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## Empower Your Teachers

**Put things in motion now to impact student achievement this year!**



### **See how IDRA's assistance can help**

Across the country, school doors are now open. Families have gathered supplies. Teachers have arranged their rooms. Principals have organized their staff.

The sights and sounds are familiar, just like every year. But some things need to be different if we are going to better serve our diverse students and lead them to success.

To help you kick off a great year in new ways, we have some new service offerings. IDRA provides training and technical assistance to thousands of educators across the country. With an unwavering commitment to student success, our services provide innovative, practical and sustainable solutions.

We deliver services on-site and online based on the unique needs of your district, campus or classroom. Our staff integrate multimedia technologies and web resources and activities in on-site technical assistance, workshops, and coaching and mentoring activities.

Below are a few examples of our new and most popular packages.

## English Learner Education

### English Learner Literacy Coaching Services

Through a proven coaching model, IDRA supports teachers build on their natural strengths and training to transform their classrooms for English learner success.

IDRA will coach and facilitate in collaboratively planning instructional responses to data results by objectives and standards. Instructional responses are pedagogically sound, research-based interventions, models, processes and assessments for EL students.

IDRA's literacy coaching services are structured in six phases:

- Data analysis for instruction
- Collaborative planning - responses to analysis,
- Lesson modeling (classroom-embedded),
- Debriefing & coaching,
- Team teaching & observation, and
- Assessment and refinement.



These phases are designed to build teacher and staff capacity embedded into their daily routines. This minimizes time outside of class in day-long professional development sessions.

[See flier for details](#)

### Instructional Strategies for Building Inferencing Skills

IDRA conducted research on the reading test questions that a high percentage of students missed across grade levels. We found that students were having difficulty

with questions that require a high level of proficiency in the underlying and foundational skill of inferencing.

And we looked at the professional development that teachers had received. After an analysis of the topics, we saw a heavy emphasis on pedagogy and little, if any, on strengthening the content that teachers must deliver. Specifically, this means inferencing as the content: what it is, what types of inferences are addressed during instruction and testing, how inferences are foundational skills that affect the curriculum throughout the day, and how to address inferences during instruction.



At the end of these workshops, teachers report being filled with hope that, as one teacher stated, "excites and boosts our efficacy as effective teachers."

Educators acquire new understanding to apply in the classroom...

- Inference as one of the most critical reading skills
- What breaks down in reading for comprehension and interpretation
- Critical brain research and its implication for instruction
- Explicit instruction in context and its effectiveness as an instructional intervention practice
- The critical relationship between background knowledge, vocabulary and inferencing
- The viable practices for accessing background knowledge and cultural experiences of students
- The cognitive benefits of bilingualism
- The types of inference that are traditionally tested on standardized tests
- The critical content knowledge and instructional intervention practices to develop inferencing as a "Habit of Mind"
- Lesson study as a collegial practice
- The power of a collaborative and individualized plan of action

**Schedule your training today!** IDRA Services are customized to the needs of the district or campus.

Get the brochure to learn more

Effective Dropout Prevention

## Bring the Popular IDRA Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program to Your School

The IDRA Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program is a research-based, internationally-recognized

dropout prevention program that has kept 98 percent of its tutors in school.

In this highly successful program, secondary students who are considered to be at-risk of dropping out are placed as tutors of elementary students. Given this role of personal and academic responsibility, the Valued Youth tutors learn self-discipline and develop self-esteem; schools shift to the philosophy and practices of valuing students considered at-risk. Results show that tutors stay in school, have increased academic performance, improved school attendance and advanced to higher education.



**"I refuse to miss school because I do not want to disappoint my students," explains one tutor.**

*All students are valuable; none is expendable* is the Valued Youth creed. This philosophy is helping middle and high schools keep thousands of Valued Youth students in school, keeping these young people in the classroom and learning.

See the program brochure to learn more!



Video: Get a quick overview of how the Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program impacts students and schools. [01:30 min] - [Watch now](#)

## Early Childhood Education

### Use Semillitas de Aprendizaje™ to Support Bilingual Literacy Development

**Re-energize your early childhood education program in a way that is responsive to the characteristics of diverse learners in your school or district**

Through the Semillitas de Aprendizaje early childhood set of materials, IDRA provides customized technical assistance and training that can include: classroom demonstrations and observations, coaching for success, nurturing of innovations, and building on existing strengths.

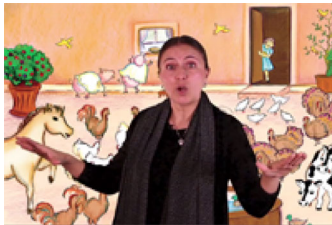


Semillitas de Aprendizaje is a bilingual (Spanish/English) supplemental early childhood curriculum, created by IDRA, based on the art of storytelling. The **teacher guide** contains 10 units to lead your students through the Semillitas de Aprendizaje stories. Each unit has a set of classroom activities that include a morning song, storytelling, literacy connection with STEM explorations, center activities, phonemic awareness, writing and alphabet knowledge, English transition, family connections and informal assessment.

In addition, we have provided planning tools connected to knowledge, skill and concept objectives along with suggestions for using technology in early childhood. The teacher guide corresponds with the set of 10 **Big Books**, 10 **Storybooks**, 20 **Cartitas** (letters home), 15 **preschool math set** and the Storytelling & Storyreading **Videos DVD**.

**See the Semillitas de Aprendizaje website for more information, including the scope and sequence!**

**Get the PDF flier set**



**Video:** See samples of our bilingual storytelling videos from our new DVD. The DVD has the 10 Semillitas de Aprendizaje stories told in two styles: storyreading (in English) and storytelling (in Spanish). Each story in Spanish is preceded by an opening gathering song and followed by a closing song. **[- Watch now](#)**

## **And more...**

With a strong commitment to student success, IDRA services provide innovative, practical and sustainable solutions for diverse student populations based on your unique needs. A few examples of assistance packages include:

- Assessing and elevating the education of English learners districtwide
- Transforming early childhood programs to centers of excellence
- Coaching and mentoring novice teachers in culturally diverse classroom settings
- Increasing effective teaching and learning in mathematics
- Building authentic parent and community engagement
- Creating a college readiness culture for success
- Integrating math and science instructional strategies for English learners
- Building and sustaining professional learning communities
- Conducting research and evaluation

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IDRA works hand-in-hand with hundreds of thousands of educators and families each year in communities and classrooms around the country. All our work rests on an unwavering commitment to creating self-renewing schools that value and promote the success of students of all backgrounds.