



National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities Monthly Report - August 2006 Project Activities

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	August 2006	Year to Date Unduplicated (January 06 - Aug. 06)
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	2 (88)	26 (200)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone consultations	5 (0)	10 (1)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site consultations	0 (1)	1 (2)
Total number of states (LEAs) receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	12 (90)	51

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month (12)

CT, GA, IL, IN, ME, MD, NJ, NY, OK, OR, RI, SC

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year (51)

AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NM, 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 (7)

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



Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ The two draft practice briefs *"A Few Steps to Better Data"* by Dr. Matthew Klare, NDPC-SD and *"Improving the Learning Context to Promote School Completion"* by Drs. Kevin Southerland & Coleen Thoma, Virginia Commonwealth University were sent to OSEP for review and approval.
- ✧ IDRA and EDC began developing and formatting the "Key Points" for Jose Blackorby's May teleseminar. This is the third of the Key Points developed this year.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via teleconference on August 3, 2006, to the Georgia State Department of Education regarding working collaboratively within GA to develop model sites.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance via teleconference with Connecticut State Department of Education on August 4, 2006, regarding development of a statewide initiative.
- ✧ NDPC-SD received a request for technical assistance on August 9, 2006, from SC Department of Education to conduct a workshop during their semi-annual educational/network meetings of the State's LEA transition coordinators in late October or early November.
- ✧ NDPC-SD conducted two dropout prevention workshops at Indiana's Statewide Transition Conference on August 9-10, 2006; the conference was entitled "A Road to Results."
- ✧ NDPC-SD presented at Chicago Public Schools' Literacy Leaders Institute on August 11, 2006.
- ✧ NDPC-SD held planning meetings with the MidSouth Regional Resource Center (MSRRC) on August 15, 2006, regarding follow up with the five states attending the 2006 National SEA Forum. States would share how their dropout prevention needs and challenges and how NDPC-SD can provide technical assistance.
- ✧ NDPC-SD held the National Transition Conference Call on August 18, 2006, with NERRC and states from the Northeast region to discuss state's



plans and challenges regarding dropout prevention and how NDPC-SD can provide technical assistance. Participating states included RI, ME, NY, and NJ.

- ✧ NDPC-SD received a call from Laura Brown, Director of the North Georgia Learning Resource Center (GLRS) located in Cleveland, GA on August 21, 2006, seeking direct technical assistance with us to begin a dropout prevention program for students with disabilities in her area and expand into the 13 counties she covers.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met with the Assistant Superintendent for Greenville County School District in Greenville, SC on August 22, 2006 regarding a collaborative partnership to build model sites with initiatives tailored to the specific needs of Greenville County.
- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a teleconference with the Maryland State Department of Education on August 25, 2006, to discuss working collaboratively in building model program sites to address the specific needs MD has regarding dropout prevention.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met with the dropout prevention team from Maryland's Department of Education on August 30 2006 to discuss next steps in the state's partnership with NDPC-SD.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ Participated in a conference call on August 8, 2006, between NDPC-SD, NSTTAC, and NPSO, to plan and exchange feedback on NSTTAC conference agenda. NDPC-SD staff will provide two content sessions at the Forum.
- ✧ Participated in a conference call on August 10, 2006, with NPSO and NSTTAC to exchange feedback on OSEP's response to the Rules of Engagement and discuss the next steps for the collaborative.
- ✧ Attended the SPP/ APR conference call with Ruth Ryder from OSEP on August 10, 2006.



- ✧ Participated in a conference call on August 23, 2006, with NPSO to discuss the collaborative agreement between the two centers and provide an update on current activities.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance to OR Department of Education's lead contact for indicator 2 on August 25, 2006, to obtain clarity regarding the collection of leaver data by Oregon Department of Education. In response, NDPC-SD disseminated this request nationally to
- ✧ Participated in the Coordinated Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Meeting on August 28, 2006, with NPSO, NSTTAC, and OSEP. The meeting was held in Washington, DC to discuss partnership plans between the three TA centers and opportunities for future collaborations.
- ✧ IDRA is an active participant on the local design team for the 2006 18th Annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference scheduled for October 20-24, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas. IDRA is supporting the conference planning effort including theme logistics and topics, guest speakers, school site visits, etc.
- ✧ EDC and IDRA continue to plan for a fall teleseminar with PACER on parent involvement. Aurelio Montemayer, IDRA's PIRC director with over 40 years of expertise, will serve as the featured speaker.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ A new domain name was chosen and reserved as part of the ongoing updates to the NDPC-SD website. The domain is www.NDPC-SD.org.
- ✧ EDC consulted with Clemson University on the format and design of the draft website designs via conference calls and email.
- ✧ EDC coordinated, produced and disseminated the Summer 2006 issue of Big IDEAs to 813 subscribers via email, as well as posting on the web site. Began formatting of the issue into PDF for dissemination on the NDPC-SD web site and at the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative's fall meeting.
- ✧ IDRA began translation of the NDPC-SD Big IDEAs electronic newsletter and translated updates of the site's web pages. As with all translations,



IDRA conducted an internal review to assure cultural and linguistic appropriateness of the content.

- ✧ EDC posted the transcript of the May 25, 2006 web seminar entitled, *"Dropout Prevention and Youth with Disabilities: What the Research Says Really Works!"* presented by Dr. Brian Cobb on the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative and National Inclusive Schools Week web sites. Continued to edit and produce video pods from the web seminar's MP3 file for posting on the NDPC-SD web site. The video pods will be completed in September.
- ✧ Updates and improvements are being made to the NPDC-SD website. The monthly activity report from July has been added to the website.

Management

- ✧ Met with ETE on August 21, 2006.
- ✧ Held monthly meeting with Partners on August 24, 2006.
- ✧ Met with Project Officer on August 29, 2006 regarding NDPC-SD's current and future activities, provide an update on the status of direct TA with states, and review the direct TA plan/model and the upcoming publications.
- ✧ Met with the External Evaluator on August 29, 2006 regarding the end of the year external evaluation report.
- ✧ NDPC-SD attended the OSEP Leadership Conference in Washington DC on August 28 – 30, 2006.
- ✧ EDC worked with the Project Director to refine EDC's plan for the next year and beyond in light of feedback, suggestions and outcomes from the 3+2 Report, Dr. Avoke's feedback at Clemson and the SEA Forum.
- ✧ Held weekly meetings about the maintenance and revision of the NDPC-SD website.

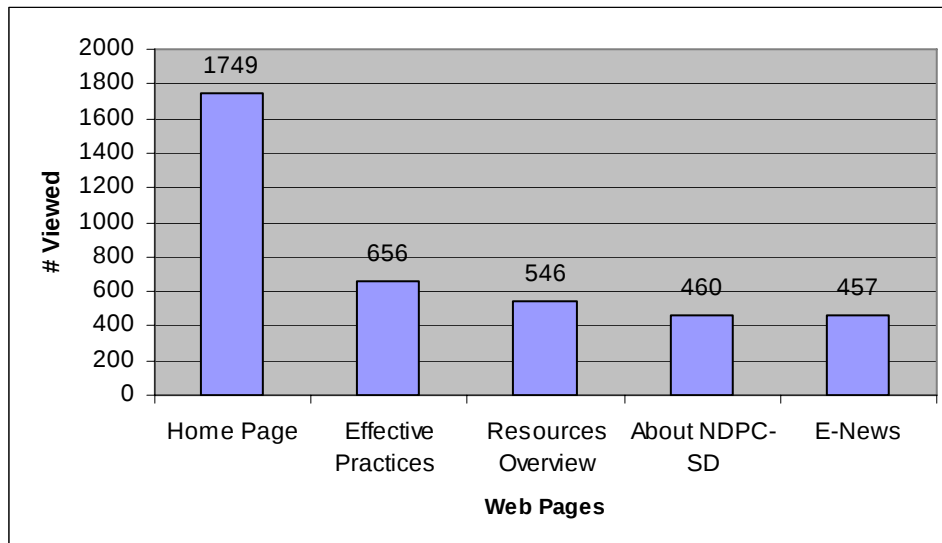
NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 8,351

Total Page Views (Spanish): 2,169



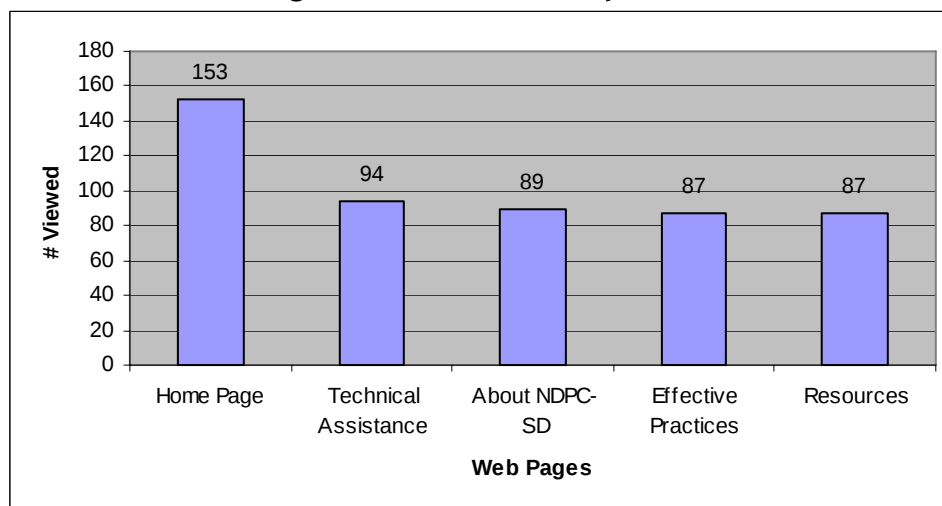
Pages Visitors Viewed (English)



Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- ★ NDPC-SD Home Page: 1,749 views
- ★ Effective Practices and Strategies: 656 views
- ★ Resources Overview: 546 views
- ★ About NDPC-SD: 460 views
- ★ E-News: 457 views

Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)

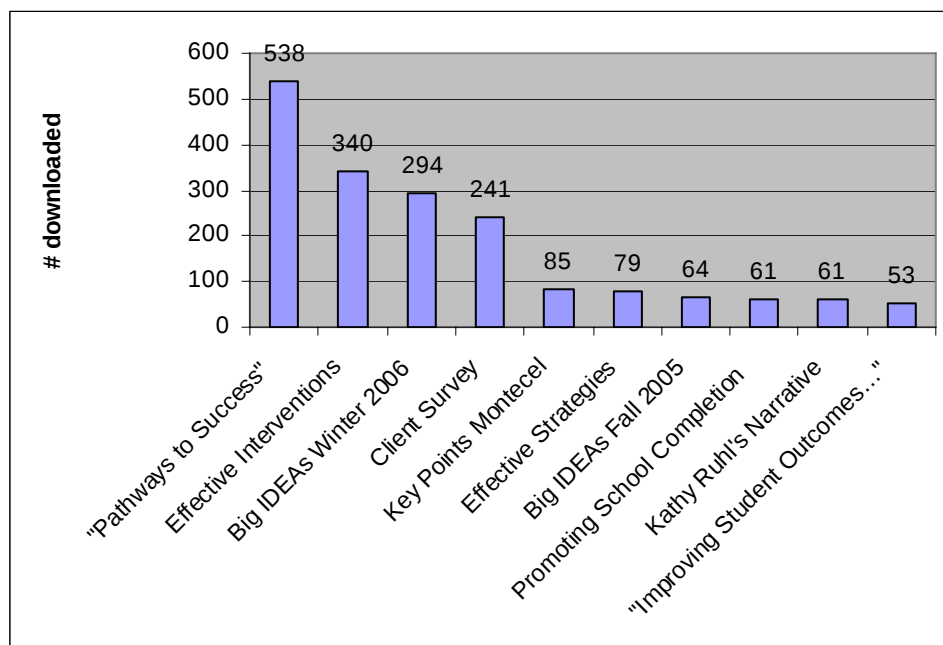




Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- ✈️ Página Principal de NDPC-SD (<espanol/index.htm>): 153 views
- ✈️ Apoyo Técnico (<espanol/assistance/index.htm>): 94 views
- ✈️ Sobre el NDPC-SD (<espanol/about/index.htm>): 89 views
- ✈️ Prácticas Efectivas (<espanol/practices/index.htm>): 87 views
- ✈️ Resumen de Recursos (<espanol/resources/index.htm>): 87 views

NDPC-SD Website Downloads



Top 10 Downloads

- ✈️ PowerPoint presentation: "Pathways to success: Making a difference through scientifically proven instructional practices & professional development" Downloaded both as PowerPoint file (<resources/docs/ndpconf1.ppt>, 80 downloads), and as PDF file (<practices/docs/ndpconf1.pdf>, 182 downloads): 538 total downloads
- ✈️ *Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators*, Volume 1, Number 1 (<resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf>): 340 downloads
- ✈️ *BIG IDEAs*, Volume 3, Issue 1, Winter 2006 (<enews/docs/BigIDEAswinter06.pdf>): 294 downloads
- ✈️ Client Survey (<feedback/docs/clientsurvey-060615.pdf>): 241 downloads



- ✧ Key Points for “Increasing School Holding Power for All Students” [Montecel Tele-Seminar] ([econnections/docs/montecelkeypoints.pdf](#)): 85 downloads
- ✧ PowerPoint presentation: “Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention” ([resources/docs/SEAForum2006/Smink_Cash--Universal_Strategies.pdf](#)): 79 downloads
- ✧ BIG IDEAs, Volume 2, Issue 5, Fall 2005 ([enews/docs/bigideas_fall05.pdf](#)): 64 downloads
- ✧ PowerPoint Presentation: “Promoting School Completion: A Tool to Guide Development and Implementation of Effective Approaches” [Presentation at 2004 National Special Education Forum] ([practices/docs/11404ndp.pdf](#)): 61 downloads
- ✧ Narrative for presentation by Kathy Ruhl: “Promoting Academic Success via Classroom Structure” ([resources/docs/ruhl-_pr.doc](#)): 61 downloads
- ✧ PowerPoint Presentation: “Improving Students’ Outcomes Through Transition-Focused Education” ([resources/docs/seaforum2006/kohler_p--transition-focused_education_indicator13.pdf](#)): 53 downloads