

**National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities
Monthly Report – October 2011
Project Activities**

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	October 2011	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 11 – Dec. 11)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) requesting information/materials	4 (0)	13 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in Teleconferences/Webinars	0 (0)	38 (95)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	1 (0)	4 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving individual phone, electronic or written consultations	8 (1)	18 (1)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance	2 (0)	6 (15)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	14 (0)	(Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA) 43

States receiving some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD this month:

Type of Technical Assistance Provided:

- Request for Information/Materials/TA: FL, NC, TX, UT
- Teleconferences and Webinars: 0
- Conference Presentations: 1
- Individual phone, electronic or written consultations: AR, BIE, FL, MO, NC, UT, WA, WV
- On-site training: MI, SD

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year: AK, AR, AZ, BIE, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, GUAM, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NE, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SD, UT, TX, VA, VI, VT, WA, WI, WV

Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff and the graduate students completed the search for the literature review and printed out abstracts of articles to begin the screening process. The initial screening of abstracts will take place the first week of November.
- ✧ Staff continued work on School Climate product.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Tier One

- ✧ Staff worked with EDC to begin planning for fall issue of Big IDEAs newsletter and winter Teleseminar.

Tier Two

Florida

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff conducted the bi-monthly phone consultation with M-DCPS. Ms. Robin Morrison, Dropout Prevention Coordinator, is presently seeking assistance November 2-4, 2011 with data collection, action planning, and training of Charter Schools and the additional training and consultation regarding the remaining schools within M-DCPS. Additional discussions will address preparations for the M-DCPS and NDPC-SD Spring Dropout Prevention Share Fair to be held spring 2012 in M-DCPS.

South Dakota

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff met with the South Dakota team members on October 4-8, 2011. The staff travelled to Rapid City to meet with the team to discuss their school-completion initiative and review their data. The staff met with the Special Education Director, Troy Voleski, and his staff as well as staff from several schools (elementary, middle and HS) in the district. The staff visited Rapid City's alternative programs and met with 5 cohort schools and discussed their plans and activities. The staff introduced the Data Workbooks to these teams.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff customized the risk calculator for South Dakota and emailed it to the South Dakota team members.

Tier Three (Intensive TA)

Arkansas

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff discussed the technical assistance training needs for Arkansas with the state contact and planned the agenda for training which is scheduled for November 17-18, 2011

BIE

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff continues to provide technical assistance and targeted consultation with the BIE Dropout Prevention Coordinators Dr. Marilyn Johnson and Ms. Sue Bement. The Coordinators successfully finalized and submitted the NDPC-SD and BIE Cooperative Agreement. All signatures from the Directors of BIE and NDPC-SD have been secured and all parties have received and filed copies of the Agreement.
- ✧ Dr. Johnson on October 21st and 28th submitted monthly updates to NDPC-SD. Dr. Johnson and Ms. Bement presented at the National Indian Education Associate Convention on October 27, 2011 in Albuquerque, NM with 160 participants in the session. NDPC-SD materials were provided and copies of the joint presentation developed by Dr. Smith and Dr. Johnson were disseminated to all participants. Presently the final 41 BIE operated and tribal schools are being contacted in order to finalize Cohort 1 Treatment, Control, and Wait-List Control Groups.

Michigan

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff held the kickoff meeting with the Michigan team members on October 17-19, 2011. In the morning they met with team members from the various state agencies and discussed current state initiatives. The staff met with Leisa Gallagher, Chuck Saur (Director of the Michigan Transition Outcomes Project), Nancy Rotarius (Policy Unit, OSE), and Teri Johnson (Assistant Director of Special Education for Michigan) in the afternoon to discuss issues around the initiatives in Michigan and the work we will do together. On Wednesday, October 19th, the staff met with Eleanor White, Director of Special Education in Michigan, and again with Chuck Saur and Leisa Gallagher. Michigan is to sign the MOU within 30 days and is working on a plan for our work together.

Missouri

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff had a planning call and briefing regarding the State's Dropout Prevention Initiative with Barb Gilpin on October 25, 2011. The state's next steps and plans regarding intensive technical assistance will be discussed at a planning meeting on November 9-11, 2011. The staff will meet with Ms. Gilpin, the Dropout Prevention Coordinator, as well as additional team members and Dropout Prevention Consultants (i.e., representatives from the Regional Professional Development Center) who will be trained via a Train the Trainer Model Statewide on the NDPC-SD Dropout Prevention Intervention Framework. The planning meeting will also specifically address action planning and data collection.

North Carolina

- ✧ NDPC-SD received the official invitation to participate in the SEA's results work planning visit with OSEP during the month of November. The focus of the states work is to improve outcomes for youth across indicators 1, 2, 13, and 14 by aligning TA and program improvement efforts.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in several planning calls with NCDPI, DAC, NPSO, and NSTTAC regarding the SEA's upcoming OSEP verification visit in November. Data Probes to conduct pre onsite visits with LEAs targeted in their results work were provided.

- ✧ Conducted planning conference with NCDPI's Dropout Prevention Initiative Coordinator Dr. Susan Davis to begin laying out the scope and sequence of work to occur during their TA intensive partnership with NDPC-SD. Preliminary discussions were held to make sure that the results work and the dropout prevention intensive TA were intentional aligned but not mutually exclusive.

Utah

- ✧ NDPC-SD continued to plan with WestED and UOSE the "Next Steps for Dropout Prevention in Utah" bridge event to be held November 14, 2011. Planning activities included, finalizing the invitation list of schools, confirming panelists, developing stimulus questions for the community stakeholders and student panelist, and identifying support resources for participants.
- ✧ Staff continued to assist SEA to identify schools, develop training agenda, and arrange for capacity building training that will begin with modules 1-3 on November 15, 2011, following the Bridge Event on November 14th.

Washington

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff spoke with Mr. Dennis Matthews and additional SEA Leadership Team Members on October 21, 2011. The team submitted a draft plan by the October 15th deadline as well as the MOU to be viewed by all team members. In addition, the team is presently extending invitations for Cohort 1 to LEAs, to include administrator, teachers, guidance counselors, academic coaches, and practitioners. Representatives from both general education as well as special education have committed to attending. The first meeting for NDPC-SD and the SEA Leadership Team to speak with and inform the LEA representatives is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th. A team brief meeting and debriefing to collect surveys and possible letters of acceptance into Cohort 1 and to discuss the next steps will be held. It is anticipated the Cohort 1 will consist of middle school and high school teams.

West Virginia

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff received the action plans from ten district teams in West Virginia and began the review of the plans. The staff distributed the implementation survey to district teams and obtained information from the state contact regarding implementation work.

Miscellaneous

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff continued refining training modules. Specific contextualization will need to occur for training for BIE schools.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff continued refining NDPC-SD School Completion Data Workbooks and accompanying discussion guides and probes. These were shared with staff from Nebraska, South Dakota, Michigan, North Carolina, and Texas.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in the NSTTAC mid-year cadre meeting in Kansas City on October 11-13, 2011. NDPC-SD introduced the reentry reports and data workbooks. The staff
- ✧ Facilitated a session on mapping risk data in North Carolina and also met with meeting participants from Michigan, North Carolina and Texas.
- ✧ The staff met with NSTTAC, NPSO and WRRRC in a planning session for the upcoming WRRRC/NCRRC state summit in Denver. NDPC-SD will introduce the data workbooks, present on improvement activities for Indicators 1 & 2, and provide TA, as requested, to states in attendance.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in a call with the RRCSP SPA team to discuss their Spotlight Brief on the Georgia dropout initiative. The staff discussed content and dissemination plans for this brief and future briefs.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff prepared the presentation and handouts for the WRRRC/NCRRC summit in Denver scheduled to be held November 6-10, 2011.

Minority Male Youth with Disabilities Workgroup

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff continued with the bi-monthly contact with Dr. Avoke, the workgroup, and specifically the monograph authors. Via the request of the authors and approval from Dr. Avoke, the first deadline for Draft #1 of the *Workgroup Monograph* has been changed from September 30th to November 1st. The lead authors, Drs. Fashola, Toldson, Lucio and Hernandez contacted Dr. Smith reaffirming their commitment to the new deadline. Dr. Faircloth has requested one additional week due to travel. Each workgroup presenter except one with pending paperwork has received their reimbursement and stipends for attending and participating at the June meeting.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff sent 150 home/school brochures and 30 sets of the reentry reports to Miami-Dade for use in their November training sessions, along with CDs of the school data spreadsheets to aid in data collection.

Management

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff engaged in several contacts with our OSEP Project Officer to solicit feedback and secure approval for several upcoming activities.
- ✧ Dates have been set and confirmed for the 2012 Annual Advisory Team meeting to be held on March 28-29, 2012. The meeting will be held immediately following NDPC-SD's SEA Dropout Prevention Summit scheduled on March 27th and 28th.

Evaluation

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in the October 18th call with Tom Munk of CIPP to discuss the preliminary evaluation report of the Georgia data and strategies to better evaluate schools' progress with their work.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in a call with Tom Munk of CIPP about collecting evaluation data from states and evaluating non-model site states on October 27th.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff sent the Implementation Survey to Faith Huff in Georgia for distribution to the collaboration coaches and then on to the schools. The staff was also given the survey to distribute to their contacts in the intensive states.

Upcoming Activities

November 1-4, 2011: Booster Sessions with Miami-Dade

November 3, 2011: Planning Meeting with NCDPI

November 7-11, 2011: Denver, CO for the WRRC/NCRRRC APR Clinic

November 9-11: Initial Missouri Meetings

November 13-15, 2011: Utah Bridge Event and Training on Modules 1-3

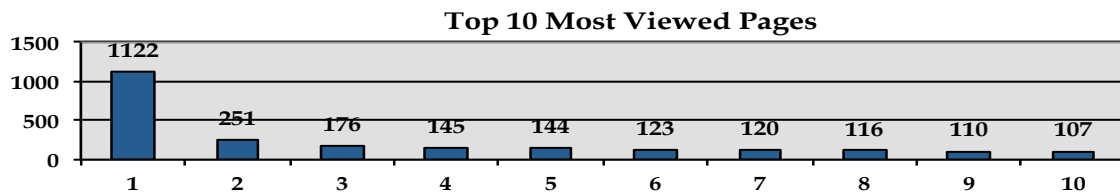
November 17-18, 2011: Arkansas Initial Training Sessions in Little Rock, AR

November 17-18, 2011: Results work meeting in North Carolina

November 18, 2011: Initial Meeting with Washington

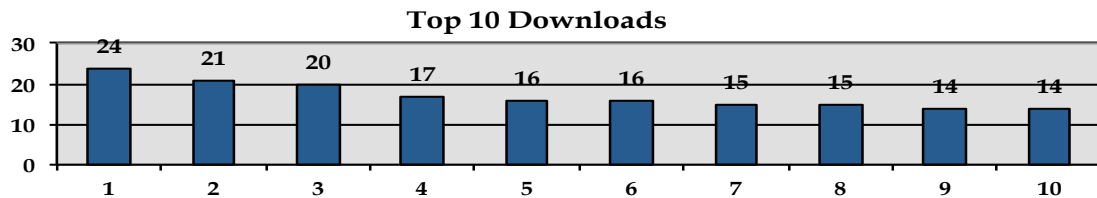
NDPC-SD Website
Monthly Statistics – October 2011

Total Page Views: 3,452



Top 10 Most Viewed Pages

	Title	Filename	Views
1	Homepage	/	1,122
2	Teleseminars and Web Events	/dissemination/teleseminars.php	251
3	Resources	/resources/index.php	176
4	Analyses of State APR/SPP Data	/knowledge/state_data_analyses.php	145
5	Evidence-Based Dropout-Prevention Programs	/dissemination/model_programs.php	144
6	Reentry Programs for Out-of-School Youth with Disabilities	/knowledge/reentry_programs.php	123
7	About NDPC-SD	/about/index.php	120
8	Knowledge Development	/knowledge/index.php	116
9	Conference Materials and Presentations	/dissemination/conferenceMaterialsPresentations.php	110
10	Resources for State Education Agencies (SEAs)	/resources/for_states.php	107



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1	APR/SPP Analysis Reports: FF& 2009 APR: Graduation Rate Summary	<i>/documents/Analysis_of_State_Reports/NDPC-SD_FFY_2009_Indicator_B1_summary.pdf</i>	24
2	Building Early Warning Systems to Identify Students with Disabilities at Risk for Dropping Out of High School and Monitoring their Response to Intervention	<i>/documents/Teleseminars/6.11_cummings/presentation.pdf</i>	21
3	NDPC-SD Dropout Prevention Intervention Framework (DPIF)	<i>/documents/NDPC-SD_InterventionBrief.pdf</i>	20
4	An Analysis of States' FFY 2009 Annual Performance Report Data for Indicator 2 (Dropout)	<i>/documents/Analysis_of_State_Reports/NDPC-SD_FFY_2009_Indicator_B2_summary.pdf</i>	17
5	Cognitive Behavioral Interventions: An Effective Approach to help Students with Disabilities Stay in School	<i>/documents/Practice_Guides/CBI_Practice_Brief.pdf</i>	16
6	Building Early Warning Systems to Identify Students with Disabilities at Risk for Dropping Out of High School and Monitoring their Response to Intervention (Transcript)	<i>/documents/Teleseminars/6.11_cummings/transcript.pdf</i>	16
7	Check and Connect	<i>/documents/Evidence_Based_Practices/Check_and_Connect_Description.pdf</i>	15
8	5 th Annual Secondary Transition State Planning Institute Presentations Overview	<i>/documents/annual_transition_presentation.doc</i>	15
9	Summary (for Reentry Reports)	<i>/documents/2011_Reentry-Reports/7-1-11-REENTRY_</i>	14
10	Improvement Strategies for State Performance Planning: SPP Toolkit Series, Number 1 – A Few Steps to Better Data	<i>/documents/A_Few_Steps_to_Better_Data.pdf</i>	14