

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	August 2007	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 07 – Dec. 07)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	3 (0)	10 (12)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	N/A	15 (20)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	1 (120)	25 (191)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone or written consultations	6 (2)	8 (11)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site technical assistance	1 (8)	8 (48)
Total number of instances SEAs (LEAs) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	11 (130)	51 (Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA)

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, OH, PA, VA, VI

Type of Technical Assistance States Received

- Request Information/Materials: LA, MD, VA
- Conference Presentation: VI
- Phone/Written Consultation: FL, MD
- On-site/ TA: GA, NC, VI

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year (51)

AR, AZ, CA, CMNI, 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, MSRRRC, NHSC, NPSO, NSTTAC, OSEP, WESTAT.

Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ Continue work with ETE to finalize Algebra practice brief.
- ✧ Work with ETE to gather information on re-entry/recovery programs.
- ✧ Begin abstract on Policies and Procedures practice brief
- ✧ Finalized APR analysis documents for posting on website
- ✧ Developed APR checklist to assist states in improving quality of next APR submission
- ✧ Compiled fact sheet on dropout prevention

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Direct

North Carolina

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff conducted day long workshop with DPI staff and six districts engaged in focus monitoring on graduation and dropout indicators in the 2006/2007 school year. Information was provided about causes, influence of policies and school practices, and evidence based interventions that could be used to address issues around behavior, attendance, building school connections, and increasing academic success. This information will assist districts in developing improvement plans required by focused monitoring.

Georgia

- ✧ Presented 2007/08 school year activities to 60 teachers and support personnel at Rabun County High School's back to school in-service training session. The high school is one of NDPC-SD's target schools. Activities will address the district's attendance and academic issues that lead to the school's dropout rate.

Florida

- ✧ NDPC-SD worked with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Division of Special Education Leadership Team to plan training for the district for the upcoming school year. The Center will work in conjunction with the District to provide dropout prevention training to the districts 14 PBS schools. Training will be held the second week of October.
- ✧ Planned two day training on dropout prevention basics for 35 schools in the district to assist in developing improvement plan required by the FLDOE.

Maryland

- ✧ Continue to work with the SEA to plan and conduct professional development throughout the year including the following activities:
- ✧ Intensive TA to two districts beginning September 24 & 25

- ✧✧ Teleseminar with SEA and District staff to provide overview of training, discuss expectations, and respond to questions.
- ✧✧ Participation in transition conference in November.

Virgin Islands

- ✧✧ NDPC-SD participated in week-long summer institute and conducted 25 sessions on pertinent changes in the IDEA, dropout prevention and positive behavior supports in the classroom. Consultation was also provided to the VIDE staff on performance indicators 1, 2, 13, 14, and 15.

Teleseminars

✧✧ Fall, 2007 Teleseminar or Webseminar

EDC began coordinating the logistics and marketing for the Teleseminar, which will take place on October 16, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm EST. The title is, "The Impact of Policies and Procedures on Dropout and School Completion." Presenters will be Dr. Loujeania Williams Bost and Dr. Matthew Klare from the Center.

✧✧ Winter, 2007 Teleseminar

In conjunction with the Center, EDC confirmed a date for the Webseminar, which will focus on student engagement, research, practice, and results. Sandy Christensen will be the expert speaker. The date is December 11, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm EST.

Requests

- ✧✧ Responded to requests to participate in the following SEA activities
 - Maryland Transition Conference – November 2007
 - Louisiana Transition Conference – January 2008
 - Virginia Transition Conference- March 2008

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧✧ OSEP Leadership Conference
- ✧✧ Transition Initiative planning calls with SEAs
- ✧✧ Planning for NSTTAC mid year forum in Orlando
- ✧✧ Planning for Fall meeting with Urban Leadership Collaborative in Atlanta focusing on School Completion
- ✧✧ Planning for regional meetings on three Centers collaborative work around the indicators.
- ✧✧ Planning for GA SPDG implementation
- ✧✧ Planning with Tri-State SEAs (Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia) for the secondary transition initiative
- ✧✧ Planning with Ohio for the secondary plan initiative

Goal 4: Dissemination



Big-IDEAs eNewsletter Summer, 2007 Issue

EDC continued to coordinate the Summer, 2007 issue, including establishing editorial content and deadlines. The Summer, 2007 issue will be produced and disseminated in mid- September, 2007 to coincide with the start of the new school year.



Spotlight on Exemplary Research-based Models & Programs

EDC and the Center held a follow up discussion around the concept paper and TA plan. In September, EDC and the Center will create a timeline and plan for implementation.



Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies eNewsletter List

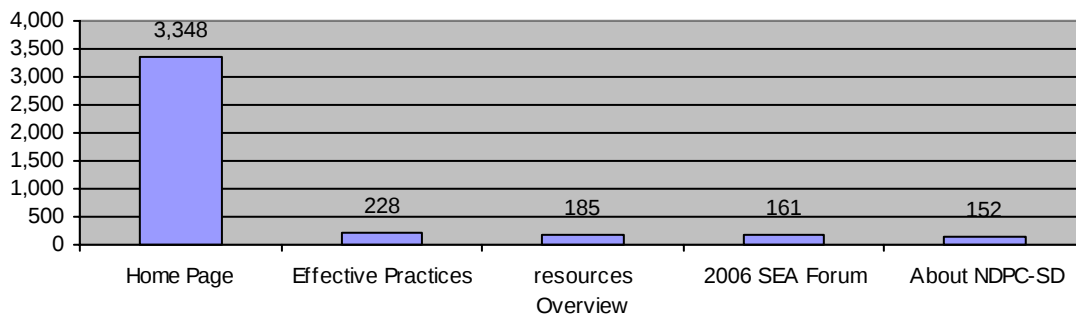
EDC continued to subscribe, update, and monitor subscriptions of the email list. This month, subscriptions grew from 1,012 to 1,017, an increase of five new subscribers this month.

NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 6,574

Total Page Views (Spanish): 1,113

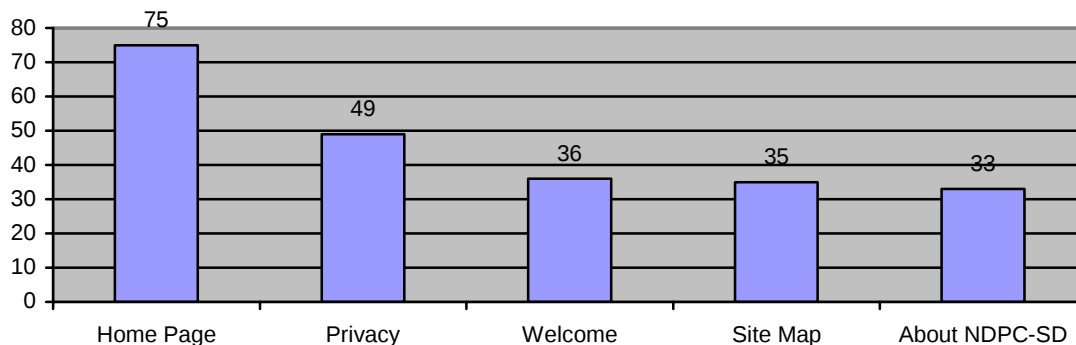
Pages Visitors Viewed (English)



Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- ★ NDPC-SD Home Page: 3,348 views
- ★ Effective Practices and Strategies: 228 views
- ★ Resources Overview: 185 views
- ★ 2006 SEA Forum: 161 views
- ★ About NDPC-SD: 152 views

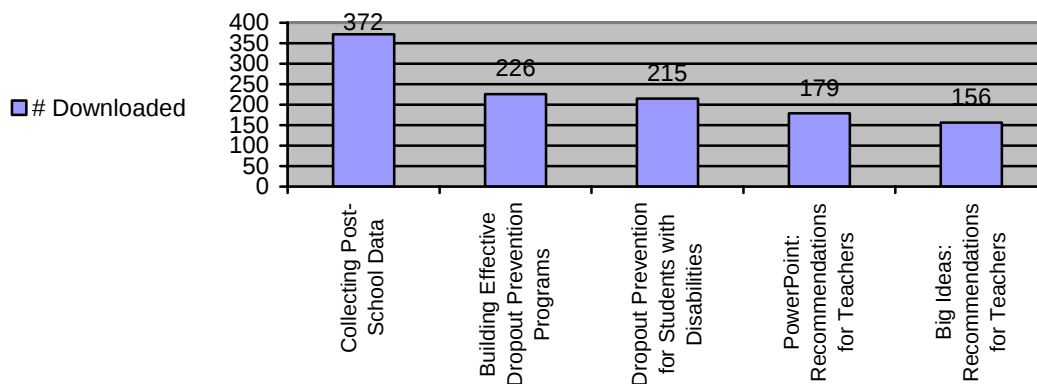
Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)



Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- ★ Página Principal de NDPC-SD (*espanol/index.htm*): 75 views
- ★ La Privacidad (*espanol/privacy.htm*): 49 views
- ★ Welcome (*espanol/index2.htm*): 36 views
- ★ Mapa del sitio (*espanol/sitemap.htm*): 35 views
- ★ Sobre el NDPC-SD (*espanol/about/index.htm*): 33 views

NDPC-SD Website Downloads



Top 10 Downloads

- ★ Collecting Post-School Outcome Data: Strategies for Increasing Response Rates (/docs/final_pso_doc.pdf). 372 downloads.
- ★ Building Effective Dropout Prevention Programs (/assistance/docs/building_effective_dropout_prevention_programs.pdf). 226 downloads.
- ★ Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Evidence-based Programs that Work ([docs/oklahoma_transition_conf_ppt.pdf](/docs/oklahoma_transition_conf_ppt.pdf)). 215 downloads.
- ★ PowerPoint presentation: "Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Teachers" (/assistance/docs/recommendations_for_teachers--20060920.pdf). 179 downloads.
- ★ Big Ideas: Recommendations for Teachers (/docs/recommendations+for+teachers+_ss+article+for+big+ideas_.pdf) 156 downloads.

Upcoming Events

- ★ September 17-18, 2007: Present at New Mexico Transition Conference in Grants, NM
- ★ September 13, 2007: Consult with GA Graduation Project SPDG in Atlanta, GA
- ★ September 12, 2007: NDPC-SD presents to 9th graders of Gainesville (GA) City Schools
- ★ September 24-25, 2007: Training at Capacity Training Seminar for Miami-Dade Public Schools