



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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	September 2006	Year to Date Unduplicated (January 06 - Sept. 06)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	1 (2)	10 (8)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	n/a	26 (40)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	42 (151)	46 (282)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone consultations	5 (1)	13 (2)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site consultations	0 (1)	1 (3)
Total number of states (LEAs) receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	48 (155)	53

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month (48)

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CO, DC, FL, GA, Guam, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, Northern Mariana Islands, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WV, WI, WY

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year (53)

AL, AK, AZ, AR, 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, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands

Total Partners and/or TA&D Centers interacted with this month (7)

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



Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ NDPC-SD received and incorporated comments from OSEP regarding 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.
- ✧ NDPC-SD is currently drafting a new policy issue brief entitled *"The impact of High Stakes Testing on Youth with Disabilities"* by Dr. Antonis Katsiyannis.
- ✧ IDRA and EDC completed editing and formatting the Key Points for Dr. Jose Blackorby's teleseminar for publication.
- ✧ IDRA and EDC began editing and formatting the Key Points for Dr. Brian Cobb's web seminar for publication.
- ✧ EDC continued to edit and produce video pods from Dr. Brian Cobb's web seminar for posting on the NDPC-SD web site. The video pods will be completed in October, 2006.
- ✧ EDC began coordinating the Fall 2006 issue of Big IDEAs. The content and editorial deadlines for the coming issue were discussed on the partners call.
- ✧ IDRA completed the Spanish translation of the Summer 2006 issue of Big IDEAs with cultural and linguistic appropriateness.
- ✧ EDC formatted the Summer 2006 issue of Big IDEAs for print publication and sent PDFs of both English and Spanish versions to NDPC-SD for posting on the website.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance in conjunction with the Mid-South Regional Resource Center (MSRRC) via teleconference on September 6, 2006, regarding follow up from the 2006 National SEA Forum with the five attending states from this region: Maryland, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and West Virginia. These five



states shared their dropout prevention needs and challenges and how NDPC-SD can provide technical assistance.

- ✧ NDPC-SD spoke with Laura Brown, Director of the North Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) located in Cleveland, GA on September 6, 2006, regarding state approval to work in a collaborative partnership with NDPC-SD to build model sites with tailored initiatives.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance on September 6, 2006, to the Mid-South Regional Resource Center (MSRRC) regarding how other states are handling conflict with the Indicator #2 data collection.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met with the Director of the Northern Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS) Region in Cleveland, GA on September 12, 2006 regarding a collaborative partnership to build model sites with initiatives tailored to the specific needs of the 13 counties within the region.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided feedback to the Maryland Department of Education regarding their development of a Promising Practices Guide on September 18, 2006. Also discussed was the scheduling of future visits to MD to assist them in building model sites with initiatives tailored for their specific needs.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided TA in conjunction with the Wisconsin SEA at a general session during the September 20, 2006 as part of the NSTTAC Forum entitled, "*Building Connections across Indicators 1, 2, 13, & 14.*" The presentation entitled, "*Sharing the Findings*" was attended by 148 participants from 41 SEAs, including DC, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands. The presentation is available on the Technical Assistance page of the NDPC-SD website (www.NDPC-SD.org).
- ✧ NDPC-SD met briefly with the Data Manager from the South Carolina Department of Education on September 20, 2006 and discussed data issues surrounding the dropout indicator and information on SC's current data.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met briefly with a Technical Assistance Specialist from the Helen Keller National Center for the Blind located in New York to discuss technical assistance and data challenges related to low incidence disabilities.



- ✧ NDPC-SD met briefly with a representative from DC Public Schools on September 20, 2006 regarding the technical assistance NDPC-SD offers and information on evidence-based models, specifically targeting students with learning and/or behavioral disorders.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met briefly on September 20, 2006, with the Special Education Coordinator for Missouri Department of Education regarding the technical assistance NDPC-SD offers, the different levels served (state, district, etc.), and for information about data reporting.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met briefly with representatives from Vermont and New Hampshire on September 20, 2006 regarding data issues and challenges.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met briefly with a representative from the Florida Department of Education on September 20, 2006 regarding Florida's activities and status since the 2006 SEA Forum in May, NDPC-SD's targeted technical assistance in building model sites with tailored initiatives, and upcoming publications.
- ✧ NDPC-SD conducted two dropout prevention sessions at the *Oklahoma State Superintendent's Conference for Special Education Teachers and Directors* in Oklahoma City, OK on September 21–22, 2006. One session focused on information and strategies teachers can use to prevent dropout of special education students. The second session provided information and recommendations for administrators regarding dropout prevention for students with disabilities. These presentations from this conference are made available on the Technical Assistance page of the NDPC-SD website (www.NDPC-SD.org).
- ✧ IDRA conducted a videoconference on September 25, 2006 with 16 of the 20 Education Service Centers (ESC) from the Texas Education Agency to provide training and technical assistance on migrant education to 80 participants. This videoconference provided teachers and other school staff with research and information intended to increase their knowledge, understanding, and action for the instructional success of migrant students and subsequently increase the likelihood of these students graduating from school.



Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ NDPC-SD co-sponsored the NSTTAC Forum, *Making the Connection: Indicators 1, 2, 13, & 14 of State Performance Plans*, on September 20, 2006 in Denver, CO. NDPC-SD involvement included participation with the planning committee, a general session presentation, and facilitation of teamwork activities.
- ✧ NDPC-SD, NSTTAC, and NPSO continued planning a pilot design for building connections across Indicators 1, 2, 13, & 14 in the states of Idaho, Utah, and Maryland.
- ✧ EDC and IDRA continue to plan for a fall teleseminar with PACER on parent involvement. The teleseminar is schedule for November 9, 2006 at 12:00pm (EST). Dixie Jordan from PACER and Aurelio Montemayer from IDRA are the featured speakers for this event.
- ✧ 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.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD received a request on September 5, 2006, from the Northeast RRC to disseminate Big IDEAs to approximately 1,200 of their contacts.
- ✧ NDPC-SD disseminated our four basic publications (NDPC-SD brochure, Cognitive-Behavioral Tri-fold, NDPC-SD Web card, and the Practice Guide for Educators) during three conferences: the National Accountability Conference, the NSTTAC Forum, and the *Oklahoma State Superintendent's Conference for Special Education*.
- ✧ Upon request, NDPC-SD disseminated our four basic publications to be distributed at the upcoming NAASBM Summit on October 12-15, 2006 in Virginia Beach, VA.
- ✧ EDC prepared a web-based survey to be sent to Urban Collaborative members. The purposes of the survey are to a) determine which model programs and promising practices (including reentry programs that



LEAs are implementing) and **b)** assess LEAs' needs for information and promising practices in dropout prevention reentry. The survey is being edited and will be disseminated in early October.

-  Updates and improvements are being made to the NPDC-SD website. The monthly activity report from August is available on the website.

Management

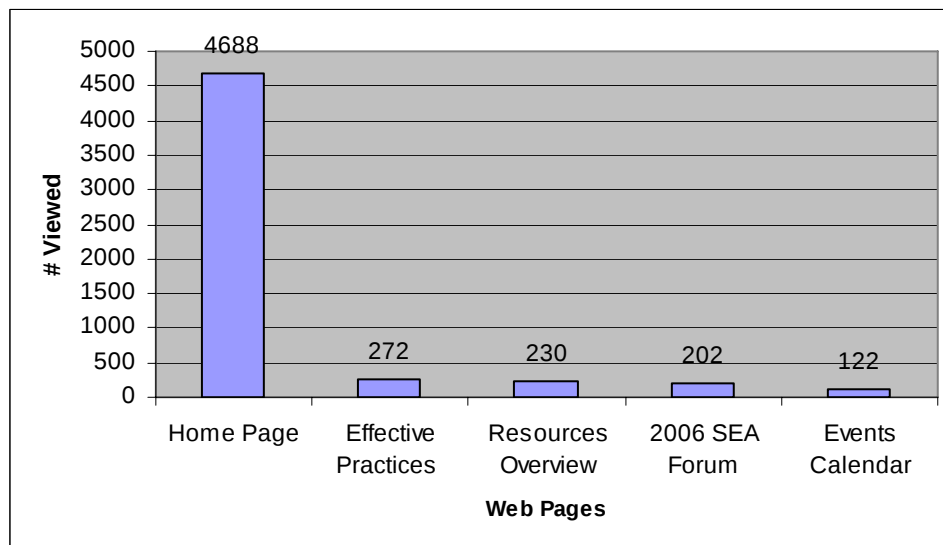
-  Met with ETE on September 11, 2006.
-  NDPC-SD attended the National Accountability Conference in Denver, CO on September 18-19, 2006.
-  Held monthly teleconference with Partners on September 28, 2006.
-  Held weekly meetings about the maintenance and revision of the NDPC-SD website.

NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 7,240

Total Page Views (Spanish): 402

Pages Visitors Viewed (English)

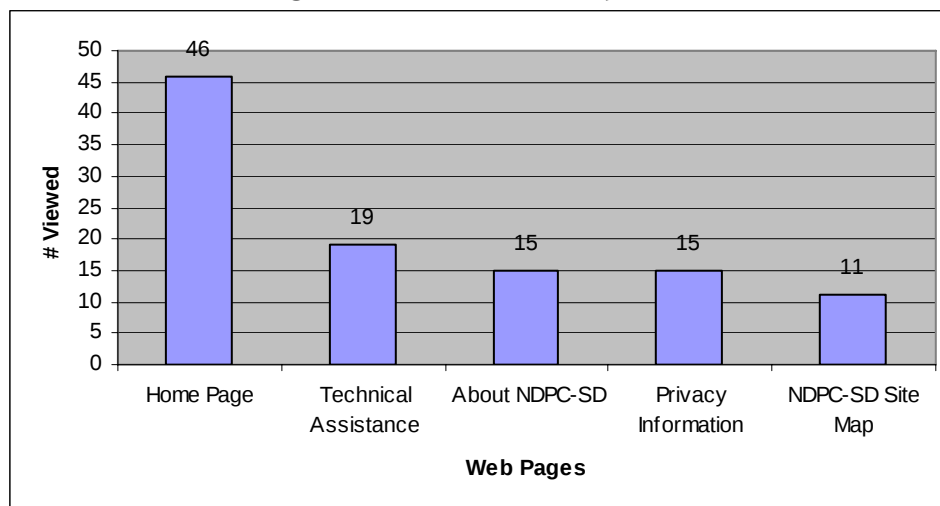




Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- NDPC-SD Home Page: 4,688 views
- Effective Practices and Strategies: 272 views
- Resources Overview: 230 views
- 2006 National SEA Forum: 202 views
- Events Calendar: 122 views

Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)

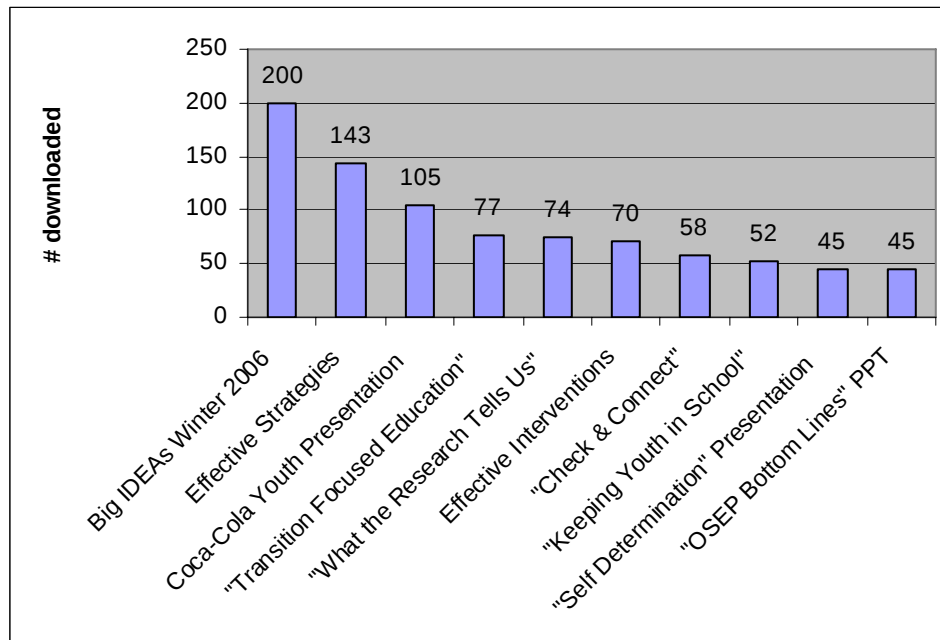


Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- Página Principal de NDPC-SD (*espanol/index.htm*): 46 views
- Apoyo Técnico (*espanol/assistance/index.htm*): 19 views
- Sobre el NDPC-SD (*espanol/about/index.htm*): 15 views
- La Privacidad (*espanol/privacy.htm*): 15 views
- Mapa del Sitio (*espanol/sitemap.htm*): 11 views



NDPC-SD Website Downloads



Top 10 Downloads

- ✧ *BIG IDEAs*, Volume 3, Issue 1, Winter 2006
([enews/docs/BigIDEAswinter06.pdf](#)): 200 downloads
- ✧ PowerPoint presentation: "Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention"
([resources/docs/SEAForum2006/Smink_Cash--Universal_Strategies.pdf](#)): 143 downloads
- ✧ PowerPoint presentation: "Bringing Research and Practice Together: The Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program"
([resources/docs/SEAForum2006/Cortez_Cortez--Coca-Cola_Valued_Youth.pdf](#)): 105 downloads
- ✧ PowerPoint Presentation: "Improving Students' Outcomes Through Transition-Focused Education" ([resources/docs/seaforum2006/kohler_p--transition-focused_education_indicator13.pdf](#)): 77 downloads
- ✧ PowerPoint Presentation: "What the Research Tells Us: Preventing Dropouts for Youth with Disabilities" ([resources/docs/seaforum2006/Cobb_B--What_the_Research_Tells_US.pdf](#)): 74 downloads



-  *Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators, Volume 1, Number 1* ([resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf](#)): 70 downloads
-  PowerPoint Presentation: “Check & Connect” ([resources/docs/seaforum2006/Anderson_A--Check_and_Connect.pdf](#)): 58 downloads
-  PowerPoint Presentation: “What Research and Practice Tell Us about Keeping Youth in School” ([resources/docs/seaforum2006/Fashola_T--Keeping_Youth_in_School.pdf](#)): 52 downloads
-  PowerPoint presentation: “Self-Determination as a Dropout Prevention Strategy” ([resources/docs/self-det.ppt](#)): 45 downloads
-  PowerPoint Presentation: “OSEP Bottom Lines: Graduation and Dropout Indicators” ([resources/docs/SEAForum2006/Slade_M--OSEP_Bottom_Lines.pdf](#)): 45 downloads