

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	November 2011	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 11 – Dec. 11)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) requesting information/materials	5 (0)	17 (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	12 (18)	16 (18)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving individual phone, electronic or written consultations	3 (5)	19 (6)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance	3(8)	10 (17)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	23 (31)	(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: AR, LA, NC, UT, WA
- Teleconferences and Webinars: 0
- Conference Presentations: UT
- Individual phone, electronic or written consultations: BIE, NC, NE, UT, WV
- On-site training: AR, FL, NC, UT

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 met with the graduate students and Antonis Katsiyannis to discuss the progress of the literature review. The staff also met with the students throughout the month to organize and screen articles. The screening of articles will be completed by the end of November.

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 consultations with M-DCPS during the month of November that included the monthly briefing, a phone consultation on data collection, a data meeting, booster sessions, training of new staff, including Charter Schools and new Administrators, and meetings with District Supervisors regarding the updates on the M-DCPS Dropout Prevention Initiative. Additional planning and next steps include the M-DCPS Dropout Prevention Share Fair to be held in the spring of 2012.

Louisiana

- ★ NDPC-SD staff responded to request from Louisiana for consideration for intensive TA to prepare for results work on graduation and dropout indicators.

South Dakota

- ★ South Dakota held a webinar on November 2nd that Stephanie Wiedeman presented on attendance strategies; the school psychologist/Special Education director from Platte presented on mental health; and NDPC-SD staff demonstrated the draft risk calculator. There were three schools and several technical assistance people on the call.

Tier Three (Intensive TA)

Arkansas

- ★ NDPC-SD staff conducted training with seven school districts and the SEA team in Little Rock, Arkansas from November 17-18, 2011. Modules 1 through 3 were completed and the next training session is scheduled for January 19-20, 2012. The staff worked with the district teams on analyzing their data to identify their needs as part of the planning process.

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 continue to employ data based decisions in recruiting their first cohort to be selected from the 41 identified target schools. Dr. Johnson and Ms. Bement contacted the school administrators via the telephone and mailed letters. The deadline for responses from the schools is December 12th.

Michigan

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff received data files to review on November 29th.

Missouri

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff conducted the SEA Team Planning Meeting and the SEA Briefing during the week of November 7th. The staff met with Ms. Barb Gilpin, the State Dropout Prevention Coordinator and the new staff. NDPC-SD staff also met briefly with the Assistant State Commissioner and presented to the State Director and the Regional Professional Development Centers regarding the new intensive technical assistance. Initial steps were made in order to finalize the MOU and have it sent to the MO DESE Attorneys prior to obtaining signatures. Dates regarding intensive technical assistance and training, booster sessions, and site visits were discussed and scheduled. Additional discussion and finalization of dates and details will conclude next month during the monthly briefing.

Nebraska

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff placed calls with the state team on November 2nd and November 28th. They reviewed the MOU and their state plan during these calls. The staff also discussed the development of the resource sheets from UNL and the state team will send some examples for NDPC-SD to review/comment on/approve use of our materials. The next call is scheduled for December 15th and which time the staff will discuss plans for a two-day trip in January to review materials and to plan the pilot testing of the materials and processes.

North Carolina

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in two conference calls to prepare for NCDPI's Results work effort as part of the states onsite verification visit from OSEP during the week of November 15-18th.
- ✧ Staff attended results work meeting and provided guidance to the SEA team and designated LEAs (Greene and Granville Counties) on effective approaches for reviewing data and evidence based strategies in dropout prevention.

Utah

- ✧ On Monday November 14th, NDPC-SD staff cosponsored a kick off event with REL West and USOE that featured a community panel, youth speakers, research presentations and discussions, and planning conversations regarding next steps for Utah.
- ✧ Began capacity building training with schools from Sandy, Salt Lake, Grantsville, Orem, and Riverton districts. During training, schools learned more about research in dropout prevention involving youth with disabilities, strategies for identifying causes using relevant data,

and the NDPC-SD framework for building effective initiatives at the building level. These are the first of about 30 schools in the state that leaders hope to help over the next few years.

Washington

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff and the SEA Leadership Team conducted an SEA Team Planning Meeting on November 16th and held a video conference with approximately 35 sites/schools teams. Immediately following the videoconference, a number of teams committed to participating in the intensive TA as Cohort I. Follow-up surveys were sent to the schools and conference calls to discuss and finalize the next steps with both the SEA and LEAs is scheduled to be held in December.

West Virginia

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff began the review of the districts' action plans. On November 10th the staff had a phone conference with the state contact regarding the implementation process.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in a call with the RRC SPA Priority team on November 2nd to review the Georgia Spotlight Brief on Georgia's school completion initiative, Graduate First.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff prepared presentation materials and activities for the upcoming WRRC/NCRRC summit. The staff participated in a walk-through call on November 5th with the WRRC staff.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in the WRRC/NCRRC summit on November 6-9, 2011 in Denver. The staff participated in a session about SPP/APR SMART activities with the NPSO and NSTTAC staff. The staff also introduced our new data tools.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff also met and shared data tools with staff from Guam (entire team), Ohio (Assistant Director of Special and one other DoE staff member), Alaska (Sam Jordan and Davi Tarcy, consultants), Indiana (State Special Education Director), Nevada (Deputy Superintendent), Minnesota (Nancy Larson – Part B DoE staff), Michigan (State Director and others), and RRCP. Coordinators and staff, CNMI (DoE staff – Laura Brown), Missouri (DoE staff), Idaho (Special Education Director, Rich and Alison Lowenthal, DoE Part B staff). NDPC staff worked with Alison on the specific data she will need to obtain and submit for the state's APR calculations, data sources, etc. She is brand new to the state and inherited the APR work.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in a planning call with NSTTAC, NPSO, and NASDSE staff on November 29th for the 2012 Institute to be held in Charlotte which in May.

Minority Male Youth with Disabilities Workgroup

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff received two submissions of the first draft of the monograph. Two submissions remain to be submitted. Drs. Smith and Avoke have communicated with both authors and they report their submissions forthcoming within the first two

weeks of December. For the authors who submitted drafts, payment of honoraria has been requested. Dr. Riley at EDC has contacted authors for information needed to process payment and reported payment will be received within 30 days. Plans continue for a briefing in Washington, DC regarding the NDPC-SD Minority Male Youth with Disabilities workgroup and the monograph presently in preparation.

Goal 4: Dissemination

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff sent out several mailings this month. They included the following: (1) Utah (Bridge event) - 150 center brochures, 150 home/school brochures, 50 sets of the re-entry reports, and 13 posters; (2) Washington – 30 center brochures and 13 posters; (3) Utah (TA support) – 30 home/school brochures, 30 center brochures, 13 posters; and (4) Arkansas – 10 sets of re-entry reports and 30 center brochures.
- ✧ EDC staff edited and formatted the next edition of Big IDEAs to go out to the subscribers, numbering 2,862 currently.

Management

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff met with the Clemson graduate students and Antonis Katsiyannis about the review and analysis of SPP/APR improvement activities. They will code activities from last year and combine these with our APR work from previous years.
- ✧ EDC staff participated in a conference call with NDPC-SD staff and began the outreach to Winter/Spring 2012 Webinar/Teleseminar leaders.

Evaluation

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff updated the NDPCSD training/TA evaluation surveys and sent the links to the other staff members.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff conducted the regulation evaluation call with Tom Munk on November 28th. They discussed the implementation Survey process, reviewed the file of NDPC-SD intensive states and schools lists; and received feedback on the suspension/expulsion portion of the NDPC-SD data tool. The next call is scheduled for January 2nd.
- ✧ Georgia Schools are completing the Implementation Survey. There are currently 53 responses to the survey from the state. The NDPC-SD staff sent the data file and a request to our Georgia contact requesting that she have the collaboration coaches remind their schools to complete the survey.

Upcoming Activities

Bost – travel to Phoenix, AZ with NDPC on 12/6-8/11 for planning meeting for AZ Native American Dropout Prevention Institute

Covington Smith – travel to Washington, DC on 12/7-9/11 for visit with OSEP to update Dr. Avoke on the status of the Minority Male Youth with Disabilities workgroup and monograph

Bost and Covington Smith – travel to Missouri on 1/9-13/12 for initial training sessions

Bost travel to Charleston on 1/ 15- 17/ 12 for planning with REL WestED and Utah regarding partnership work in Utah during the next three years.

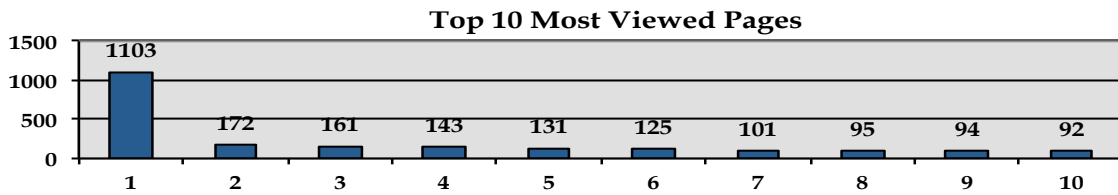
Bost travel to Washington DC on 1/ 17- 18/ 12 for IDEA Partnership shared work meeting that will focus on the NDPC-SD Dropout Prevention partnership with Georgia (GraduateFirst).

Klare and Wilkins – travel to Arkansas on 1/18-20/12 for second training session

Bost and Covington Smith – travel to Vancouver, WA on January 30-31 for training session

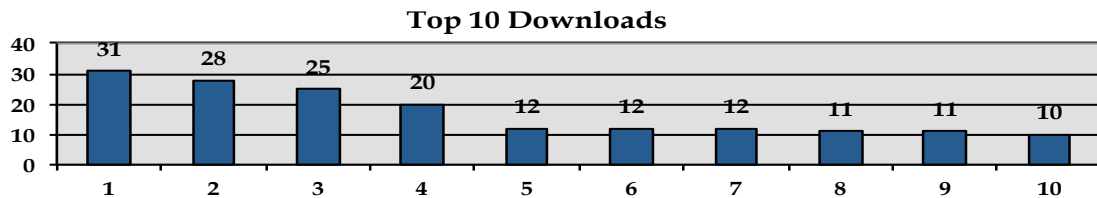
NDPC-SD Website
Monthly Statistics – November 2011

Total Page Views: 3,172



Top 10 Most Viewed Pages

	Title	Filename	Views
1	Homepage	/	1,103
2	Analyses of State APR/SPP Data	/knowledge/state_data_analyses.php	172
3	Evidence-Based Dropout-Prevention Programs	/dissemination/model_programs.php	161
4	Knowledge Development	/knowledge/index.php	143
5	Resources	/resources/index.php	131
6	Teleseminars and Web Events	/dissemination/teleseminars.php	125
7	About NDPC-SD	/about/index.php	101
8	Conference Materials and Presentations	/dissemination/conferenceMaterialsPresentations.php	95
9	Reentry Programs for Out-of-School Youth with Disabilities	/knowledge/reentry_programs.php	94
10	Resources for State Education Agencies (SEAs)	/resources/for_states.php	92



	Title	Filename	Down Loads
1	An Analysis of States' FFY 2009 Annual Performance Report Data for Indicator 2 (Dropout)	/documents/Analysis_of_State_Reports/NDPC-SD_FFY_2009_Indicator_B2_summary.pdf	31
2	Cognitive Behavioral Interventions: An Effective Approach to help Students with Disabilities Stay in School	/documents/Practice_Guides/CBI_Practice_Brief.pdf	28
3	APR/SPP Analysis Reports: FF& 2009 APR: Graduation Rate Summary	/documents/Analysis_of_State_Reports/NDPC-SD_FFY_2009_Indicator_B1_summary.pdf	25
4	The Coca-Cola Valued Youth Program	/documents/Evidence_Based_Practices/Coca_Cola_Valued_Youth_Program_Description.pdf	20
5	Check and Connect	/documents/Evidence_Based_Practices/Check_and_Connect_Description.pdf	12
6	FAQ – Part B Indicators 1 and 2	/documents/FAQ-Part-B-Indicators-20101123.pdf	12
7	Building Early Warning Systems to Identify Students with Disabilities at Risk for Dropping Out of High School and Monitoring their Response to Intervention	/documents/Teleseminars/6.11_cummings/presentation.pdf	12
8	New Hampshire's Achievement for Dropout Prevention and Excellence (APEX) Program	/documents/Evidence_Based_Practices/APEX_Program_Description.pdf	11
9	The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Model	/documents/Evidence_Based_Practices/AVID_Program_Description.pdf	11
10	Summary (for Reentry Reports)	/documents/2011_Reentry-Reports/7-1-11-REENTRY_SUMMARY.pdf	10