

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	September 2007	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 07 – Dec. 07)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	2 (1)	10 (12)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	N/A	15 (20)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	1 (2)	25 (191)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone or written consultations	8 (3)	8 (11)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site technical assistance	3 (5)	8 (48)
Total number of instances SEAs (LEAs) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	14 (11)	51 (Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA)

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

Type of Technical Assistance States Received

- Requested Information/Materials: FL, MD, VI
- Conference Presentation: NM
- Phone/Written Consultation: FL, GA, NC, NM, OH, PA, VA, VI
- On-site/ TA: GA, MD, NM

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

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

EDC, IDRA, MSRRRC, NHSC, NPSO, NSTTAC, OSEP, WESTAT.

Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ Met with Dr. Paul Riccomini and a new graduate student on September 6th to discuss having the student contact several promising dropout prevention re-entry programs. NDPC-SD staff provided the student with the Center's program evaluation survey instrument and reviewed/revised his script for calling the programs.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Florida

- ✧ Conducted planning calls with Miami-Dade County Schools (MDCS) personnel for the upcoming three weeks of training in October. Prepared and sent training materials to MDCS for printing in advance of the trainings.
- ✧ Center staff developed dropout prevention training modules for M-DCPS EBD Clinical Staff which included Clinical and School Psychologists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Behavior Management Teachers, Counselors, and Art Therapists.

Georgia

- ✧ Met with team from Gainesville City Schools on two occasions in September to review their progress on development of a dropout-prevention initiative.
- ✧ Also met with Ken Martin, Principal of Freshman Academy in Gainesville HS. The focus of the Gainesville initiative will be on freshman students with disabilities. The school is compiling data about these students in order to begin the development of risk profiles for those students. Ken will be our contact for the project in Gainesville.

Maryland

- ✧ Kickoff call with MSDE and two focus counties in Maryland (Cecil and Baltimore County Schools). Tom Barkley introduced the initiative and described the purpose and timeline. NDPS-SD presented information about the Center, our mission and the work we will conduct with the counties to improve their school-completion rates.
- ✧ Delivered NDPC-SD Training Modules 1 through 3 to 25 school and district personnel from Cecil and Baltimore County Schools as well as MSDE staff over a two-day period (Sept 24 & 25).

New Mexico

- ✧ Participated in three planning calls for New Mexico Transition Initiative - partner activity with NSTTAC and NPSO Center.

- ✧ Conducted intensive work with two school districts in New Mexico (Grants and Gallup County Schools). Presented information about the Center and about the use of data in identifying at-risk students.

Virgin Islands

- ✧ NDPC-SD provided information regarding focused monitoring probes for indicators 1 and 2.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

NASDSE

- ✧ NDPC-SD participated in a transition initiative call with NASDSE which included representatives from DE, FL, NC, PA, VA

NSTTAC and NPSO

- ✧ NDPC-SD worked in conjunction with NSTTAC and NPSO with 2 LEAs and 1 SEA in New Mexico.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD and EDC continued to brainstorm and plan prospective keynote speakers, invitees from OSEP's TA&D network, and the role the NDPC-SD will play at the Fall Meeting. The topic of the fall 2007 Meeting is "Increasing School Completion and Graduation Rates among Students with Disabilities in Urban Schools." The topic was consciously created to coincide with the Center's mission and purpose and will provide the NDPC-SD even greater national visibility among school districts than it usually does at Collaborative meetings. In September, the Collaborative worked with NDPC-SD staff in organizing presentations for the meeting in October.
- ✧ EDC continued 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. EDC created and disseminated the flyer via the *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* listserv, as well as announced the event in *CollabNews* and *Inclusive Schools Week (ISW) News*, which is disseminated through two additional listservs to Collaborative members, associates, and subscribers from across the nation and in Canada. The Teleseminar was also highlighted in the *Big IDEAs*, Summer Issue.
- ✧ EDC continued coordinating the logistics and marketing for the upcoming Webseminar, which will take place on December 11, 2007 from

12:00 noon to 1:00 pm EST. Dr. Sandy Christensen will be the expert speaker. The title is, "Engaging Students with School: The Essential Dimension of Dropout Prevention Programs" will focus on student engagement, research, practice, and results. The Webseminar was highlighted in the *Big IDEAs*, Summer Issue. Next month, we will finalize the flyer and announce the event in *CollabNews* and *Inclusive Schools Week (ISW) News*, as well as via the *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* listserv.

-  EDC continued to subscribe, update, and monitor subscriptions of the email list. This month, subscriptions grew from 1,017 to 1,037, an increase of twenty new subscribers this month.
-  EDC houses several NDPC-SD publications, Web-based forms and documents on its server, with a total of 2,991 page views for the month of September. Below are some additional the Web statistics.

Management

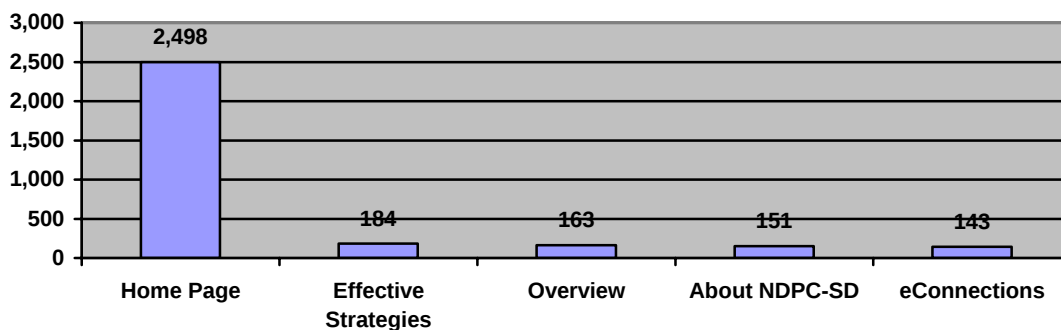
-  Continue the re-design of Center website to be launched this fall.
-  Conducted monthly conference call with Project Officer, Selete Avoke, on September 6, 2007.
-  Conducted monthly ETE meeting on September 10, 2007.

NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 5,478

Total Page Views (Spanish): 760

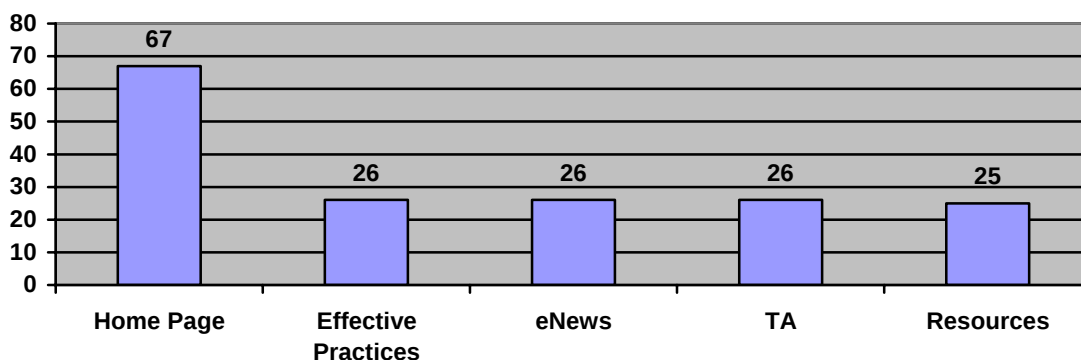
Pages Visitors Viewed (English)



Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

-  NDPC-SD Home Page: 2,498 views
-  Effective Practices and Strategies: 184 views
-  Resources Overview: 163 views
-  About NDPC-SD: 151 views
-  2006 SEA Forum: 143 views

Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)

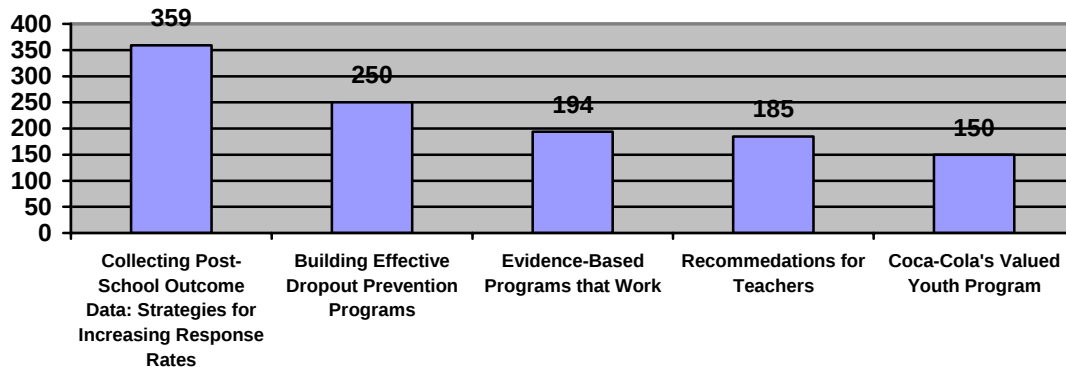


Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

-  Página Principal de NDPC-SD (*espanol/index.htm*). 67 views.
-  Las Estrategias y Prácticas (*espanol/practices/strategies.htm*). 26 views.

- ✧ Noticias Electrónicas (<espanol/enews/index.htm>). 26 views.
- ✧ Apoyo Técnico (<espanol/assistance/index.htm>). 26 views.
- ✧ Resumen de Recursos (<espanol/resources/index.htm>). 25 views.

NDPC-SD Website Downloads



Top 10 Downloads

- ✧ Collecting Post-School Outcome Data: Strategies for Increasing Response Rates (/docs/final_pso_doc.pdf) 359 downloads.
- ✧ Building Effective Dropout Preventions Programs (/assistance/docs/building_effective_dropout_prevention_programs.pdf). 250 downloads.
- ✧ Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Evidence-based Programs that Work (docs/oklahoma_transition_conf_ppt.pdf). 194 downloads.
- ✧ PowerPoint presentation: "Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Teachers" (/assistance/docs/recommendations_for_teachers--20060920.pdf). 185 downloads.
- ✧ Bringing Research and Practice Together The Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program (/resources/docs/seaforum2006/cortez_cortez--coca-cola_valued_youth.pdf) 150 downloads.
- ✧ The Big Four: A Framework for Improving Instruction That Leads to School Completion (/econnections/knight-070213/knight_materials.pdf) 145 downloads.
- ✧ Big Ideas: Recommendations for Teachers (/docs/recommendations+for+teachers+_ss+article+for+big+ideas_.pdf) 118 downloads.

- ✧ Effective Instruction: An Inconspicuous Strategy for Dropout Prevention (/docs/inconspicuousstrategy_bostriccomini20070511.pdf). 104 downloads.
- ✧ Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators, Volume 1, Number 1 (</resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf>). 104 downloads.
- ✧ An Analysis of States' Annual Performance Report Data for Indicator 1 (Graduation) (</assistance/docs/2005-06+apr+analysis+of+graduation.pdf>) 99 downloads.

Upcoming Events

- ✧ Dr. Loujeania Williams Bost and Dr. Matthew Klare will present a teleseminar on October 18th – “The Impact of Policies and Procedures on Dropout and School Completion”
- ✧ Dr. Bost, Dr. Smith, Dr. Klare, and Dr. Riccomini to present intensive TA with Miami-Dade School District in Miami, FL during the first three weeks of October
- ✧ Dr. Bost and Dr. Smith to present at International CCBD Conference – October 4-5 in Dallas, TX
- ✧ Dr. Bost to present at DCTE Conference – October 17-18 in Orlando, FL
- ✧ Dr. Bost, Dr. Smith and Dr. Klare to present at Urban Collaborative Meeting – October 24-27 in Atlanta, GA