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**SIG Resources*****COI Webinar Series: Using DWW Resources to Support SIG Grantees in Adolescent Literacy***

The Center on Instruction has released a series of five webinar modules designed to provide key adolescent literacy principles and practices to support the federally funded School Improvement Grants (SIG). The webinar modules introduce the Center on Instruction (COI) and Doing What Works (DWW) websites' tools and resources and address 1) school leadership, 2) research overview, 3) explicit vocabulary instruction in middle and high school, 4) text discussion, and 5) intensive interventions for struggling readers.

Also included for each module are resources useful to SIG grantees as well as to technical assistance providers and others interested in school improvement. They include handouts from the presentation and resource lists from COI and DWW as well as a transcript of the module presentation and participants' notes. To view the webinars and download the resources, click [here](#).

***Regional SIG Conferences***

The Center on Instruction is a co-sponsor of the four regional SIG (School Improvement Grant) conferences being held in April and May 2011.

***Western SIG Conference.*** The first conference was held April 5-6 in Los Angeles, CA, and included a presentation by COI-RTI Deputy Director Christy Murray on *Effective Instruction for Adolescent Struggling Readers: Bridging Research to Practice and Supporting School Improvement Efforts*. Her PowerPoint presentation and handouts used during the session, including tools from DWW (Doing What Works), are available on the COI website [here](#).

COI-ELL Director David Francis and Julie Russ of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, also gave a presentation on *Organizing for the Success of English Language Learners*. The PowerPoint presentation from their session is also available for download on the COI website [here](#).

***Eastern SIG Conference.*** The second SIG Conference was held April 13-14 in

Washington, DC, and included a presentation by COI-Literacy Deputy Director Debby Houston Miller and Doing What Works (DWW) Content Lead Peggy Simon on *Effective Instruction for Adolescent Struggling Readers: Bridging Research to Practice and Supporting School Improvement Efforts*. The PowerPoint presentation and handouts used during the session, including tools from DWW, are available for download on the COI website [here](#). Also available are the handouts from a breakfast session on Reading Comprehension by Dr. Simon.

Presenting for COI-ELL, Nonie Lesaux and Julie Russ of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, conducted a session on *Organizing for the Success of English Language Learners*. The PowerPoint presentation from their session is also available for download on the COI website [here](#).

COI-Math Consultant Ben Clarke and Turnaround Specialist and RTII Expert Joy Eichelberger presented on *RTI in Mathematics: A Focus on Assessment*. Their PowerPoint presentations are also available for download on the COI website [here](#).

## Common Core State Standards Resources - ELA and Literacy

**Webinar: Taking a Look at the English Language Arts and Literacy Common Core State Standards: A COI Discussion.** This webinar conducted by COI-Literacy Deputy Director Debby Houston Miller provides an overview and an opportunity to explore and learn more about the Common Core State Standards as they relate to English Language Arts and Literacy from kindergarten to college- and career-readiness. The PowerPoint presentation is available for download on the COI website [here](#) as well as a chart showing additional explanatory information with Common Core State Standards ELA Documents and a set of Reflection Questions from the webinar slides. To view the archived WebEx, click [here](#).

## Literacy Resource

**Webinar: Writing and Writing Instruction Improve Reading: What We Have Learned from Research.** The Center on Instruction hosted a webinar on April 21, 2011, featuring Dr. Steve Graham, co-author of "Writing to Read", a meta-analysis that examines the influence of writing on reading skills. He presented an overview of the findings and described implications for practice. He also provided specific examples of how writing facilitates reading and reading development. The archived WebEx file can be accessed [here](#). The PowerPoint presentation used during the webinar and a synopsis of the report is available for download from the COI website [here](#), and the full report can be accessed [here](#).

## Mathematics Resources

**Response to Instruction and Intervention and Mathematics: The Potential for Mathematics Education.** Russell Gersten, COI-Math Director and Director of the Instructional Research Group, presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Annual Meeting & Exposition in Indianapolis, IN, in April 2011. He described the evidence base for RTI in mathematics and suggested strategies for successful implementation and the pivotal role mathematics teachers can and should play in RTI. His presentation is available for download on the COI website [here](#).

providing technical assistance to SEAs and districts/schools in need of improvement. The goal of COI is to supply much of the research-based information, products, guidance, analyses, and knowledge on instruction in reading, mathematics, science, special education, and English language learning that Regional Comprehensive Centers use when working with States.

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