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Dear ICIC Members,

Hopefully everyone is having a great December and enjoying this warmer-than-usual weather.

The fall conference was a huge success with nearly 500 attendees from across the state and even a few from Iowa and Indiana.

We're looking forward to 2017 as three area

round tables take place. One hosted by D88 (Glenbard), one by D99 (Downers Grove), and one by D73.5 (Skokie).

We also announced that Diane Sweeney will be keynoting next year's conference! Calls for proposals goes out early February so we hope you'll consider applying to present.



Finally, we have a new task force working on standards; their work will be crucial to supporting coaching for developing concepts of best practice. Their work will become public once the first draft is ready for your feedback.



Thank you for all you do for our students and teachers!

Lenny and Ben

Get ready to...

- ⇒ Sign up for a Winter or Spring Roundtable
- ⇒ Sign up to be an ICIC Mentor
- ⇒ Plan to attend the 2017 Annual Conference on October 23

“Lewis University’s College of Education is looking to redesign our current Instructional Technology program. To accomplish this goal, we are inviting input from educational leaders in the area.

We would like to know your perception of the role and value of

teachers who have expertise in using technology in the classroom or as support staff for the school/district.

We would like to invite you to participate in a brief survey. There are only 6 questions. The survey should take you only a few minutes to complete.

Share your Voice

<https://goo.gl/forms/gPgm0wmZBTww5l6F2>

Your perspective on this is much appreciated!"

Larry Wiers

Assistant Professor for Educational Leadership and Director of School Partnerships, Lewis University

Three Questions with... Jamie Gourley



Jamie Gourley
Willowbrook High School

What is your role and where do you work?

Currently I am the Literacy Department Chair at Willowbrook High School in DuPage HSD 88. Prior to the current school year, I spent 10 years as an instructional coach and reading teacher.

How does coaching impact the work that you do?

My current role is to support instructional coaches as they support teachers. Coaching in our district provides teachers with assistance and resources for the imple-

mentation of best practices of instruction in the classroom. I work with a staff development team, composed of instructional coaches, to plan and deliver targeted supports to assist teachers in meeting the needs of all students in their classrooms. Our coaches use a variety of formats including one-on-one meetings, co-teaching experiences, lunch cohort groups, and workshops to provide teachers with differentiated support that best meets their needs. My role is to collaborate with

coaches and provide them with the needed resources to create PD experiences for teachers.

What is something that you wish everyone knew about coaching?

Effective coaching starts, grows, and evolves around the establishment of trusting collegial relationships. These relationships can have a circle of influence in the way they shape how teachers in PLCs, departments, and teams work together to learn from and collaborate together.

“Day full of coaching for the coaches. Remarkable content to grow our program and great coaches guiding thanks”

Deanna Simpson
@K5instructcoach via Twitter

2016 Annual Conference

The Second Annual ICIC Conference held at the Northern Illinois University Campus in Naperville on October 24, 2016, was a huge success!



Over 450 coaches, school leaders, and administrators learned together and networked throughout

the day. Each attendee selected four break-out sessions from the wide variety of offerings.

There was something for all coaches-- new or veteran, elementary or secondary--

with a focus on instructional strategies, leadership, assessment, relationship-building, and coaching techniques.



Details are coming soon about registration and



We look forward to next year’s conference on October 23, 2017, at the same location. Our keynote speaker will be Diane Sweeney, author of *Student-Centered Coaching*.



the opportunity to present and collaborate with this wonderful group of professionals.

2017-18 Mentor Program

Are you an experienced Instructional Coach who would like to provide insight and support to a new coach?

Consider becoming an ICIC mentor for next year!



ICIC mentors will provide support and guidance to new coaches while establishing a relationship that the new coaches can depend on.

Mentors will be expected to initially meet the mentee face to face (in person or Google hangout), contact the mentee once a quarter, provide and review the coaching kit, and provide advice when necessary. Ultimately, mentors will be an instructional

coach for those who have just begun coaching. This partnership is available to coaches who have been in the role for two years or less.



Interested? [Click here to sign up to be a mentor.](#) Pairings with mentee coaches will take place in the spring.

Book Review: Coaching Matters

Joellen Killion, Cindy Harrison, Chris Bryan, Heather Clifton

This book, published by Learning Forward, was written as a resource to support and strengthen the practice and results of coaching with guidance for coaches themselves as well as for those who support and supervise coaches.

Topics included in the book:

- ◆ an introduction to different coaching models;
- ◆ the ways in which administrators can support coaches;

- ◆ areas of professional development that support the needs of coaches;
- ◆ suggestions for how to evaluate coaches and a coaching program.

Why would a coach want to read this?

This book would inform a school or district looking to develop a coaching program or one that is early in their coaching journey. Though the target audience is certainly coaches themselves, this would be a valuable

“Great group of teacher leaders and coaches. Truly engaging and inspiring”

Suzanne Savard
@suzannemsavard via Twitter

resource for administrators who support coaches as well.

Valuable features of the book include many specific examples and scenarios of coaching in action as well as a huge set of organized resources and templates available for download from learningforward.org.

Coaching Matters addresses the conditions, structures and supports that should be in place to help “coaching matter”: to increase teacher effectiveness and student learning.

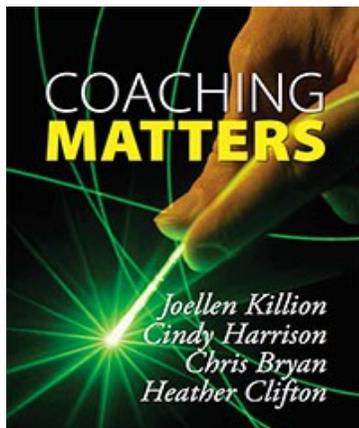


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<http://www.ilcouncilofinstructionalcoaching.com/>

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Upcoming Events

**Winter
Roundtable**
January 2017

Hosted by District 87

Glendale Lakes Golf Club
1550 President Street
Glendale Heights, IL

9-12 Roundtable
April 28, 2017

Hosted by District 99
North High School
4436 Main Street
Downers Grove, IL

K-8 Roundtable
April 20, 2017

Hosted by District 73 1/2
TBD
Skokie, IL

