



Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities Monthly Report - May 2007 Project Activities

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	May 2007	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 07 - Dec. 07)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	2 (2)	7 (11)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	N/A	15 (20)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	16 (67)	14 (66)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone or written consultations	2 (2)	6 (5)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site technical assistance	10 (2)	5 (48)
Total number of instances SEAs (LEAs) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	30 (73)	47 (Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA)

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month (37)

AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, WY

Type of Technical Assistance States Received

- Request Information/Materials: NC, TN, LA
- Conference Presentation: AZ, CA, CT, DC, FL, IL, IN, MD, MA, MI, NV, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI
- Phone/Written Consultation: FL, GA, MD, VA
- On-site/ TA: GA, MD, MI, NE, NM, NY, NC, SD, and VA

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year (47)

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

Other: Liberia, Pakistan

Total Partners and/or TA&D Centers interacted with this month (10)

EDC, FL PBS Project, IDEA Partnership, IDRA, MSRRRC, NHSC, NPSO, NSTTAC, OSEP, WESTAT.



Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ NDPC-SD completed work with NPSO on the new brief entitled *Collecting Post-School Outcome Data: Strategies for Increasing Response Rates*, which will be posted on the NDPC-SD and NPSO website in early June. The brief discusses techniques to locate students who dropout informally.
- ✧ IDRA continued designing the Coca-Cola Valued Youth model's planned variation for its NDPC-SD work, adapting the design, materials, technical assistance activities, and evaluation accordingly.
- ✧ IDRA continued planning for the development of the practitioner's guide.
- ✧ Center staff completed OSEP requested analyses reports of Annual Performance Reports for graduation and dropout indicators and presented findings during OSEP technical assistance call on May 16, 2007.
- ✧ Center staff continues to make refinements on dropout prevention training modules used for state capacity building.
- ✧ Wrote and published article for Big IDEAs Newsletter on *Dropout Prevention Strategies for Teachers*. The article was published in the spring issue released May 30, 2007.
- ✧ EDC completed an analysis of the results and prepared a summary report on the formative evaluation of NDPC-SD's nine publications developed to date.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Georgia

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on May 8, 2007 with North GLRS regarding the upcoming site visits to model sites - Gainesville and Rabun.
- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on May 17, 2007 with GA Department of Education regarding the SPDIG grant.
- ✧ NDPC-SD conducted a site visit at Gainesville High School on May 22, 2007 to meet with the school team to briefly recap the training, discuss Phase 2 of the Intervention Framework, and next steps as a target site.
- ✧ NDPC-SD conducted a site visit at Rabun County High School on May 24, 2007 to meet with the school team to briefly recap the training, discuss Phase 2 of the Intervention Framework, and next steps as a target site.
- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on May 30, 2007 with Laura Brown, Director of GLRS, to de-brief about first visit to target schools and plan dates for the continuation of on-going TA (e.g., summer institute and quarterly booster sessions) for each of the 13 school districts included in the Phase 1 training.



Florida

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference calls on May 12, 17, 31, 2007 with Robin Morrison, Instructional Supervisor, Division of Special Education, M-DCPS regarding, the district's focused monitoring improvement plan for indicators 1&2, Tier I Capacity Building Training (Content Training) and next steps to develop model sites in the coming school year.

Maryland

- ✧ NDPC-SD facilitated Maryland's work groups on May 2-4, 2007 during the Secondary Transition State Planning Institute in Charlotte, NC.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided direct consultation to Maryland on May 3, 2007 regarding data and dropout prevention.

Consultations:

- ✧ NDPC-SD provided direct consultation to MD, MI, NE, NM, NY, NC, SD, and VA at the NSTTAC capacity building Forum on state specific issues related to school completion and meeting targets set for indicators 1&2.

Requests

- ✧ NDPC-SD received a technical assistance request on:
 - May 6, 2007 from a parent in North Carolina requesting information on the judicial system and students with disabilities,
 - May 11, 2007 from a parent in Tennessee requesting information on IDEA, IEPs, and school transfer protocol for her son who has a disability.
 - May 12, 2007 from Louisiana to present at state Transition Conference to be held September 11-12, 2007 in Baton Rouge.
 - May 25, 2007 from North Carolina (via Cathy Chapman at MSRRC) to schedule a phone consultation regarding upcoming TA request.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on May 9, 2007 and May 11, 2007 to discuss plans for the upcoming July Data Meeting in Bethesda, MD.
- ✧ Secondary Transition State Planning Institute in Charlotte, NC on May 2-4, 2007:
 - NDPC-SD presented on *Resources for Collecting and Analyzing Your Graduation and Dropout Data*,
 - NDPC-SD served as a facilitator for a small work group (DC & MD) throughout the Institute,



- Served as content experts to provide individual consultation to states regarding interface between activities for indicators 1, 2, & 13.
- ✧ Spring Urban Collaborative Meeting in Dallas, TX on May 16-19, 2007:
 - NDPC-SD worked with three small group concurrent sessions (small, medium, and large size urban districts) on May 17, 2007 centered around the policies and procedures that impede and promote school completion
 - NDPC-SD presented at a general session on May 19, 2007 on the findings of the small group discussions along with recommendations for improvement strategies.
- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on May 24, 2007 to plan for the upcoming National High School Content Center Institute in Washington DC.
- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in the State Capacity Building Initiative conference call with MD, VA, NERRC, NPSO and NSTTAC on May 30, 2007 regarding the upcoming meeting in June to discuss future plans.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD disseminated the NDPC-SD materials and publications:
 - at the Spring Urban Collaborative in Dallas, Texas, with over 250 participants in attendance. Materials were disseminated via the meeting packets and the booth at the Partner Expo.
 - to the National Post School Outcomes Center .
- ✧ NDPC-SD was featured in LRP Newsletter on May 10, 2007 to discuss the article entitled, *Effective Instruction: An Inconspicuous Strategy for Dropout Prevention*, in Remedial and Special Education Journal, Volume 27, Number 5 by Dr. Loujeania W. Bost and Dr. Paul Riccomini. The article has been downloaded from the Center's website 220 times since the LRP article was published.
- ✧ IDRA disseminated information on NDPC-SD through its website with a direct link to NDPC-SD, highlighting the teleseminar on parent involvement on the main page.
- ✧ EDC continued to subscribe, update, and monitor subscriptions of the email list. This month, subscriptions grew from 1,003 to 1,008, an increase of five new subscribers this month.
- ✧ EDC continued to coordinate the Spring 2007 issue, including monitoring editorial content and deadlines. The Spring 2007 issue was produced and disseminated this month to the *Big IDEAs* email subscription list.



- ✧ EDC created and contributed NDPC-SD editorial content to the May, 2007 issue of CollabNews entitled, *Podcast Series and Transcripts Available From the February 13, 2007 Telephone Seminar.*

Management

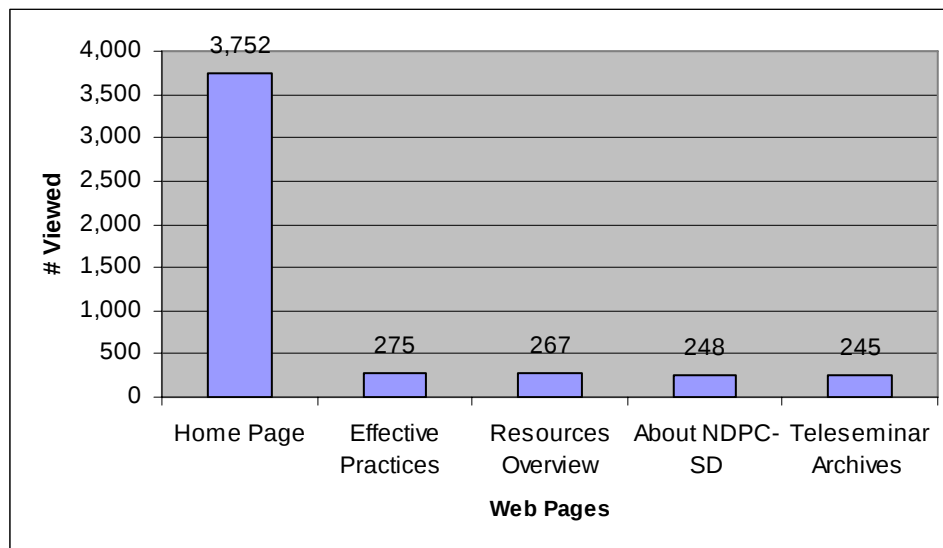
- ✧ Held a conference call with NPSO regarding the 2007 contract.
- ✧ Held an ETE meeting on May 14, 2007 to discuss status of several draft publications.
- ✧ Held our Partner call on May 23, 2007.
- ✧ Continue the re-design of Center website to be launched this summer.

NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 7,764

Total Page Views (Spanish): 1,025

Pages Visitors Viewed (English)

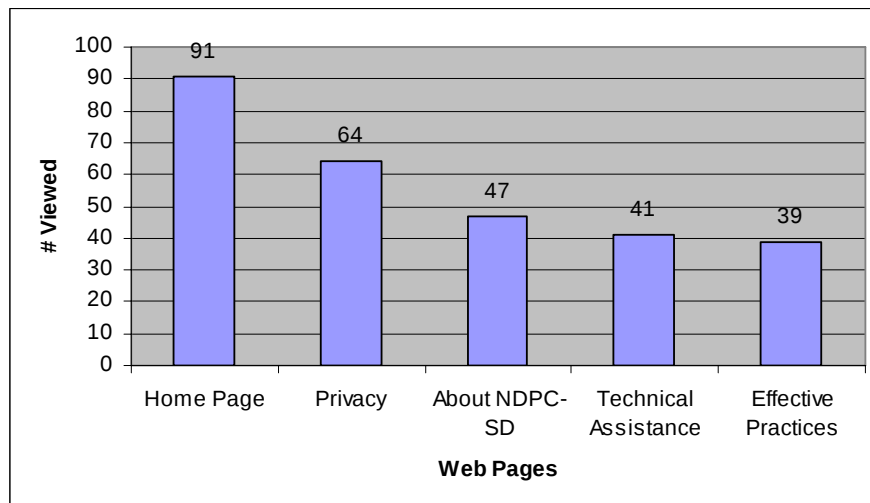


Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- ✧ NDPC-SD Home Page: 3,752 views
- ✧ Effective Practices and Strategies: 275 views
- ✧ Resources Overview: 267 views
- ✧ About NDPC-SD: 248 views
- ✧ Teleseminar/Web Seminar Archives: 245 views



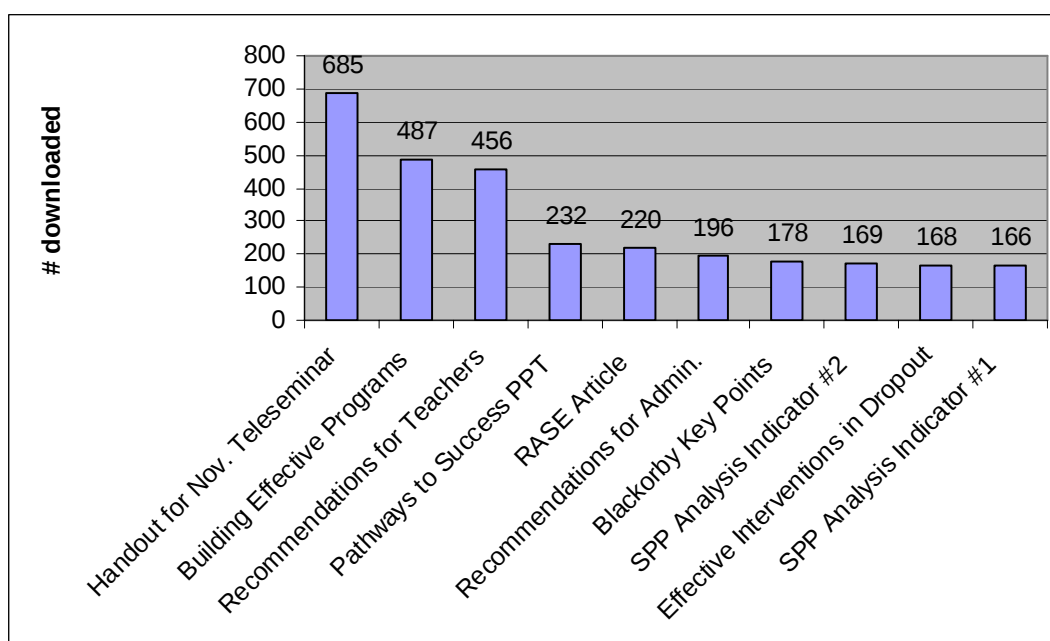
Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)



Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- ✎ Página Principal de NDPC-SD (*espanol/index.htm*): 91 views
- ✎ La Privacidad (*espanol/privacy.htm*): 64 views
- ✎ Sobre el NDPC-SD (*espanol/about/index.htm*): 47 views
- ✎ Apoyo Técnico (*espanol/assistance/index.htm*): 41 views
- ✎ Prácticas Efectivas (*espanol/practices/index.htm*): 39 views

NDPC-SD Website Downloads





Top 10 Downloads

- ✧ Partnering with Parents in Dropout Prevention: The Need and the How (</econnections/teleseminar-061109/handout.pdf>) 685 downloads.
- ✧ Building Effective Dropout Prevention Programs – Some Practical Strategies from Research and Practice (/assistance/docs/building_effective_dropout_prevention_programs.pdf). 487 downloads.
- ✧ PowerPoint presentation: “Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Teachers” (/assistance/docs/recommendations_for_teachers--20060920.pdf). 456 downloads.
- ✧ Pathways To Success: Making a Difference Through Scientifically Proven Instructional Practices & Professional Development (</practices/docs/ndpconf1.pdf>) 232 downloads.
- ✧ Effective Instruction: An Inconspicuous Strategy for Dropout Prevention (/docs/inconspicuousstrategy_bostriccomini20070511.pdf) 220 downloads.
- ✧ Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Administrators (/assistance/docs/Recommendations_for_Administrators--20060920.pdf). 196 downloads.
- ✧ Key Points of Translating National Data into State and Local Practice (/econnections/blackorby-06021/blackorby_keypoints.pdf). 178 downloads.
- ✧ An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 2 (Dropout) (/assistance/docs/indicator_2--dropout.pdf). 169 downloads.
- ✧ *Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators*, Volume 1, Number 1 ([resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf](/resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf)). 168 downloads.
- ✧ An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 1 (Graduation) (/assistance/docs/indicator_1--graduation.pdf). 166 downloads.

Upcoming Events

- ✧ June 1, 2007 – Presentation at GLRS State Meeting in St. Simmons, GA regarding the expansion of NDPC-SD Framework and training through GA/SPDG. The state intends to replicate the Georgia School Completion Project Training throughout the 18 GLRS regions. (Bost)
- ✧ June 11-13, 2007 – Meeting with Maryland, Virginia, NPSO, NSTTAC, & OSEP in Baltimore, MD to continue collaborative TA pilot. (Bost & Klare)
- ✧ June 11-13, 2007 – Present at National High School Center Summer Institute in Washington DC on research and practice in dropout prevention for students with disabilities. (Smith)



- ✧ June 19, 2007: Planning meeting with SC/DOE/ Office of Vocational & Rehabilitation Services regarding training for VR counselors in dropout prevention. (Smith)
- ✧ June 25-27, 2007 – Present at PEP=Net Transition institute in Rochester, NY. (Bost)
- ✧ June 25-27, 2007- Present at Oklahoma Capacity Building Summer Institute. (Klare)
- ✧ June 28, 2007 – Second On-Site Meeting with Rabun County High School in Tiger, GA. (Team)