

**National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities
Monthly Report – January 2012
Project Activities**

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	January 2012	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 12 – Dec. 12)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) requesting information/materials	1 (0)	1 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in Teleconferences/Webinars	0 (0)	0 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	0 (0)	0 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving individual phone, electronic or written consultations	9 (0)	9 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance and other consultation	4 (13)	4 (13)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	14 (13)	(Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA) 12

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

Type of Technical Assistance Provided:

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

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year: AR, BIE, FL, GA, LA, MO, NC, NE, UT, VI, WA, WV

Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff met with the graduate students on January 12th to review their work of coding improvement activities. We discussed the coding scheme and strategies for improving inter-coder reliability.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff continued to work on screening articles for the literature review on dropout prevention interventions for students with disabilities. A meeting with Antonis Katsiyanis to plan the development of coding protocols is being planned for February.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Tier One

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff reviewed the Virgin Islands' Indicators 1 and 2 APR and provided feedback and suggestions on January 24th. Kim Hartsell at SERRC requested the review.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff continued working on the NDPC-SD's data tool and users' guide.
- ✧ Staff and EDC continued plans for February webinar
- ✧ Planning continues for the 2012 SEA Summit to be held in Baltimore March 27& 28th, 2012. The Summit will serve as a mentoring meeting for intensive states.

Tier Two

Florida

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff conducted the monthly phone consultation with Robin Morrison. Conversations continued in order to address data collection and reporting, to include action plan updates and submission for the last grading period of the 2011 school year. In addition, discussions continued regarding M-DCPS' participation at the NDPC-SD 2012 Model Site Summit in Baltimore, MD in March 2012. Additional Plans were discussed regarding the district's Dropout Prevention Intervention Summit and will be finalized over the next two months.

Tier Three (Intensive TA)

Arkansas

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff prepared the materials for the January training in Arkansas (January 18th-20th). On January 19th and 20th the staff delivered the Attendance and Academic sections of Module 4 in Little Rock, AR, which completed the training for the 8 districts there. The teams will be submitting their draft action plans by March 16, 2012.

BIE

- ★ The BIE Team Leaders continue to data mine in order to secure selection of schools/sites that will be included in Cohort I and will commence with their first training in late Spring 2012, upon approval from Mr. Moore, BIE Director. Presently thirteen schools have been chosen for training within Cohort I. Other schools are also being considered for the control group in Cohort I, as well as training within Cohort II. Additional plans regarding the Native American Dropout Prevention Institute being held in Arizona in April 2012 were discussed, including the request for one half-day workshop to be conducted by NDPC-SD and BIE. Drs. Covington-Smith and Johnson and Ms. Bement submitted a proposal title and description upon the request of the planning committee.

Missouri

- ★ NDPC-SD staff began the Dropout Prevention Capacity Building Training in January for Cohort II within the SEA of Missouri. Cohort II was selected during the second release of the Center's RFA for Intensive Technical Assistance. The following LEA Teams were trained throughout the month of January: Willow Springs, Lathrop, Hazelwood, Cape Girardeau, and Poplar Bluff. Additional LEA Teams will begin training in February.

Nebraska

- ★ NDPC-SD staff participated in the OSEP focus group to collect feedback about the results work on January 9th. On January 17th, the staff had a call with the Nebraska team to discuss the MOU, the progress on the Results work and dropout prevention project, and the upcoming trip to Lincoln, NE scheduled for February 6-9th. The staff revised the Nebraska MOU per our conversation with the Nebraska team and will bring it to the February meeting.

North Carolina

- ★ NDPC-SD staff participated in a planning call to discuss next steps with the dropout prevention work slated for Greene and Grandville Counties and the addition of other LEAs to participate as demonstration sites.

Utah

- ★ NDPC-SD staff conducted monthly phone consultation with SEA contact to finalize capacity building training scheduled for February 1, 2012. Two additional schools, for a total of 8 schools, are now receiving training in cohort 1.
- ★ NDPCSD Staff, USOE Staff, and WestEd staff met January 16th & 17th to develop work protocols for the Comprehensive Center Alliance around dropout prevention efforts in Utah.

Washington

- ★ NDPC-SD staff conducted the monthly phone consultation with the Washington Leadership Team. Specifically, consultation with Mr. Dennis Matthews, Team Leader, addressed the following: the status of the MOU, the Leadership Team's attendance at the NDPC-SD Summit: follow-up with school teams that may comprise Cohort I, and scheduling the first training for Cohort I to be conducted at the end of the month.
- ★ Conducted first Capacity building training modules 1-3 with designated cohort 1 school teams.

West Virginia

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff conducted a conference call with the SEA team members on January 26th to discuss the districts' action plans and guidance that is needed in the implementation process.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

- ✧ NDPC-SD Staff participated in conference calls on January 12th and 25th with the SPA Priority Team project to discuss edits and dissemination of the Georgia brief as well as the future direction of the priority team.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff reviewed proposals for the content sessions at the Capacity Building Institute in Charlotte. We developed and shared a review form to collect reviewers' ratings. NDPC-SD staff also participated in a conference call with NPSO and NSTTAC about the sessions and agenda for the upcoming Capacity Building Institute in Charlotte

Minority Male Youth with Disabilities Workgroup

- ✧ Discussions continue with all authors regarding feedback and the next steps. Also, the authors have been asked to participate in a tentative panel at the NDPC-SD Model Site Summit to be held in late March in Baltimore, MD.

Management

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff reviewed and revised the invitation letter for the SEA Summit being held in Baltimore and worked with TAC to set up the registration site for the Summit. The staff also worked with the BWI Hilton staff to develop and finalize the AV requirements and room contract for the Summit. The staff sent out the invitation letters to the state teams inviting them to the 2012 Summit and will be working on their travel arrangements during February.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff sent out the invitations to the Advisory Committee for the 2012 Advisory Committee meeting being held in conjunction with the 2012 Summit in Baltimore. The staff will be working on finalizing the Committee agenda, compiling pre-reading materials, and finalizing travel arrangements during February.

Evaluation

- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in a call with Tom Munk at CIPP to discuss intermediate and outcome variables for CIPP Analysis on January 5th.
- ✧ NDPC-SD staff participated in a conference call with CIPP staff to discuss plans for the evaluation and analyses. We scheduled another call for February 10th.

✧ NDPC-SD staff provided the link to NDPC-SD training and TA evaluation surveys to all NDPC-SD staff and requested that they send evaluations to recipients of NDPC-SD technical assistance. The link has been provided to the Arkansas and Utah trainees.

✧ NDPC-SD staff received additional baseline data for West Virginia Schools on January 26th.

Upcoming Activities

Bost and Covington Smith – travel to Salt Lake City, UT on February 1, 2012 for training session.

Klare travel to Washington, DC on February 2-3, 2012 for the NPSO Advisory Committee Meeting.

Klare travel to Nebraska on February 6-9, 2012 for training session.

Covington Smith travel to Missouri on February 7-9, 2012 for training session.

Bost travel to Baton Rouge, LA on February 15-17, 2012 for initial TA planning meeting.

Bost and Covington Smith travel to Missouri from March 12-16, 2012 for second round of training.

Bost, Covington Smith, and Klare travel to Leveraging Resources Conference in Bethesda, MD on March 18-21, 2012.

NPDC-SD staff travels to Baltimore, MD from March 26-30, 2012 to host the 2012 Summit and 2012 Advisory Committee Meeting.