



Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities Monthly Report – April 2007 Project Activities

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	April 2007	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 07 – Dec. 07)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	1 (3)	7 (11)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	N/A	15 (20)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	4 (25)	14 (66)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone or written consultations	1 (2)	6 (5)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site technical assistance	1 (0)	5 (48)
Total number of instances SEAs (LEAs) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	7(30)	40 (Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA)

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month (6)
CA, CT, FL, KY, MO, NC, SC

Type of Technical Assistance States Received

- Request Information/Materials: CA, MO, NC, SC
- Conference Presentation: CT, KY, LA, NC
- Phone/Written Consultation: GA, FL, SC
- On-site TA: CT

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year (40)

AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, GU, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NJ, NC, NH, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VI, VA, WV, WI, WY
Other: Liberia, Pakistan

Total Partners and/or TA&D Centers interacted with this month (6)

EDC, FL PBS Project, IDRA, NPSO, NSTTAC, OSEP.



Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ EDC completed the production of all of the MP4 audio (podcasts) and pdf files and sent them to Clemson for mounting on the Web site.
- ✧ EDC sent an email message on April 18, 2007 to the *Big IDEAs* subscription list (1,003 subscribers), asking them to follow a link to a web-based survey to gather feedback about the quality, usefulness, and reach of our publications and products.
- ✧ EDC laid out the Spanish issue of *Big IDEAs*: Vol 3, N 3 and sent it to Clemson for mounting on the web site.
- ✧ EDC continued to plan for the May 2007 WebSeminar, the new speaker will be Dr. Toks Fashola (exact day to be announced).
- ✧ EDC continued to coordinate the Spring, 2007 issue, including establishing editorial content and deadlines, which will be produced and disseminated in May.
- ✧ EDC continued to coordinate with NDPC-SD on the Spotlight on Exemplary Research-based Models & Programs by establishing a plan to prepare an outline that includes the purpose of the idea, a list of programs and speakers, and a proposed timeline.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Connecticut

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated and presented at Connecticut's Dropout Prevention Rollout Meeting on April 2, 2007. The session discussed the impact that the federal/state/local policies & procedures have on school completion.
- ✧ NDPC-SD met with the Connecticut State Department on April 2, 2007 to discuss Connecticut's progress with their dropout prevention initiatives and the involvement that they need from NDPC-SD in the future in developing model sites.

Georgia

- ✧ NDPC-SD spoke with the Director of the Graduation Coach Program on April 17, 2007 regarding recommendations and best practices for the middle school graduation coach program.
- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on April 27, 2007 with Laura Brown, Director of GLRS, regarding future activities for the GA School Completion Project, including scheduling a visit to target schools to meet with administration and school teams; next steps to implement school-based models within the two identified target schools; and the



continuation of on-going TA (e.g., summer institute and quarterly booster sessions) for each of the 13 school districts.

Florida

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on April 17, 2007 with Robin Morrison from Miami-Dade County Public Schools regarding the next steps to develop model sites with dropout prevention initiatives tailored to meet their needs and to discuss the presentation of this collaboration to the different divisions in M-DCPS.

South Carolina

- ✧ NDPC-SD was contacted by the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Rehabilitative Services on April 17, 2007 to provide dropout prevention training to their rehabilitation counselors.
- ✧ NDPC-SD hosted a booth at the 2007 HEHD Faculty Forum at Clemson University on April 27, 2007 for the purpose of disseminating information and materials regarding the NDPC-SD Center at Clemson University.

Requests

- ✧ NDPC-SD received a technical assistance request on:
 - April 11, 2007 from the SC Department of Education regarding national and state graduation rates for students with disabilities,
 - April 15, 2007 from the Los Angeles Unified School District regarding knowledge of effectiveness of recruiting/retaining special needs students in secondary school Career Development programs,
 - April 25, 2007 from UNC-Charlotte regarding input on best practices in dropout prevention for students with disabilities,
 - April 28, 2007 regarding research and statistical information on the affects of NCLB on dropout rates for students with disabilities,
 - April 30, 2007 from the St. Louis Public Schools Special Education Department regarding the availability of Dr. Bost to train their Special Education Department on dropout with respect to students with disabilities.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ NDPC-SD presented at the CEC Conference in Louisville, KY on April 18, 2007 in collaboration with NPSO and NSTTAC to report on their efforts to improve state capacity to implement evidence-based strategies that



- improve school-completion rates, transition services, and post-school outcomes for students with disabilities.
- ✧ NDPC-SD continued to work with NPSO regarding the reformatting of the new brief that will be published in May. The brief discusses techniques to locate students who dropout informally.
 - ✧ NDPC-SD continued collaborative planning with NSTTAC for the Secondary Transition State Planning Institute on May 2-4, 2007.
 - ✧ State Capacity Building Initiative:
 - NDPC-SD participated in a conference call with OSEP, NPSO and NSTTAC on April 13, 2007 regarding the State Capacity Building Initiative.
 - NDPC-SD has been in communication with Maryland and Virginia regarding future collaborative work with the three Centers.
 - NDPC-SD participated in a meeting on April 30, 2007 to discuss the future of the initiative with the NPSO, NSTTAC, and OSERS.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD disseminated the NDPC-SD materials and publications:
 - at the Council of Exceptional Children Conference in Kentucky,
 - at the M-DCPC Share Fair in Miami-Dade County, Florida,
 - at the 2007 HEHD Faculty Forum at Clemson University.
- ✧ EDC continued to subscribe, update, and monitor subscriptions of the email list. This month, subscriptions grew from 998 to 1,003, an increase of five new subscribers this month.
- ✧ IDRA shared information (address and webpage link) on NDPC-SD with 120 parents during IDRA's La Semana del Nino Parent Institute.
- ✧ IDRA continues to disseminate information on NDPC-SD through its website with a direct link to NDPC-SD.

Management

- ✧ Held a conference call with our Project Officer on April 12, 2007.
- ✧ Held an ETE meeting on April 16, 2007.
- ✧ Met with the External Evaluator on April 19, 2007.
- ✧ Held our Partner call on April 26, 2007.
- ✧ Submitted our annual continuation report to OSEP on April 27, 2007.

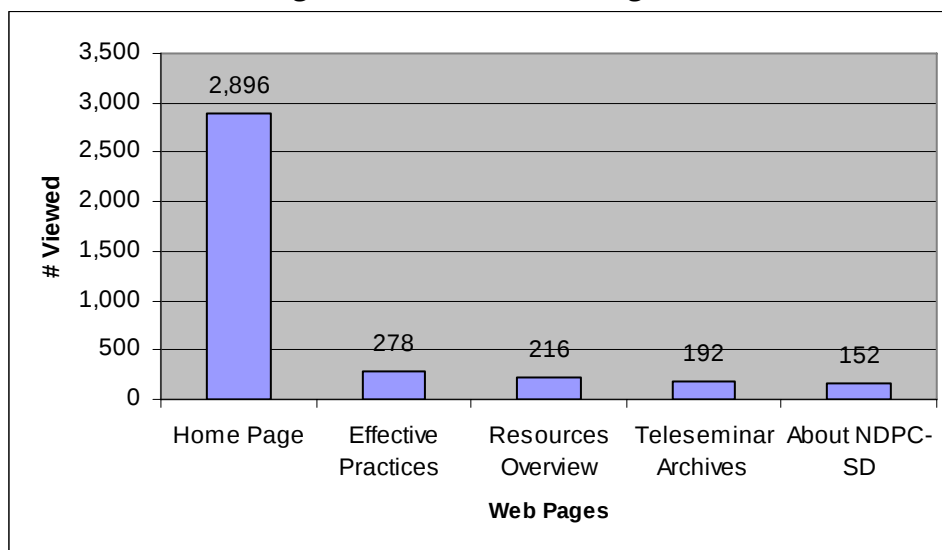


NDPC-SD Web Statistics

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Total Page Views (Spanish): 1,098

Pages Visitors Viewed (English)

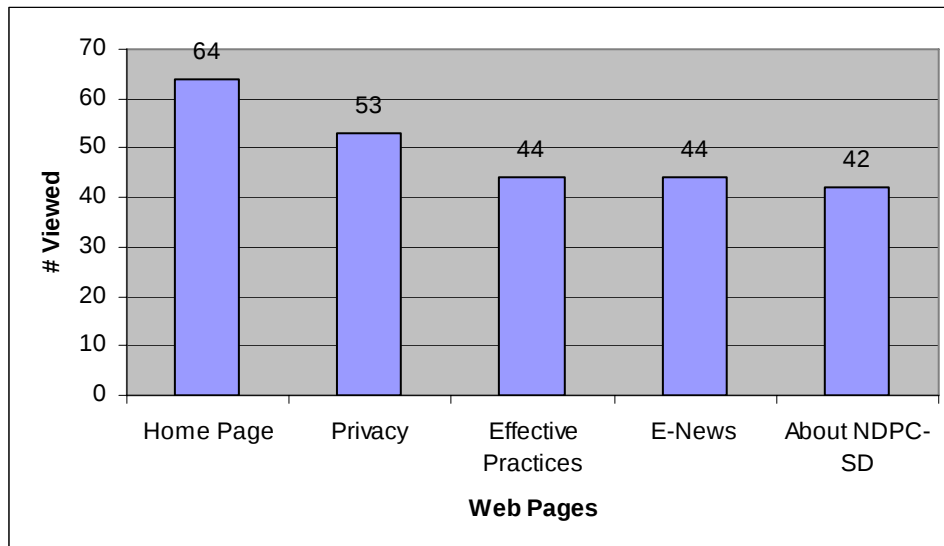


Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- ✎ NDPC-SD Home Page: 2,896 views
- ✎ Effective Practices and Strategies: 278 views
- ✎ Resources Overview: 216 views
- ✎ Teleseminar/Web Seminar Archives: 192 views
- ✎ About NDPC-SD: 152 views



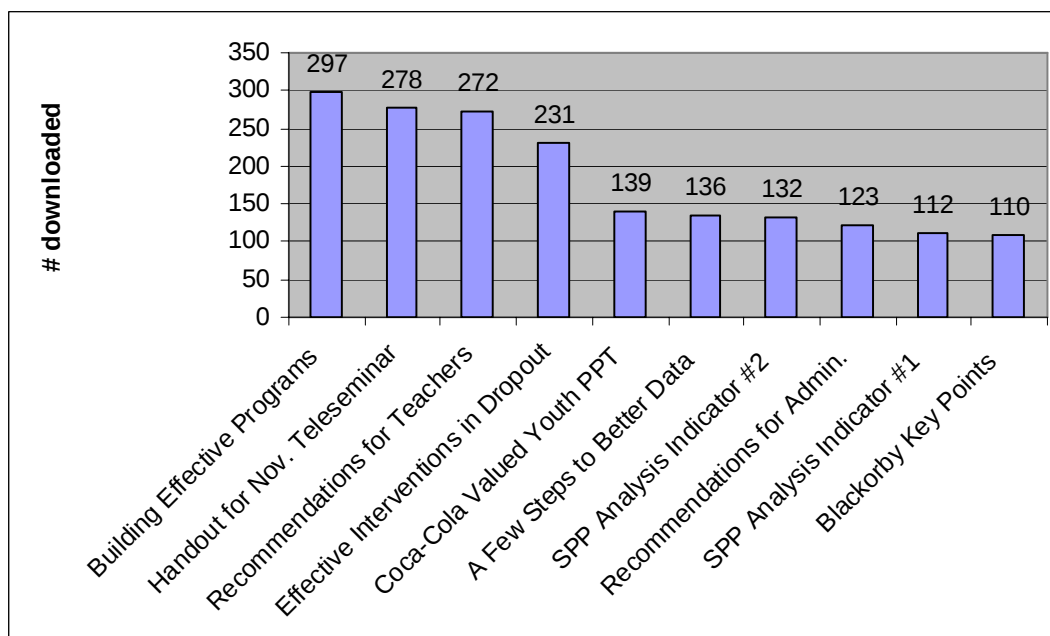
Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)



Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- ✚ Página Principal de NDPC-SD (*espanol/index.htm*): 64 views
- ✚ La Privacidad (*espanol/privacy.htm*): 53 views
- ✚ Las Estrategias y Prácticas (*espanol/practices/strategies.htm*): 44 views
- ✚ Noticias y Electrónicas (*espanol/enews/index.htm*): 44 views
- ✚ Sobre el NDPC-SD (*espanol/about/index.htm*): 42 views

NDPC-SD Website Downloads





Top 10 Downloads

- ✧ Building Effective Dropout Prevention Programs — Some Practical Strategies from Research and Practice (/assistance/docs/building_effective_dropout_prevention_programs.pdf). 297 downloads.
- ✧ Partnering with Parents in Dropout Prevention: The Need and the How (</econnections/teleseminar-061109/handout.pdf>) 278 downloads.
- ✧ PowerPoint presentation: “Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Teachers” (/assistance/docs/recommendations_for_teachers--20060920.pdf). 272 downloads.
- ✧ *Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators*, Volume 1, Number 1 ([resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf](/resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf)). 231 downloads.
- ✧ PowerPoint presentation: “Bringing Research and Practice Together: The Colca-Cola Valued Youth Program” ([resources/docs/SEAFForum2006/Cortez_Cortez--Coca-Cola_Valued_Youth.pdf](/resources/docs/SEAFForum2006/Cortez_Cortez--Coca-Cola_Valued_Youth.pdf)). 139 downloads.
- ✧ A Few Steps to Better Data ([assistance/docs/a_few_steps_to_better_data.pdf](/assistance/docs/a_few_steps_to_better_data.pdf)). 136 downloads.
- ✧ An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 2 (Dropout) (/assistance/docs/indicator_2--dropout.pdf). 132 downloads.
- ✧ Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Administrators (/assistance/docs/Recommendations_for_Administrators--20060920.pdf). 123 downloads.
- ✧ An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 1 (Graduation) (/assistance/docs/indicator_1--graduation.pdf). 112 downloads.
- ✧ Key Points of “Translating National Data into State and Local Practice” (</econnections/docs/blackorbykeypoints.pdf>). 110 downloads.

Upcoming Events

- ✧ May 1-4, 2007: Participate in NSTAAC capacity building forum. NDPC-SD staff will provide content sessions, serve as facilitators, serve as content experts, and participate in Advisory Meeting.
- ✧ May 16-19, 2007: Spring Urban Collaborative Meeting in Dallas, Texas
- ✧ May 22, 2007: Meeting with GLRS and Gainesville High School Team
- ✧ May 24, 2007: Meeting with GLRS and Rabun High School Team
- ✧ May 29-31, 2007: GA Schools Overview of Project at GLRS State Meeting in St. Simmons, Georgia