

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	October 2007	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 07 – Dec. 07)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) requesting materials/information	4 (1)	10 (13)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in Teleconferences	N/A	13 (20)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	35 (94)	29 (191)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving individual phone or written consultations	7 (0)	8 (11)
Number of SEAs (LEAs) receiving on-site technical assistance	2(1)	8 (48)
Total number of instances SEAs (LEAs) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	15 (96)	51 (Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA)

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month: AR, FL, GA, SD, TX

Type of Technical Assistance States Received

- Request Information/Materials: GA, AR, FL, SD, VI
- Conference Presentation: TX, FL (28 SEAs from NSTTAC Forum), GA
- Phone/Written Consultation: FL, GA, VI
- On-site/ TA: FL

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

Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ Continued to develop new practice briefs with ECE
- ✧ Refined training modules for upcoming training in MD and GA

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Florida

- ✧ NDPC-SD trained LEA teams from 55 Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) on the use of the NDPC-SD Framework for dropout prevention. Specifically, Center Staff trained 35 teams from North and South districts with M-DCPS and 20 teams from schools presently implementing School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS).
- ✧ Center staff will work with the 20 PBS schools (grades K-12) to establish model sites at three schools (grades K-12) for dropout prevention.

Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative

- ✧ Center staff presented at the 2007 Fall Urban Collaborative Meeting in Atlanta. Dr. Klare presented a session entitled "Using Data to Identify Dropout Related Needs". Dr. Smith presented a session entitled "Addressing Dropout through Positive Behavior Supports". Dr. Bost and Dr. Smith jointly conducted a session entitled "Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: What the Research Tells Us". Opportunities for questions, consultation, and feedback were provided.

Georgia

- ✧ NDPC-SD continued to work with GLRS to develop training modules for upcoming collaborative coaches training and Pioneer RESA booster training for 17 high schools who received intensive TA in early 2007.
- ✧ Conducted planning with SEA graduation/dropout team to finalize capacity building trainings in November for the GASPDG.

Texas

- ✧ Presented as part of the Drop-Out Prevention of Students with or At-Risk for Social/Emotional Failure Strand at the 7th Biennial International Conference on Children and Youth with Behavioral Disorders. Center Staff presented a session titled "Dropout Prevention for Students with or At-Risk for Social/Emotional Failure: From Research to Practice."

Virgin Islands

- ✧ Prepared and sent materials including information about projects funded by the US Department of Education.

Requests

- ✧ The NDPC-SD accepted a request from the Metrowest GLRS to present a parent liaison workshop in January, 2008.
- ✧ NDPC-SD granted permission to the Arkansas Department of Education to use the teleseminar PowerPoint to present to teachers and administrators within their state.
- ✧ Dr. Bost responded to Georgia LEA requesting more information about future educational presentations by NDPC-SD.
- ✧ South Dakota DOE contacted NDPC-SD to request a presentation at an upcoming conference.

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

- ✧ Participated in NSTTAC's mid-year institute in Orlando, FL as panelist for the focused discussion "A Model for Collaborative Technical Assistance for SPP Indicators 1, 2, 13, & 14." The session focused on collaborative work done among NDPC-SD, NSTTAC, and NPSO to pilot an accountability framework for improving transition education, services, and outcomes. Examples of coordinated work, including perspectives from two pilot states. Staff participated in concurrent sessions to further problem-solving with SEA team members around issues related to collecting, reporting, and using data across the four indicators.

Goal 4: Dissemination

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- ✧ EDC disseminated the Big-IDEAs eNewsletter Summer, 2007 issue in early October, 2007.
- ✧ EDC held its Fall, 2007 Meeting, "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 provided the Center's work, products, and resources

great exposure. Dr. Klare presented a session entitled “Using Data to Identify Dropout Related Needs”. Dr. Bost presented a session entitled “Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: What the Research Tells Us”. Dr. Smith presented a session entitled “Addressing Dropout through Positive Behavior Supports”. Dr. Bost and Dr. Smith jointly conducted a session entitled “Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: What the Research Tells Us”. The upcoming Webseminar on student engagement was promoted through a flyer that was produced last month and distributed at the meeting.

✧ EDC executed the October 16, 2007 teleseminar entitled, “The Impact of Policies and Procedures on Dropout and School Completion.” The teleseminar is currently being transcribed. Next month, EDC will produce and edit the MP3 audio clips and transcripts and will send them to Clemson to post on the website.

✧ EDC continued coordinating the logistics and marketing for the upcoming Webseminar, which will take place on December 11, 2007. Dr. Sandy Christensen will be the expert speaker. This month, we finalized the flyer. In early November, we will announce the event via the *Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies* listserv.

Towards the end of November, we will publicize the event in *CollabNews* and *Inclusive Schools Week (ISW) News*. The flyer will also be posted on the Collaborative’s website in early November.

✧ EDC continued to subscribe, update, and monitor subscriptions of the Big IDEAs: Dropout Prevention Strategies eNewsletter email list. This month, subscriptions grew from 1,037 to 1,167, which is an increase of 130 new subscribers this month.

✧ EDC houses several NDPC-SD publications, Web-based forms and documents on its server, with a total of 3,395 page views for the month of October.

Management

✧ Continue the re-design of Center website to be launched this fall.

✧ Held Partner meeting in ATL with EDC (IDRA) did not participate

✧ Continued to work with external evaluator to conduct annual external evaluation report due in December.

✧ Held monthly call with Project Officer

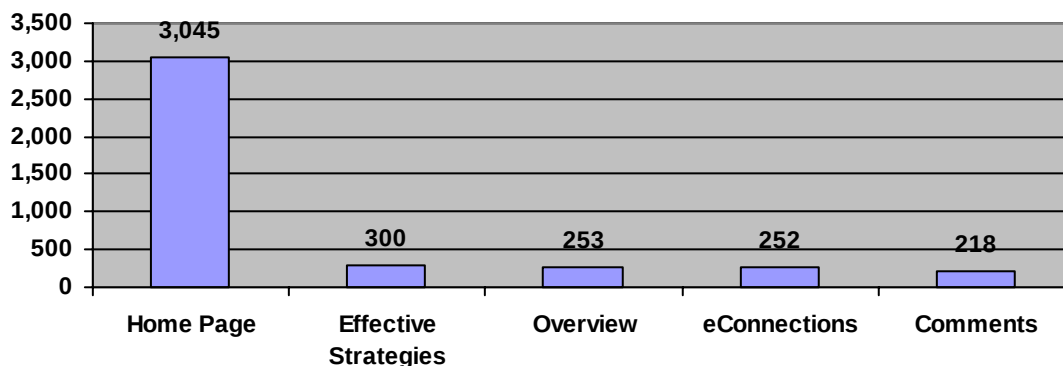
✧ Meet with ETE group

NDPC-SD Web Statistics

Total Page Views (English): 6,834

Total Page Views (Spanish): 789

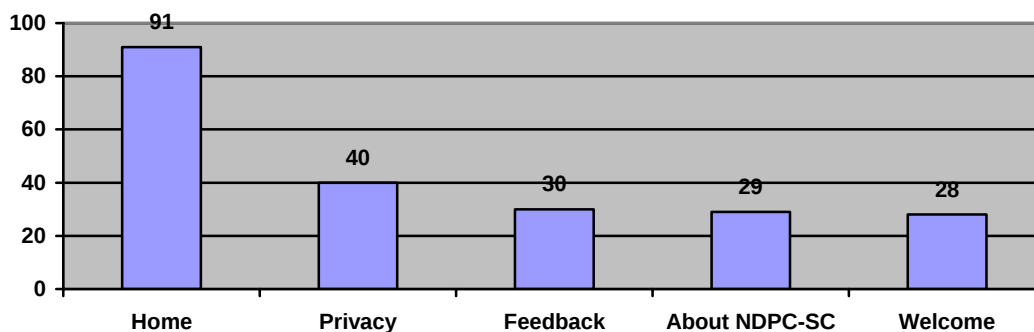
Pages Visitors Viewed (English)



Top Five Pages Viewed (English)

- ★ NDPC-SD Home Page: 3,045 views
- ★ Effective Practices and Strategies: 300 views
- ★ Resources Overview: 253 views
- ★ eConnections: 252 views
- ★ Comments: 218 views

Pages Visitors Viewed (Spanish)

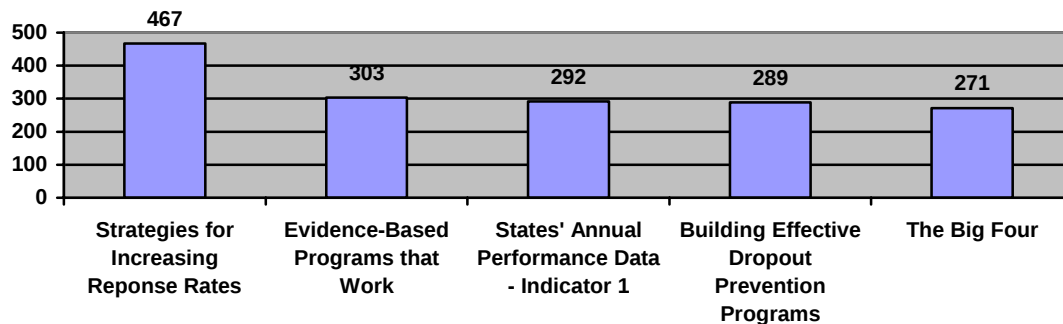


Top Five Pages Viewed (Spanish)

- ★ Puntos Sobresalientes: 91 views.
- ★ La Privacidad: 40 views.
- ★ Retroalimentación: 30 views.
- ★ Sobre el NDPC-SD: 29 views.

🌟 Welcome: 28 views.

NDPC-SD Website Downloads



Top 10 Downloads

- 🌟 Collecting Post-School Outcome Data: Strategies for Increasing Response Rates (/docs/final_pso_doc.pdf) 467 downloads.
- 🌟 Dropout Prevention for Students with Disabilities: Evidence-based Programs that Work (docs/oklahoma_transition_conf_ppt.pdf). 303 downloads.
- 🌟 An Analysis of States' Annual Performance Report Data for Indicator 1 (Graduation) (</assistance/docs/2005-06+apr+analysis+of+graduation.pdf>) 292 downloads.
- 🌟 Building Effective Dropout Preventions Programs (/assistance/docs/building_effective_dropout_prevention_programs.pdf). 289 downloads.
- 🌟 The Big Four: A Framework for Improving Instruction That Leads to School Completion (/econnections/knight-070213/knight_materials.pdf) 271 downloads.
- 🌟 Bringing Research and Practice Together The Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program (/resources/docs/seaforum2006/cortez_cortez--coca-cola_valued_youth.pdf) 185 downloads.
- 🌟 Big Ideas: Recommendations for Teachers (/docs/recommendations+for+teachers+_ss+article+for+big+ideas_.pdf) 182 downloads.
- 🌟 An Analysis of State Performance Plan Data for Indicator 1 (Dropout) (</assistance/docs/2005-06+apr+analysis+of+dropout.pdf>) 179 downloads.
- 🌟 Effective Interventions in Dropout Prevention: A Practice Brief for Educators, Volume 1, Number 1 (</resources/docs/prctbrief.pdf>). 153 downloads.

- ✧ The Impact of Policies and Procedures on Dropout and School Completion (Teleseminar Information Flyer) ([econnections/bost-071016/flyer.pdf](#)) 137 downloads.

Upcoming Events

- ✧ November 1: Booster Session with GA/GLRS – Bost & Smith
- ✧ November 2: LEA meeting with Gainesville High School - Smith
- ✧ November 6-8: Tri-state meeting (DE, PA, VA) in Richmond, VA - Klare
- ✧ November 7: GA Collaboration Coaches Training – Bost and Smith
- ✧ November 7-8: Present at G-CASE (Georgia Council of Administrators of Special Education) - Bost
- ✧ November 14: Capacity Building Training (Causal Analysis Module 3) - Bost
- ✧ November 15-16: SEA training in Cecil County, MD – Team (Bost, Smith, Klare, Riccomini)
- ✧ November 28-30: Georgia SPDG Capacity Building Training (Causal Analysis Module 3)- Bost & Klare