

2025 Intensive Intervention Institute: Building Knowledge and Capacity for State and Local Leaders to Support DBI Implementation

Hosted by the National Center on Intensive Intervention (NCII)

Event Logistics

- **When:** June 25-26, 2025
- **Who:** Local and state level leaders interested in supporting DBI implementation. If possible, we highly encourage you to participate in the Institute in teams or with a partner from your state or district.
- **Cost:** Participation in the event is free, but participants are responsible for **all travel expenses**.
- **Event Location:** American Institutes for Research Office, 120 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606
- **Getting to the Event: The AIR Office is in North Austin.**
 - O'Hare International Airport: Approximately 30-60 minute drive (depending on traffic) or 45 minute train ride (Blue Line from Terminal 2 to the Clark/Lake stop + 8 minute walk)
 - Midway Airport: Approximately 30-45 minute drive (depending on traffic) or 30 minute train ride (Orange Line to the Harold Washington Library stop + 15 minute walk)
 - Metra Train: For attendees in the Chicago Land area, the Metra train to Union Station will take you directly under the office space.
 - Parking: There are multiple parking garages in the area (parking fee required). The 500 W Monroe St garage is across the street from the event location.
- **Where to stay?** There are several hotels near the AIR office. [View a list of area hotels.](#)
- **Where to eat?** Coffee/tea and light snacks will be provided each day. Other meals, including breakfast, lunch and dinner, will be the responsibility of participants.
- **Questions?** If you have any questions about the event or registration, please contact cmmerkle@air.org or ncii@air.org.



Event Objectives

The *Intensive Intervention Institute* aims to build knowledge and capacity of state and local leaders to support implementation of intensive intervention for students with severe and persistent learning and/or social, emotional, or behavioral needs using data-based individualization (DBI). During the event, participants will—

- Learn about the DBI process.
- Discuss DBI research and implementation lessons with NCII staff, state and local implementers, and national experts.
- Access role-specific professional learning and participate in action planning opportunities.
- Network with colleagues interested in supporting intensive intervention implementation.
- Access freely available resources and tools to support intensive intervention implementation.

Strand Session Options

Participants will choose to participate in one of three strand sessions.

- **DBI Implementation 101.** This strand is designed for participants at the state or local level who are very new to, or who have just started to learn about, DBI. The strand will introduce the five steps of the DBI process, discuss each step in detail, illustrate examples of how DBI can support students, and share considerations for creating readiness to implement DBI successfully. Attendees of this strand will use the information about their state or LEA readiness to develop an initial DBI implementation action plan.
- **Building Capacity at the Local Level.** This strand is ideal for participants working at the local level who are familiar with the five steps of the DBI process and are currently in the beginning stages of implementing DBI. The strand will build capacity of local district and school-level leaders to support, sustain, and refine DBI implementation and share examples and lessons learned from other districts and schools that have implemented DBI. Attendees of this strand will network with others in similar roles and develop or revise a plan to increase district capacity to implement DBI and support educators and schools.
- **Building Capacity at the State Level.** This strand is intended for participants working at the state level who are familiar with the DBI process. The strand will focus on the state infrastructure needed to support and sustain DBI implementation. Presenters will share examples and lessons learned from other states that have implemented DBI. Attendees of this strand will network with others in similar roles and develop or revise a plan to build and sustain DBI implementation at the state level and support school and district implementation within their state.



NCII Institute Day 1 June 25: 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.¹

Time	Session
8:00–9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Welcome and Keynote Dr. Sarah Arden, NCII Deputy Director In the keynote address, <i>From where you are to where you want to be: What we've learned from supporting DBI implementation nationwide</i> , Dr. Arden will share lessons learned from NCII's efforts supporting states, districts, schools, and educators to implement DBI.
10:30–10:45 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Implementation Panel
11:45 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	<i>Lunch (on your own)</i>
1:15–4:00 p.m.	Strand Sessions (DBI 101, Local Level, State Level)

NCII Institute Day 2 June 26: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Time	Session
9:00–10:15 a.m.	Welcome and Cross-strand Networking
10:15–10:30 a.m.	<i>Break/Transition</i>
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Strand Sessions Cont.
11:30–1:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch (on your own)</i>
1:00–3:00 p.m.	Strand Sessions Cont.
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn

¹ While some details of this agenda are subject to change, the timeframe of the event will stay consistent.



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