

Effective Instruction Collaborative

January 27, 2026



Agenda

- Evidence in Action
- Michigan: SDI Guidance
- Coaching Shared Interest Group (SIG) Preview
- Next Steps (Input for 2026)



Evidence in Action

Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) Toolkits

Toolkits provide professional development materials and resources to help educators implement evidence-based instructional practices in their schools. For instructors, toolkits provide a guided learning experience for use by professional learning communities or individual teachers learning on their own. For school leaders, toolkits offer resources to support scaling and implementation of the practices.

Each toolkit helps educators implement practices recommended by one of the U.S. Department of Education's [What Works Clearinghouse practice guides](#). Educators can select from toolkits focused on mathematics, writing, reading, and using technology, from prekindergarten through the postsecondary level.

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| Algebra instruction in middle and high school | — | Using technology to support postsecondary student learning | + |
| Fractions instruction in grade 6 | + | Teaching math to young children | + |
| Writing instruction in grades 2-4 | + | Assisting students struggling with mathematics in grades 3-6 | + |
| Writing instruction in the middle grades | + | Differentiating reading instruction in grades K-3 | + |

[IES What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guides | Florida Center for Reading Research](#)

Components (example)

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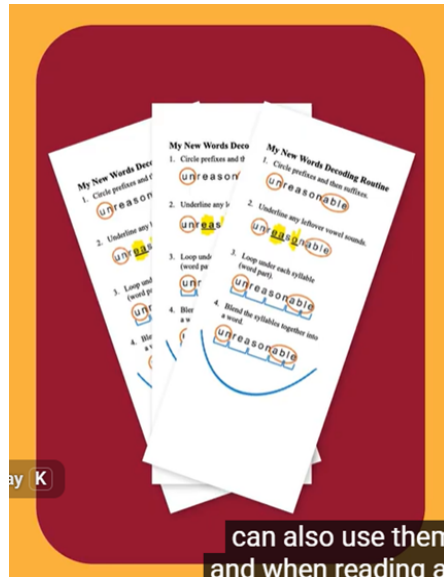
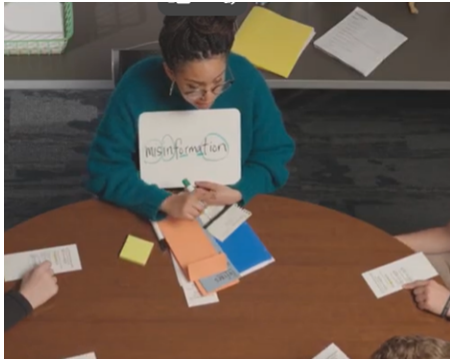
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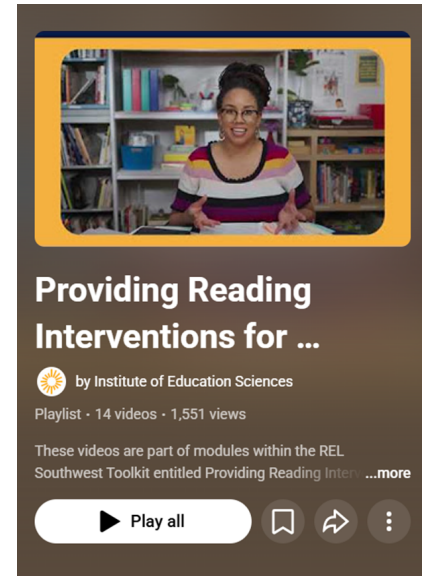
Teaching Fractions Toolkit

Videos (Example from REL SW Providing Reading Intervention to Students in Middle Schools)

- <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVHqsnePfULrx3MnaEINZ8CrmYKaLoBsv&si=DMGIII18b7MAuUbt>



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Other REL Practice Guide Supports

- [Professional Learning Communities Facilitator's Guide for the What Works Clearinghouse Practice Guide Teaching Academic Content and Literacy to English Learners in Elementary and Middle School \(REL Southwest\)](#)
- [Professional learning communities facilitator's guide for the What Works Clearinghouse practice guide: Foundational skills to support reading for understanding in kindergarten through 3rd grade \(REL Southeast\)](#)
- [Professional Learning Community: Improving Mathematical Problem Solving for Students in Grades 4 through 8 \(REL Southeast\)](#)
- [Professional Learning Community Emergent Literacy \(REL Southeast\)](#)

Michigan: SDI Guidance



Discussion

- What questions do you have for Michigan?
- What resonated with you?
- What could you apply or adapt to your state?

Coaching Shared Interest Group (SIG)

2026 Coaching Shared Interest Group (SIG)

- **Topic:** Coaching to support effective instruction for students with IEPs (e.g., instructional coaching; adapted coaching)
- **What:** Short-term SIG giving state teams an opportunity to review and refine coaching to improve teaching and learning for students
- **Who:** Suggested roles of state team members
 - Staff engaged in coaching or professional learning
 - Content experts in literacy, math, High Leverage Practices, special education
 - Evaluators of coaching initiatives (e.g., State Personnel Development Grants (SPDG) or State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP))

2026 Coaching SIG

- **When/Where:** Short-term SIG for up to 6 state teams
 - Virtual introductory session (March 31, 2026 from 3-3:45 EST)
 - In-person workshop in Chicago (1.5 days, April 28-29)
 - Virtual follow up call (June 9, 2026 from 3-4 EST)
- **Interested?** Forthcoming email with more information and a state team interest form.

Next Steps

Poll: IEP Components of Interest

- What specific IEP components would you like to cover?

Next Meeting

- **Tuesday, February 24**
- 11:30 AM -12:30 PM Eastern
- Topic: State sharing about cross-department collaboration
 - Bring your ideas and experiences of what this looks like in your SEA
- Questions or thoughts?
 - Reach out to us at ncsi-ei@wested.org



Thank You

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