



The National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities
is pleased to announce a telephone seminar on

Building Positive Relationships to Prevent Drop-Out and Other Negative Outcomes

Presenter:

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Factors that are associated with successfully transitioning into adulthood include staying in school through graduation, avoiding teenage pregnancy, remaining drug and alcohol free, and obtaining linkages to postsecondary education, living, and employment. These tasks are accomplished through learning the social and academic skills needed to successfully navigate life demands within and outside of school settings. For children and youth with disabilities, building positive relationships are integral in this process. This teleseminar will include specific examples of research-based strategies for enhancing students' relationships with teachers and peers. Strategies for fostering collaborative relationships with families to enhance positive interactions at home will also be presented. Finally, the importance of outreach to specific groups of students with disabilities who have very negative outcomes, including youth who are in foster care and those who are homeless, will be discussed.

Site Registration Fee – \$50.00*

***FREE to State Departments of Education, OSEP/OSERS, and Regional Parent Information Centers.
Email Kristen Verdeaux at kverdeaux@edc.org for information**

Who should attend this program:

- Representatives of state education agencies, school based leadership teams, classroom and special education teachers, central office and building level leadership, parent leaders, and policymakers

Registration fee includes:

- Access from one telephone line
- One set of reproducible participant materials

Participants can invite as many people to participate as one telephone connection can accommodate. When you register, you will receive instructions on how to access the seminar from your telephone and how to receive participant materials by mail or e-mail. Participants can pay using a credit card, check, or purchase order. **If you wish to use a purchase order you must register by phone and all purchase orders must be made out to Education Development Center, Inc.**

Register by calling 1-800-775-7654 or online at <http://www.ndpc-sd.org>.

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