

## Tools and Resources for Indicator 2

### Data Collection and Reporting

- Improvement Strategies for State Performance Planning SPP Toolkit Series: [\*A Few Steps to Better Data\*](#). A Practice Brief on strategies to improve collection of valid and reliable data dropout and graduation data.
- [A Checklist for Improving Your Annual Performance Reports for Indicators 1 & 2](#). Suggestions, tips, and resources for completing B 1 & B2. An updated one will be provided for the 2009 submission.
- [Sharing the Findings](#), a collaborative presentation between NDPC-SD and the Wisconsin State Education Agency that identifies key strategies in reporting data to the public.

### Using Data to Guide Improvement

- Key Points of [Translating National Data into State and Local Practice](#) by Dr. Jose Blackorby. Summation of NDPC-SD teleseminar on using national and state data to improve local practices.
- [Looking for Clues in Your Data: Identifying Youth At-Risk for School Dropout](#). This PowerPoint presentation provides probing questions across APR indicators (B 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 13, & 14) related to dropout and graduation and additional school level data to assist focused analysis of dropout issues.
- [System prepared](#) for Achieve, Inc, by Craig D. Jerald. A white paper prepared for Staying the Course: High Standards and Improved Graduation Rates, a joint project of Achieve and Jobs for the Future, funded by Carnegie Corp. of New York

### Resources for Developing Evidence-based Improvement Strategies

#### Clarifying, Examining and Developing Policies & Procedures

- [Impact of Policies and Procedures on Dropout and School Completion for Students with Disabilities \(10/07\)](#). This NDPC-SD teleseminar examined selected policies and proposed remedies implemented by several education agencies. It is designed for state and local education agency personnel, policymakers and others concerned with policies that impact school completion.

- [\*The Progress of Education Reform 2007: Dropout Prevention\*](#): Vol. 8, No. 1, July 2007. This document by the Education Commission of the States, sheds light on the students most at risk of dropping out – and how to keep students on the “graduation track”; state policy approaches aimed at keeping students in school; indicators most closely associated with dropping out; and cost/benefit analysis of initiatives that improve graduation rates.

#### Program Development & Technical Assistance

- [\*Building Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: Some Practical Strategies from Research and Practice\*](#) by Dr. Loujeania W. Bost.
- [\*Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: A Critical Issue for State Education Agencies\*](#) (May 2007). Using resources provided by NDPC-SD, this document by the National High School Center, discusses challenges and requirements placed upon states in addressing school dropout.
- [\*Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions: An Effective Approach to Help Students with Disabilities Stay in School\*](#) (2005) by Dr. Paul Riccomini, Dr. Loujeania W. Bost, Dr. Antonis Katsiyannis, and Dr. Dalun Zhang.
- [\*Engaging Students with School: The Essential Dimension of Dropout Prevention Programs\*](#) (January 22, 2008). This NDPC-SD Web seminar, describes universal and individualized interventions that support student engagement for students with and without disabilities.
- [\*Recommendations for Teachers- Classroom strategies that promote student engagement and decrease dropout\*](#)
- [\*What Works in Dropout Prevention\*](#). The findings in this topic report by IES’s What Works Clearing House summarize the first wave of WWC dropout prevention intervention reports prepared in 2006–07
- Key Points of [\*Increasing School Holding Power for All Students\*](#) by Dr. María “Cuca” Robledo Montecel. Highlights from NDPC-SD web event in partnership with PACER. This document provided key strategies to promote family engagement.
- [\*Ending the Silent Epidemic\*](#) – Resources and materials from the National Dropout Prevention Summit in Washington, DC May 2007