



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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	June 2007	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 07 – Dec. 07)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	3 (1)	10 (12)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	N/A	15 (20)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	16 (5)	23 (71)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone or written consultations	2 (1)	8 (6)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site technical assistance	4 (1)	8 (48)
Total number of instances SEAs (LEAs) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	25 (8)	50 (Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA)

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month (29)
AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, GU, HI, KS, MH, MD, MA, MO, MN, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VI, WI, WY

Type of Technical Assistance States Received

- Request Information/Materials: MA, NY, ND, VI
- Conference Presentation: AZ, CA, CO, DE, GA, GU, HI, KS, MH, MO, MN, NE, NY, OH, RI, TN, WI, WY
- Phone/Written Consultation:
- On-site/ TA: GA, MD, OK, SC, VA

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year (50)

AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, GU, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MH, 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, IDRA, MSRRC, NHSC, NPSO, NSTTAC, OSEP, WESTAT.



Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ NDPC-SD posted the new brief entitled *Collecting Post-School Outcome Data: Strategies for Increasing Response Rates* on the website. The brief discusses techniques to locate students who dropout informally.
- ✧ IDRA identified key areas needing adaptation for students with disabilities and continued designing the model's planned variation for its NDPC-SD work. IDRA will also tap the expertise of Mr. Lee Ramos, the teacher coordinator for the program at South San Antonio High School.
- ✧ EDC laid out the Spring, 2007 issue of *Big IDEAs* for print and sent it to Clemson for posting on the web site.
- ✧ EDC began planning the role of the NDPC-SD in the Collaborative's Fall Meeting. The topic of the Fall 2007 Meeting is "Increasing School Completion and Graduation Rates Among Students with Disabilities in Urban Schools."
- ✧ EDC initiated planning with Laura Brown of Georgia's Pioneer Regional Education Service Agency for a late August Webinar.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance **Connecticut**

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on June 21, 2007 with the CT Department of Education to discuss NDPC-SD's possible role in their dropout prevention initiative, involving the development of three model sites.

Georgia

- ✧ NDPC-SD presented at the Georgia Schools Overview of Project at GLRS State Meeting on June 1, 2007 regarding direct technical assistance training and model site development within Georgia in collaboration with the GA SPDIG.
- ✧ NDPC-SD provided follow-up correspondence to Gainesville & Rabun High Schools regarding the initial meeting in May 2007.
- ✧ NDPC-SD assembled a survey for Rabun County to use when calling their dropouts for the purpose of identifying kids' reasons for leaving school, what the school might have done to keep them in school and to get a measure of parental involvement.
- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on June 20, 2007 with GA Department of Education regarding the SPDIG grant.
- ✧ NDPC-SD conducted a second on-site visit at Rabun County High School on June 28, 2007 to continue planning activities for the model demonstration site beginning in Fall.



Florida

- ✧ NDPC-SD contacted Miami-Dade County Public Schools regarding initial data needs to conduct analysis and to continue planning the upcoming capacity building training to be conducted in Florida beginning September .

Maryland

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on June 5, 2007 regarding the next steps in our collaborative partnership with them, VA and two additional TA Centers; NPSO and NSTTAC.

New York

- ✧ NDPC-SD moderated panel discussion and conducted follow-up feedback session at the PEPNET Regional Transition to Post -Secondary Education Summit in Rochester, NY.

North Carolina

- ✧ NDPC-SD responded to request for technical assistance from the North Carolina Department of Education on June 8, 2007 regarding a possible future collaboration on technical assistance for districts included in their focused monitoring pilot this year. An on-site meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2007.

Oklahoma

- ✧ NDPC-SD presented at the Oklahoma Transition Conference on June 26-27, 2007 on effective dropout prevention interventions and strategies for students with disabilities.

Pennsylvania

- ✧ NDPC-SD attended meeting at the request of the PA Department of Education and the Pittsburgh Area School District to provide consultation regarding dropout prevention on June 21 in Pittsburgh, PA. The Pittsburgh School District is preparing for a Dropout Prevention Task Force Meeting and requested assistance.

South Carolina

- ✧ NDPC-SD met with the Vocational Rehabilitation Department for the SC Department of Education to discuss dropout prevention technical assistance needs and to plan for the possible model site development.
- ✧ NDPC-SD conducted a follow-up call with SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department regarding the meeting earlier in the month.

Requests

- ✧ NDPC-SD received a technical assistance request on:
 - June 4, 2007 from a NY school requesting information on the development of a student engagement survey



- June 6, 2007 from the MA Department of Education requesting information on best practices for their attendance officers to have knowledge of dropout prevention
- June 11, 2007 from the VI Department of Education requesting NDPC-SD to present for two separate strands at their 5th Annual Dropout Prevention Summer Institute in August 2007

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

National High School Content Center:

- NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on June 1, 2007 to plan for the upcoming conference.
- NDPC-SD presented as a topical expert on dropout prevention during a panel session at the National High School Center Summer Institute on June 11-13, 2007 as well as a follow-up concurrent session immediately following the panel presentation.

State Capacity Building Initiative:

- NDPC-SD, NSTTAC, and NPSO Centers met with MD and VA on June 11-13, 2007 regarding the data-driven process for states to use in identifying and addressing needs related to Indicators 1, 2, 13, and 14. NDPC-SD participated in the State Capacity Building Initiative conference call with MD, VA, NERRC, NPSO and NSTTAC on June 20, 2007 to discuss future plans.
- NPDC-SD provided assistance to AR Department of Education in developing a proposal for the OSERS transition grants; answer questions about the process, requirements, and evaluation of outcomes, as well as the sorts of TA the Centers might provide in support of AR's transition initiative.
- NDPC-SD is revising the scoring rubric and protocol for the OSERS transition initiative grant awards.

 NDPC-SD participated in a conference call on June 20, 2007 to discuss plans for the upcoming July Data Meeting in Bethesda, MD.

 NDPC-SD participated in a planning conference call on June 20, 2007 for the Project Directors' Conference on July 16-17, 2007.

 NDPC-SD participated in the regulations technical assistance teleconference with OSEP on June 21, 2007.

 NDPC-SD participated in the NDPC/N Service Learning Conference on June 22, 2007 in Clemson, South Carolina.

 NDPC-SD continued planning with NPSO and NSTTAC for the presentation at the Westat Part B Data Managers' Meeting in July.



Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD disseminated the NDPC-SD materials and publications:
 - at the State Capacity Building Initiative Meeting with Maryland, Virginia, NPSO, and NSTTAC.
- ✧ IDRA's page view counts for the NDPC-SD teleseminar-related pages for June total 20 visits to the teleseminar web page and 196 downloads of the teleseminar podcasts.
- ✧ IDRA highlighted the NDPC-SD website and materials in their most recent newsletter, *Graduation for All*, sent to over 900 individuals and organizations focusing on the dropout issue.
- ✧ EDC continued to subscribe, update, and monitor subscriptions of the email list. This month, subscriptions grew from 1,008 to 1,011, an increase of three new subscribers this month.
- ✧ EDC houses several NDPC-SD publications, Web-based forms and documents on its server, with a total of 4,342 page views for the month of June. Below are some additional the Web statistics.

Top 5 Pages Viewed (English):

- NDPC-SD's Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Research Synthesis – The Effect of Cognitive Behavioral Interventions on Dropout for Youth with Disabilities: 647
- *Big IDEAs* Subscription Form: 367
- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 8: 152
- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 9: 122
- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 2: 114

Top 5 Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 8: 899
- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 6: 116
- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 4: 101
- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 3: 91
- *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* eNewsletter: Volume 2: 62

Management

- ✧ Continue the re-design of Center website to be launched this summer.
- ✧ Conducted monthly conference with Project Officer
- ✧ Conducted monthly partners' call

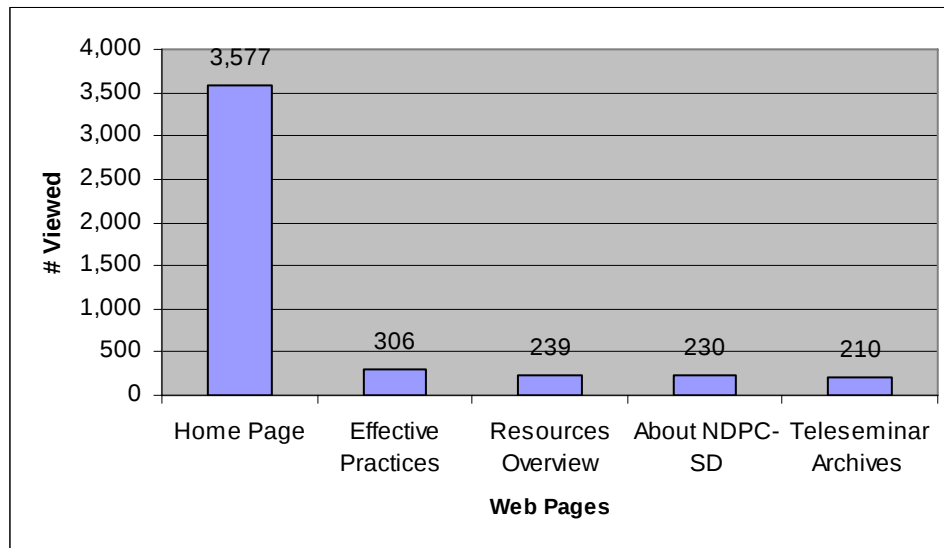


NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 7,971

Total Page Views (Spanish): 1,335

Pages Visitors Viewed (English)

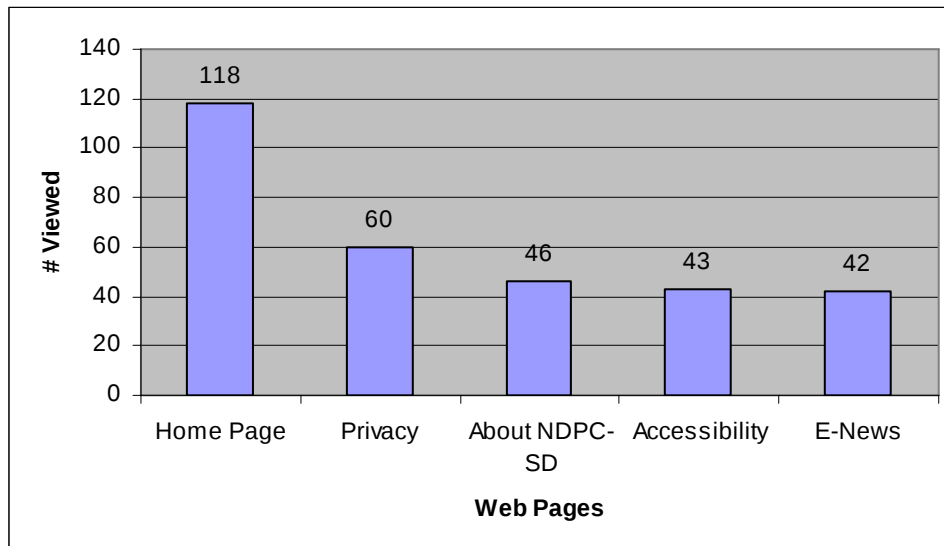


Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- ★ NDPC-SD Home Page: 3,577 views
- ★ Effective Practices and Strategies: 306 views
- ★ Resources Overview: 239 views
- ★ About NDPC-SD: 230 views
- ★ Teleseminar/Web Seminar Archives: 210 views



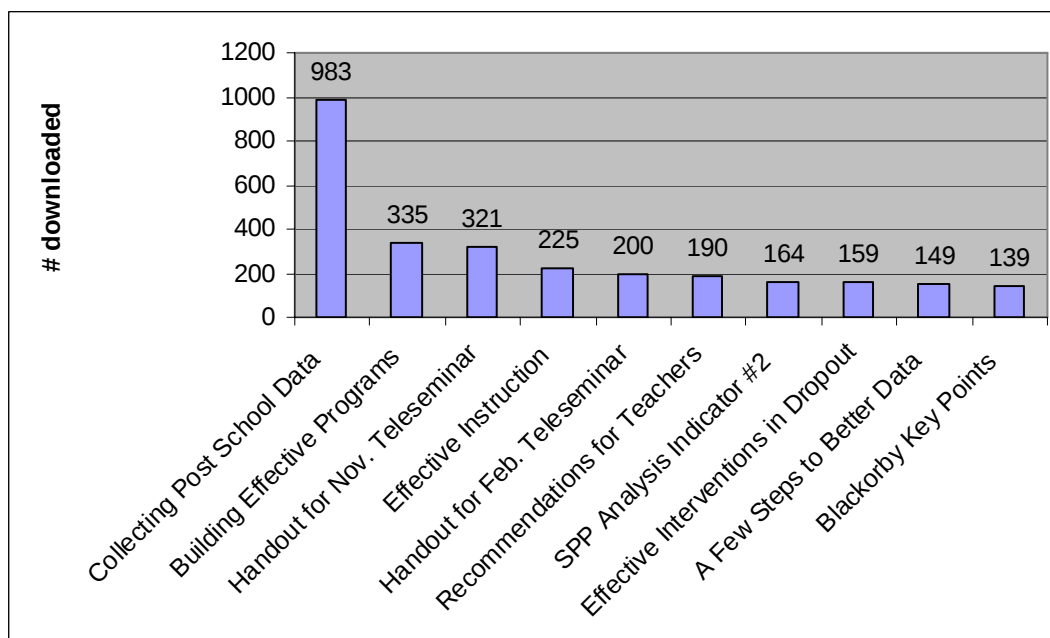
Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)



Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- [Página Principal de NDPC-SD \(espanol/index.htm\)](#): 118 views
- [La Privacidad \(espanol/privacy.htm\)](#): 60 views
- [Sobre el NDPC-SD \(espanol/about/index.htm\)](#): 46 views
- [Accesibilidad \(espanol/accessibility.htm\)](#): 43 views
- [Noticias Electrónicas \(espanol/enews/index.htm\)](#): 42 views

NDPC-SD Website Downloads





Top 10 Downloads

- ★ ★ Collecting Post-School Outcome Data: Strategies for Increasing Response Rates (/docs/final_pso_doc.pdf) 983 downloads.
- ★ ★ Building Effective Dropout Prevention Programs (/assistance/docs/building_effective_dropout_prevention_programs.pdf) 335 downloads.
- ★ ★ Partnering with Parents in Dropout Prevention: The Need and the How (</econnections/teleseminar-061109/handout.pdf>) 321 downloads.
- ★ ★ Effective Instruction: An Inconspicuous Strategy for Dropout Prevention (/docs/inconspicuousstrategy_bostriccomini20070511.pdf) 225 downloads.
- ★ ★ The Big Four: A Framework for Improving Instruction That Leads to School Completion (/econnections/knight-070213/knight_materials.pdf) 200 downloads.
- ★ ★ PowerPoint presentation: "Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Teachers" (/assistance/docs/recommendations_for_teachers--20060920.pdf). 190 downloads.
- ★ ★ An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 2 (Dropout) (/assistance/docs/indicator_2--dropout.pdf). 164 downloads.
- ★ ★ Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators, Volume 1, Number 1 ([resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf](/resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf)). 159 downloads.
- ★ ★ A Few Steps to Better Data (/assistance/docs/a_few_steps_to_better_data.pdf) 149 downloads.
- ★ ★ Key Points of Translating National Data into State and Local Practice (/econnections/blackorby-060216/blackorby_keypoints.pdf). 139 downloads

Upcoming Events

- ★ ★ July 9-11, 2007: Presentation at the Westat Part B Data Managers' Meeting in Bethesda, MD
- ★ ★ July 12-13, 2007: Consult with GA DOE regarding focus monitoring probes; Pre-tape first two training modules for GA Graduation Project SPDG in Atlanta, Georgia
- ★ ★ July 16-18, 2007: Attend the OSEP Project Officer's Conference in Washington, DC
- ★ ★ July 26-27, 2007: Conduct High School & Middle School Graduation Coach Training in Macon, Georgia