

Results Work: Focus on Dropout and Graduation

Nebraska's Focus on Results
NDPC-SD Summit
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Preparation

- Nebraska's federal visit was conducted in September 2011
- New “Results” component integrated in the visit
- NDE staff participated in calls & national meetings to prepare



Selecting a Results Topic

- Review of SPP/APR Indicators
- Review of current initiatives
- Moving beyond compliance to Results
- Selecting a “SMART” Topic



Topic Selected

Reentry: Re-engaging Out of School Youth with Disabilities

1. What data do we have to support this topic?
2. Why is this topic important?
3. Who can we partner with to learn more?



Resources and Partnerships

- National resources
 - NDPC-SD
 - Dr. Matt Klare
 - Three-part Reentry documents
- Cross-Team contacts within the NE Dept. of Education
- Advisory Committees



Selecting the Stakeholders

- Representation from a variety of agencies and disciplines:
 - Special Education, General Education Administration, Career and Technical Education, Postsecondary, MPRRC, NDPC-SD, OSEP, Adult Agency Representative (VR) & Advisory Committee Members
 - There were 27 total stakeholders

For a complete listing of stakeholders visit:

<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/reentry.html>



Preparing the Stakeholders

- Provided stakeholders, in advance, with resources specific to reentry (including three part series from NDPC-SD)

Reentry Programs for Out-of-School Youth with Disabilities:

http://www.ndpc-sd.org/knowledge/reentry_programs.php



Working with our Meeting Facilitator

- Scheduled conference calls
- Getting to know our State and our Topic
- Preparing the meeting agenda
 - Presentations
 - Opportunities for small group discussion
 - Keeping notes



Meeting Details

- Nebraska's "Results" meeting was conducted on Thursday and Friday of the federal visit
- In summary, the agenda for Day 1:
 - A message from our Commissioner of Education
 - Presentation of state data
 - Presentation of national data
 - Current projects
 - Small group discussion and reporting out

For a copy of our meeting agendas visit:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/reentry.html>



Meeting Details

- In summary, the agenda for Day 2:
 - Review of proposed activities, timelines and resources
 - Data tools
 - Small group work and reporting out



Progress and Next Steps

- Information gathering to better understand current state initiatives (this will be on-going)
- Contacting potential partners (schools, virtual learning options, adult agencies)
- Developing resources and disseminating existing resources
- A state plan was developed and is available at:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/sped/reentry.html>



Keeping Stakeholders Informed

- Numerous presentations to advisory committees, special education administrators, etc.
- Quarterly email updates to stakeholder committee
- Stakeholders were invited to attend Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) meetings, as this Results topic is typically an agenda item



Lessons Learned

1. Align the Results topic with current initiatives
2. Provide a “balanced” agenda during the stakeholder meeting
 - share information with stakeholders so they feel prepared; but
 - Offer enough opportunity for input and guidance
3. Partner with TA Centers
 - A valuable resource before, during and after the Results meeting
4. Keep the momentum
 - Continue to inform and engage your stakeholders



Thank you!

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