



National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities Monthly Report – October 2006 Project Activities

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	October 2006	Year to Date Unduplicated (January 06 – Oct. 06)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	4 (3)	12 (11)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	n/a	26 (40)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	n/a	46 (282)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone or written consultations	6(0)	16 (2)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site technical assistance	3(0)	6 (0)
Total number of states (LEAs) receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	13 (4)	53

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month (13)

CT, FL, GA, ID, IA, KY, MD, MI, MN, NC, SC, TN, UT

Type of Technical Assistance States Received

- Conference Calls: CT, FL, SC, MI
- Email Requests for Information: FL, IA, KY, MN, NC, TN, VA
- Written Consultation: KY, MD
- On-site TA: GA, ID, UT

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 (10)

EDC, IDRA, MSRRC, NERRC, NPSO, NSTTAC, WRRRC, MPRRC, NASDSE – Project Forum, OSEP.



Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ NDPC-SD published an article for the Remedial and Special Education Journal entitled, *"Effective Instruction: An Inconspicuous Strategy for Dropout Prevention"* by Dr. Loujeania W. Bost and Dr. Paul Riccomini. The article provides an overview of dropout prevention efforts, effective teaching principles, and principles of effective instruction and school engagement.
- ✧ NDPC-SD finalized *"A Few Steps to Better Data"* by Dr. Matthew Klare, NDPC-SD practice guide and secured bids from printing prepared announcement for dissemination on website.
- ✧ NDPC-SD continues work with Jim Martin, Kevin Sutherland, and Colleen Thoma to make necessary revisions to the *"Academic Learning Context that Promotes School Completion"*. The brief is scheduled for release in late December 2006.
- ✧ Developed Big IDEAs article *"Building Effective Dropout Prevention Programs: Early Lessons from Research and Practice"*
- ✧ EDC finalized an online LEA survey which is intended 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. EDC promoted the survey to all Collaborative members, who were asked to complete the survey by October 31, 2006. To date, 13 members have completed the survey.
- ✧ EDC began reviewing the first of the following two worksheet questions that States completed during their teamwork time at the May, 2006 SEA Forum. EDC reviewed and summarized the first question by state and developed a matrix-like grid, so that the Center can follow up with TA information to the individual states in the future.
- ✧ EDC completed editing and production of nine video pods from the May 25, 2006 Web Seminar's AVI file and began editing the text transcript to match the video clips.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

- ✧ NDPC-SD received an email request from Iowa on October 2, 2006 regarding positions statements and/or reports on dropout prevention that were released in the past six months.
- ✧ NDPC-SD received an email request from Tennessee on October 2, 2006 regarding additional information on the upcoming teleseminar entitled, *"Partnering with Parents in Dropout Prevention: The Need and the How"* and information on parental engagement in general.



- ✧ NDPC-SD provided phone consultation with written follow up to the Kentucky SEA related to SPP revisions and reporting improvement activities for the 2007 APR submission for Indicators 1 and 2.
- ✧ NDPC-SD responded to requests for suggested topics Project Forum (Virginia) documents in 2007.
- ✧ NDPC-SD responded to email request from NC for information about implementing a mentoring program where high school teachers and school staff volunteer to be a mentor students at risk for dropping out.
- ✧ NDPC-SD held second planning meeting to finalize training sessions for GA's graduation project. NDPC-SD is collaborating with GA and the Pioneer Regional Resource Center to develop and implement a dropout prevention initiative in Cleveland County, Georgia.
- ✧ NDPC-SD responded to a request from MN seeking keynote presenters at their Spring transition meeting.
- ✧ NDPC-SD responded to an email request from Florida on October 30, 2006 regarding information about setting up a parent advocacy group, having parent advocates attend IEP meetings, and working with state legislators.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance to the Florida State Department of Education on October 31, 2006 regarding the planning of the students with disabilities portion of the Effective Strategies Conference in Clearwater, FL on January 16-19, 2006.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided on-site technical assistance to Idaho and Utah regarding revisions to their SPP/APR in preparation for the February 2007 submission. Resources related to effective programs and practices in dropout were provided.
- ✧ NDPC-SD held planning conference with SC's coordinator for secondary transition to complete arrangements for NDPC-SD's presentation at the statewide transition meeting scheduled for November 9, 2006.
- ✧ NDPC-SD held planning conference with MI's coordinator for state special education administrators meeting on December 12, 2006. The emphasis of the meeting is dropout prevention. NDPC-SD will provide a day long TA activity focusing on causes, consequences, and remedies.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided written feedback to MD transition/dropout prevention coordinator on the SEA dropout prevention manual.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided technical assistance to Connecticut via teleconference on October 31, 2006, regarding the development of a statewide initiative in dropout prevention, including model site development.
- ✧ IDRA and EDC finalized plan for the November 9, 2006 teleseminar with PACER on parent involvement.



Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ NDPC-SD provided on-site technical assistance to Idaho and Utah via a two-day meeting in Boise, ID on October 26, 2006 in conjunction with NPSO and NSTTAC, WRRC, and MPRRC regarding assistance in connecting the indicators in their SPP/APR.
- ✧ IDRA actively participated on the local design team for the 2006 annual National Dropout Prevention Network Conference on October 20-25, 2006 in San Antonio, TX. IDRA staff members supported the conference planning effort including theme logistics and topics, guest speakers, school site visits, etc.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD disseminated approximately 150 brochures, tri-folds, web cards, and practice briefs to participants of the National Dropout Prevention Network Conference on October 20-25, 2006.
- ✧ EDC coordinated, produced and disseminated the Fall 2006 issue of Big IDEAs to 878 subscribers via email, as well as on the NDPC-SD web site. EDC formatted the issue into PDF for dissemination on the NDPC-SD web site, as well as for dissemination at the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative's Fall meeting, November 2-4, 2006 (250 copies).
- ✧ EDC marketed the teleseminar to the Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative members; the 878 subscribers of Big IDEAs; the State Directors of Special Education and State Directors of At-Risk Populations; the National Inclusive Schools Week listserv (NISW) and web site; the NCSET monthly eNewsletter; and the 1300 subscribers of PACER's *Reference Points* eNewsletter.

Management

- ✧ Held monthly conference call with the Project Director on October 5, 2006.
- ✧ Met with ETE on October 16, 2006.
- ✧ Held the semiannual NDPC-SD Advisory Committee Meeting on October 24, 2006. Advisory Committee reviewed Center activities for the past six months, and provided feedback on technical assistance activities and the framework to guide development of local models.
- ✧ Held weekly meetings about the maintenance and revision of the NDPC-SD website.

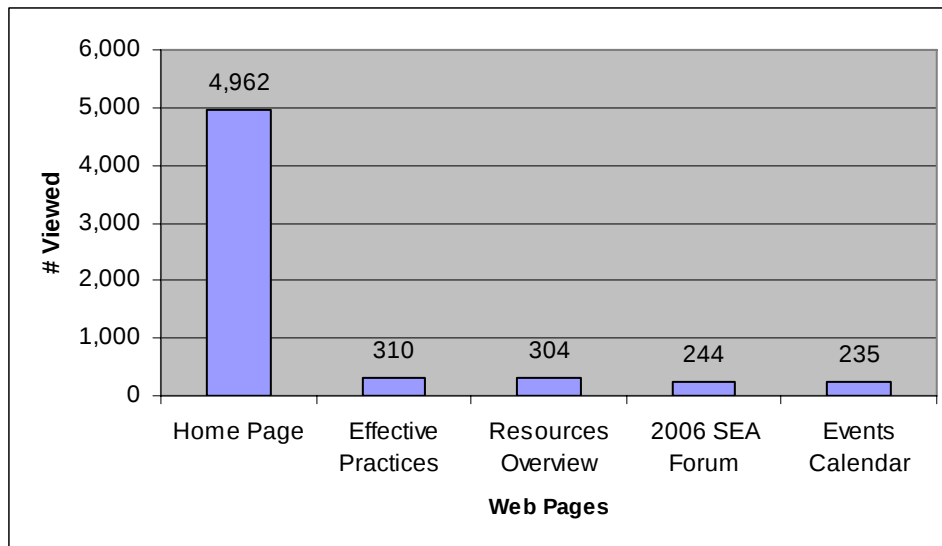


NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 8,435

Total Page Views (Spanish): 241

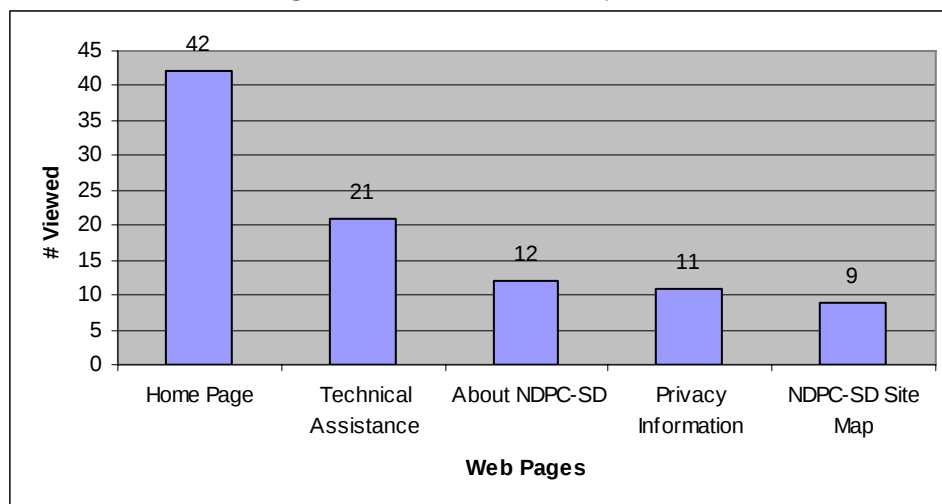
Pages Visitors Viewed (English)



Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- ✧ NDPC-SD Home Page: 4,962 views
- ✧ Effective Practices and Strategies: 310 views
- ✧ Resources Overview: 304 views
- ✧ About NDPC-SD: 244 views
- ✧ E-News: 235 views

Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)

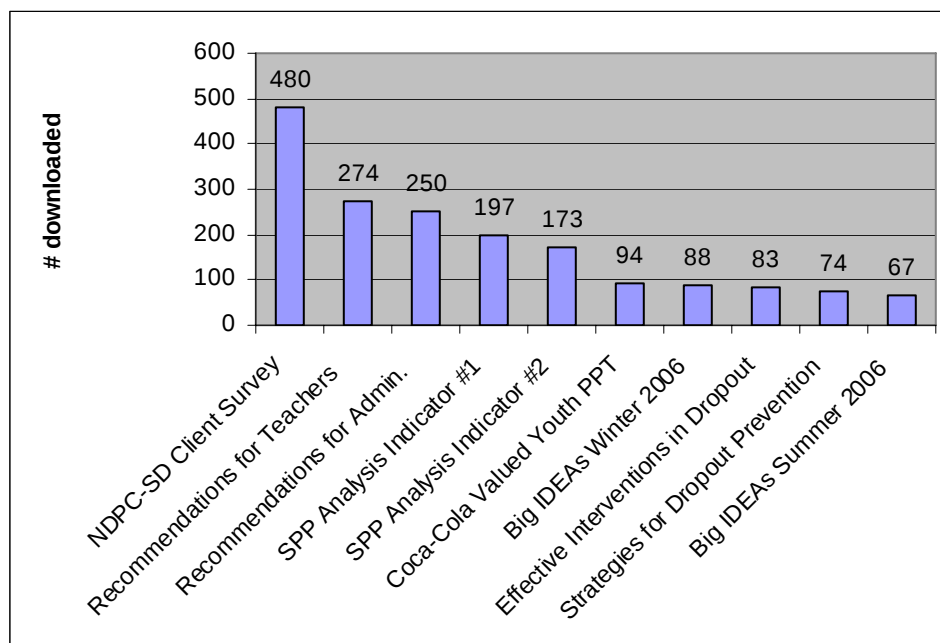




Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- [Página Principal de NDPC-SD \(*espanol/index.htm*\): 42 views](#)
- [Mapa del Sitio \(*espanol/sitemap.htm*\): 21 views](#)
- [Apoyo Técnico \(*espanol/assistance/index.htm*\): 12 views](#)
- [Los Enlaces \(*espanol/resources/links.htm*\): 11 views](#)
- [Sobre el NDPC-SD \(*espanol/about/index.htm*\): 9 views](#)

NDPC-SD Website Downloads



Top 10 Downloads

- [NDPC-SD Client Survey \(*feedback/docs/clientsurvey-060615.pdf*\). 480 downloads](#)
- [Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Teachers \(*/assistance/docs/Recommendations_for_Teachers—20060920.pdf*\). 274 downloads](#)
- [Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Administrators \(*/assistance/docs/Recommendations_for_Administrators—20060920.pdf*\). 250 downloads](#)
- [An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 1 \(Graduation\) \(*/assistance/docs/indicator_1--graduation.pdf*\). 197 downloads](#)



-  [An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 1 \(Graduation\) \(/assistance/docs/indicator_2--dropout.pdf\)](/assistance/docs/indicator_2--dropout.pdf). 173 downloads
-  PowerPoint presentation: "Bringing Research and Practice Together: The Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program" (resources/docs/SEAFforum2006/Cortez_Cortez--Coca-Cola_Valued_Youth.pdf). 94 downloads
-  *BIG IDEAs*, Volume 3, Issue 1, Winter 2006 (<enews/docs/BigIDEAs-2006-01.pdf>). 88 downloads
-  *Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators*, Volume 1, Number 1 (<resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf>). 83 downloads.
-  PowerPoint Presentation: "Effective Strategies for Dropout Prevention" (resources/docs/seaforum2006/smink_cash--universal_strategies.pdf). 74 downloads
-  *BIG IDEAs*, Volume 3, Issue 2, Summer 2006 (<enews/docs/BigIDEAs-2006-02.pdf>). 67 downloads

Upcoming Events

-  November 3– 4, 2006: NDPC-SD will attend the Fall Urban Collaborative Meeting in Memphis, TN.
-  November 9, 2006: NDPC-SD will host the teleseminar entitled, "*Partnering with Parents in Dropout Prevention: The Need and the How*" beginning at 12:00pm (EST).
-  November 9, 2006: NDPC-SD will present at the SC Statewide Transition Network Meeting in Columbia, SC.
-  November 28, 2006: NDPC-SD will present during the National Post School Outcomes "Community of Practice" teleseminar beginning at 2:00pm (EST).