



# **National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities Monthly Report - June 2006 Project Activities**

## **Overall Technical Assistance Summary**

|                                                                                        | <b>June 2006</b> | <b>Year to Date<br/>Unduplicated<br/>(January 06 - June 06)</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information                                 | 4 (1)            | 9 (6)                                                           |
| Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences                                   | n/a              | 26 (40)                                                         |
| Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations                  | n/a              | 22 (70)                                                         |
| Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone consultations                         | 6 (0)            | 10 (1)                                                          |
| Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site consultations                                  | 0 (0)            | 1 (1)                                                           |
| <b>Total number of states receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD</b> | <b>9</b>         | <b>48</b>                                                       |

**States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month (9)**

CT, FL, IA, ID, HI, MD, MI, MS, UT

**States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year (48)**

AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NV, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV, WY, VI

**Total Partners and/or TA&D Centers interacted with this month (9)**

EDC, IDRA, MSRRC, NCRRC, NERRC, NPSO, NSTTAC, OSEP, WRRC.



**Goal 1: Knowledge Development** to focus on the identification of evidence-based research and practices, analyses and translations of the information, and the development of products and information services for use by policymakers and practitioners in the area of dropout prevention for students with disabilities.

- ✧ NDPC-SD is currently analyzing the survey results from the 2006 National State Education Agency Forum. Results included two separate surveys the State Education Agency survey conducted by Dr. Ted Wesley and an overall survey sent to all participants conducted by NDPC-SD.
- ✧ NDPC-SD is currently working on final drafts of three practice briefs entitled *Getting Better Use of Your Data*, *Algebra: The Source of Frustration*, *Dropout: Not Just a High School Problem*, and *A Transactional Approach to Increasing Academic Engagement*.

**Goal 2: Technical Assistance** to deliver direct program guidance and capacity-building instruction to SEA personnel responsible for working with local school districts, by employing various strategies, including consultation, workshops, professional development institutes, electronic communications, and other Web-based resources.

- ✧ NDPC-SD submitted a proposal to present at the National Accountability Conference on September 18-19, 2006 on the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities Framework for Dropout Prevention Framework. The Framework encompasses three of the areas mentioned in the Request for Session Proposals: 1) The fit between focused monitoring and the SPP/APR; 2) Analyzing monitoring data for improvement of child and family.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance to a special education teacher in Iowa who will testify as a Hearing Witness at the U.S. Senate Hearing: *Crossing the Finish Line – Building a Better Future for People with Intellectual Disabilities*. This hearing will take place on Sunday July 2, 2006, at Iowa State University. This field hearing will be chaired by Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa as part of the 2006 Special Olympics USA National Games.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via teleconference to Idaho and UT regarding strategies for coordinating SPP improvement activities for indicators 1, 2, 13, & 14.



- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via phone to CT regarding building their statewide dropout prevention initiative, including looking at data across indicators to get a better understanding of their dropout issues. NDPC-SD will be working in the future with the state to implement a selected dropout prevention model in one district in the state.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via phone to MD regarding building their statewide dropout prevention initiative. Assistance was requested to review the state's dropout prevention manual and participate as content experts during the fall rollout of the initiative. NDPC-SD will be working in the future with the state to implement a selected dropout prevention model in one district in the state.
- ✧ Provided phone consultation to MI transition consultant regarding improvement activities for SPP Indicators 2 and 4.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via email to Vernon Research Group, located in IA, to identify parents of students with multiple learning disabilities to participate in a survey.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via email to MS Department of Education requesting information on expert speakers for the Mississippi Annual Transition Conference in September.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via email to a parent from HI about implementing a dropout prevention program in a public housing project to help her son and others in her community.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via email to Dee Alpert, publisher of The Special Education Muckraker, requesting information on high schools that have a small group remediation program, utilized on a daily basis using research-validated methods.

**Goal 3: Collaborative Activities** to marshal additional resources that help to enrich its products and services and to increase exposure to potential clients for products and services.



- ✧ Conference call on June 29, 2006, among the three centers and RRC representatives to share collective feedback on the Rules of Engagement.
- ✧ Hosted ETE meeting on June 14, 2006.

**Goal 4: Dissemination** to serve as a source of knowledge and information about effective dropout prevention programs and policies and to emphasize the efficient use of a variety of technologies for disseminating this information.

- ✧ Updates and improvements are being made to the NPDC-SD website. The content from the 2006 National SEA Forum has been added to the website.

### Management

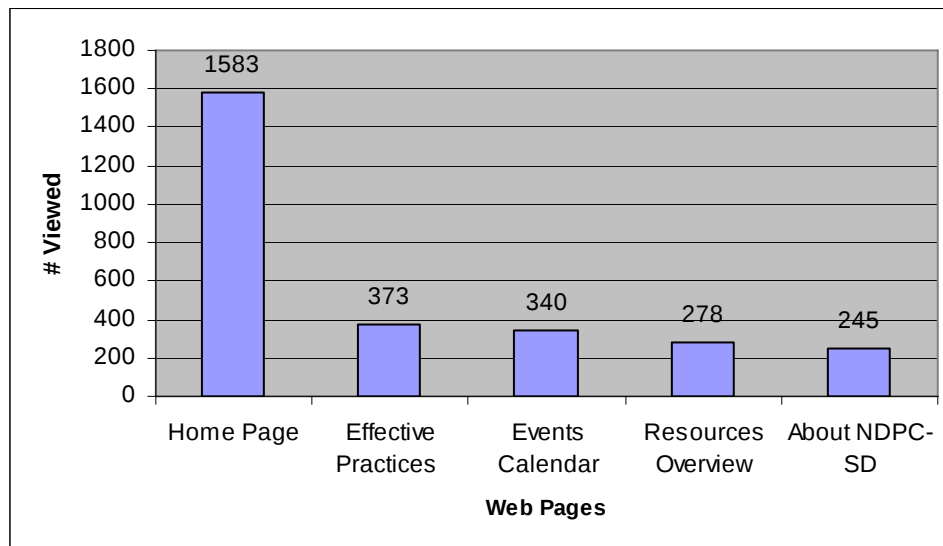
- ✧ Held monthly meeting with Partners on June 29, 2006.
- ✧ Set up bi-monthly website meetings to make improvements to the NDPC-SD website.
- ✧ Scheduled monthly ETE meetings for the calendar year.

## NDPC-SD Web Statistics

**Total Page Views (English): 6,987**

**Total Page Views (Spanish): 1,701**

### *Pages Visitors Viewed (English)*

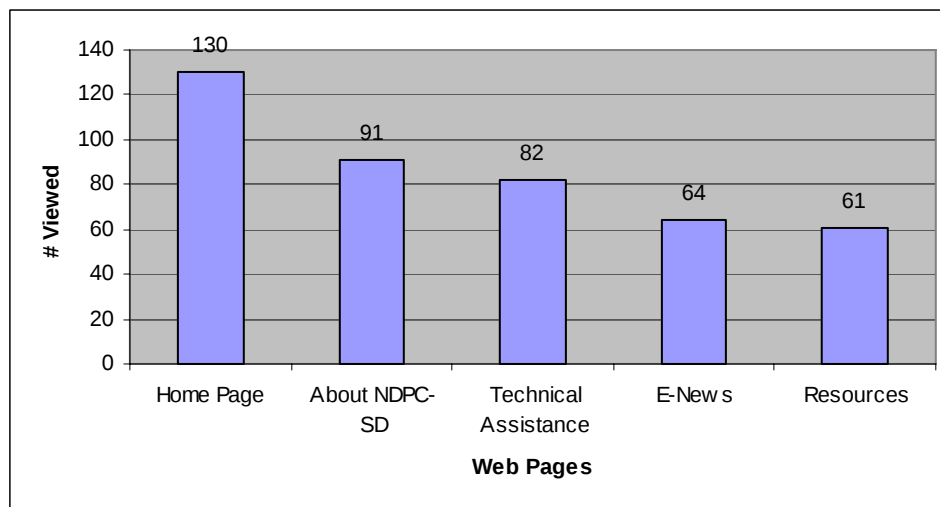




### Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

-  [NDPC-SD Home Page](#): 1,583 views
-  [Effective Practices and Strategies](#): 373 views
-  [Events Calendar](#): 340 views
-  [Resources Overview](#): 278 views
-  [About NDPC-SD](#): 245 views

### *Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)*

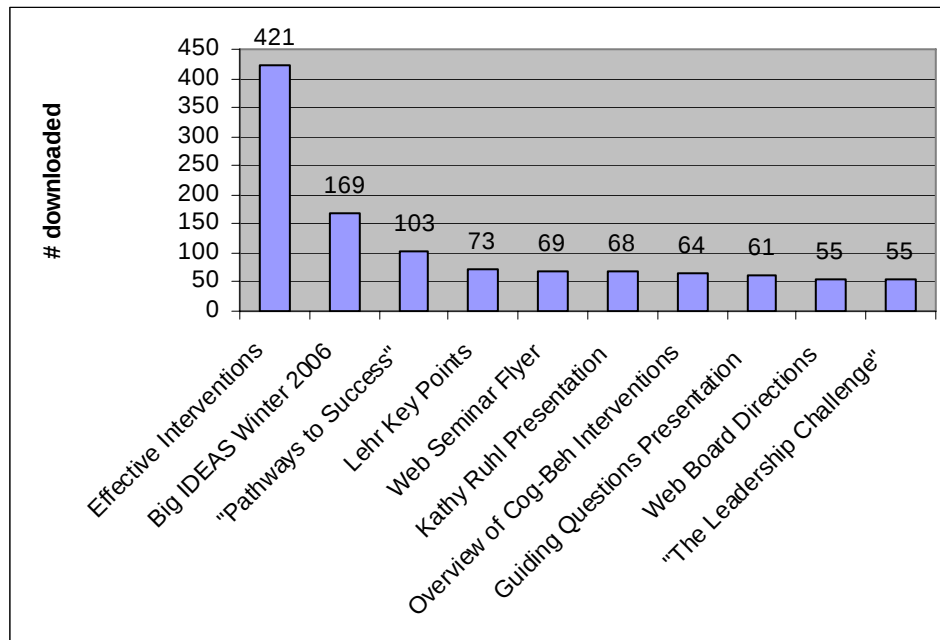


### Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

-  [Página Principal de NDPC-SD \(\*espanol/index.htm\*\)](#): 130 views
-  [Sobre el NDPC-SD \(\*espanol/about/index.htm\*\)](#): 91 views
-  [Apoyo Técnico \(\*espanol/assistance/index.htm\*\)](#): 82 views
-  [Noticias Electrónicas \(\*espanol/enews/index.htm\*\)](#): 64 views
-  [Resumen de Recursos \(\*espanol/resources/index.htm\*\)](#): 61 views



### NDPC-SD Website Downloads



### Top Ten Downloads:

- ✎ Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators, Volume 1, Number 1 (resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf): 421 downloads
- ✎ BIG IDEAs, Volume 3, Issue 1, Winter 2006 (enews/docs/BigIDEAswinter06.pdf): 169 downloads
- ✎ PowerPoint presentation: "Pathways to success: Making a difference through scientifically proven instructional practices & professional development" (practices/docs/ndpconf1.pdf): 103 downloads
- ✎ Key Points to "Effective Approaches to Increasing Graduation Rates for All Students" (econnections/docs/lehrkeypoints.pdf): 73 downloads
- ✎ Flyer for Web Seminar presentation by Dr. Brian Cobb on May 25: "Dropout prevention and youth with disabilities: What the research says really works!" (econnections/docs/websemflyer1.pdf): 69 downloads
- ✎ Narrative for presentation by Kathy Ruhl: "Promoting Academic Success via Classroom Structure" (resources/docs/ruhl-\_pr.doc): 68 downloads



-  Tri-fold brochure: “Effective interventions in dropout prevention: An overview of cognitive behavioral interventions” ([resource/docs/NDPC sd research.pdf](#)): 64 downloads
-  PowerPoint presentation: “Guiding questions” ([practices/docs/guidingq.pdf](#)): 61 downloads
-  Directions for Using WebBoard ([econnections/docs/webboard\\_directions.pdf](#)): 55 downloads
-  PowerPoint Presentation: “The leadership challenge in graduating students with disabilities: It’s everybody’s business!” ([practices/docs/theleade.pdf](#)): 55 downloads