

**National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities
Monthly Report – February 2013
Project Activities**

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	February 2013	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 13 – Dec. 13)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) requesting information/materials	0 (0)	0 (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	6 (0)	9 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance and other consultation	2 (0)	0 (0)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	8 (0)	(Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA) 9

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

Type of Technical Assistance Provided:

- Request for Information/Materials/TA: 0
- Teleconferences and Webinars : 0
- Conferences/Institutes/Summits: 0
- Individual phone, electronic or written consultations: BIE, FL, KY, LA, MI, MO, NC, NE, UT, WA
- On-site training/consultation : AR, UT

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

Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- NDPC-SD staff began downloading the states' 2013 Part B APRs. The staff also spoke with Perry Williams about the analyses we will be able to do this year as well as future directions for APR work.
- NDPC-SD staff are in the final stages of completing the first draft of the literature review on dropout prevention initiatives for student with disabilities. The first draft will be completed in the first week of March.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Tier Two

Florida

- Miami-Dade County Public Schools completed and submitted their proposal to the Capacity Building Institute in Charlotte.

Nebraska

- NDPC-SD staff continued to communicate and work with the Nebraska staff and staff at Goodrich Middle School. They received preliminary, de-identified data to use in the risk calculator. Final data should be available in approximately two weeks.

Tier Three (Intensive TA)

Arkansas

- NDPC-SD staff attended a booster session in Little Rock, Arkansas attended by five LEA teams. The teams reported out on the interventions they have been implementing, which included a mentoring program, credit recovery programs, and before- and after-school tutoring programs. The Director of Transportation from the Arkansas Department of Education also discussed bus safety in response to the school climate survey results that indicated the majority of students in the districts surveyed did not feel safe on the school bus. Teams will be participating in an upcoming webinar with the NDPC-SD staff regarding the collection and reporting of data.

BIE

- Considering the recent events at the Federal level which have impacted BIE at the SEA level and BIE schools at the LEA level, they are presenting undergoing reassignments and discussions regarding guidance with their next steps, specifically related to travel for SEA and LEA personnel. Negotiations and considerations began at the end of 2012 and continue. The Team Leaders have asked Dr. Covington-Smith to remain in contact, as they anticipate advisement soon. At that time they want to consider training the recruited Cohort 2 and booster sessions for Cohort 1.

In addition, BIE/SEA team leaders report being unable to send surveys or data requests to schools at this time due to the present status and lack of specific approvals, and will inform Dr. Covington Smith if this is possible given the provided timeline provided by the Center, which is most unlikely as of this date. Dr. Johnson, Co-Team Leader, reports her status for attending the NDPC-SD Advisory Committee Meeting is also unknown due to the present state of affairs and on-going conversations and decisions that must be made at the Federal level by the BIE Director and staff, etc. She will keep Dr. Covington Smith apprised as information becomes available.

Louisiana

- Staff conducted monthly conference call with follow up with SEA Lead Dr. Kay Wilson. The state continues to seek schools for intensive TA. A number of middle school options are being explored.

Missouri

- The SEA Leadership/Design Team continues to implement, design, and actively plan for “The Missouri Graduation Matters Initiative” on a state-wide scale-up as directed by Team Leaders, Ms. Barb Gilpin and Mr. John Stains, who are both advised and guided by the state’s three Education Commissioners, with additional support from Dr. Covington Smith and the Missouri Regional Professional Development Centers (RDPCs) Expert Consultants who are continuing their training, advising, guided practice via Train-the-Trainer with Dr. Covington Smith and Ms. Gilpin.
- The SEA recently sponsored meetings for Cohorts 1 and 2 and the Train-the-Trainer. Planning continues for trainings, boosters, recruitment, and state-wide roll out for a Tiered Level of Capacity Building, Sustainability, and Scale-Up in the area of Dropout Prevention. Training sessions, site visits, data retreats, share fairs, webinars, community of practice, and the Second Annual Dropout Prevention Summit are being planned, to include implementation through December 2013 with Cohort 3.

North Carolina

- SEA staff worked with The SEA Leadership Team and Secondary Partners to plan for next set of activities that would get the state’s efforts on the secondary transition indicators back on track. Their plan is currently under review with feedback due from all partners by March 15.

Utah

- NDPC-SD staff conducted CBI Training for Utah Cohort 2 on February 5, 2013. The training focused on framework modules of school climate, attendance, and behavior. Framework training will be completed on April 11& 12th for these 8 schools.
- A booster session on data analysis and use was held with all Cohort 1 schools to assist them in preparing for their Year 1 progress check in on April 12, 2013.

Washington

- The SEA Leadership Team continues to plan for targeted booster sessions as their next steps and are configuring this with a possible Cohort 3 and how would the allowed logistics and days match their needs. Additional planning calls will be made by the Team. However, LEA Teams, Cohort 1, continue to implement and have submitted final action plans.

West Virginia

- NDPC-SD staff contacted SEA team members from West Virginia regarding their participation with NDPC-SD staff about reporting data related to dropout, graduation, attendance, academic performance, and disciplinary referrals. A booster session in Charleston, WV with the 12 LEA teams has been scheduled for March 19-20, 2013. Teams will report their data trends since first receiving NDPC-SD technical assistance, their long-term maintenance plans, and their next steps.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

Collaboration

- NDPC-SD staff participated in a planning call on February 4th about the May 2013 Capacity Building Institute in Charlotte.
- NDPC-SD staff held a check-in call with NCEO on February 8th about the RDA measure of graduation. We developed guidance for OSEP in this area and sent a draft of the measure to OSEP on February 15th.
- NDPC-SD staff participated in a walk-through call with NPSO and their software developers on February 8th about the STEPSS tool. Prior to and afterwards, the staff reviewed the powerpoint presentation and various paragraphs and drop-down pieces for the tool, then provided feedback to NPSO.
- NDPC-SD staff held a conference call with the members of the school completion toolkit collaboration group (Kentucky, Michigan, and Nebraska) on February 14th to discuss the work. This was the first meeting of the entire group. Each state shared its needs and interests in developing a shared toolkit for school completion as well as what they have developed and what is under development. NDPC-SD will frame their work in the context of the IES Dropout Prevention Practice Guide and share with the group. We are currently trying to schedule the next two calls.
- Staff participated in NPSO Advisory Committee Meeting held in Washington DC on February 26th and 27th.

Minority Male Youth with Disabilities Workgroup

- The final draft of each chapter for the Minority Male Youth with Disabilities workgroup is due on March 15th. All chapters will be submitted to co-editors-in-chief, Selete Avoke and Sandra Covington Smith. After their initial review, the chapters will then be sent to additional editors and reviewers in order to achieve a final product by late spring or early summer. After all reviews are completed, the final document will be sent for final editing, production, and dissemination. Planning continues in order to schedule the next on-site workgroup which will consist of lead authors presenting their recommendations. The dates for the next workgroup will be determined by the lead authors' availability.

Management

- NDPC-SD staff attended the February 20th OSEP webinar about the continuation report.
- NDPC-SD and EDC staff completed travel arrangements to the upcoming Advisory Committee meeting.
- NDPC-SD Staff begin work on the annual continuation report.

Evaluation

- NDPC-SD staff received the draft evaluation report from CIPP on February 20th, asking for comments and edits by February 21st. We complied with the request from CIPP.
- NDPC-SD staff reviewed all NDPC-SD evaluation surveys and posted them to Clemson's new Cloud storage site to facilitate staff's access to them.
- NDPC-SD staff followed up with EDC about the survey of BigIDEAs and website users.
- NDPC-SD staff solicited updates to our intensive state work and updated the Intensive TA chart to reflect those changes in our work. We posted the updated chart to the Cloud site.
- Matt Klare sent the NDPC-SD Impact Survey to select SEA staff requested that NDPC-SD TA staff do the same.

Dissemination

- EDC disseminated the reminder for the annual Big IDEAs and NDPC-SD Website survey in "SurveyMonkey" to Big IDEAs subscribers, the February 2012 webinar registrants, as well as the November 2012 webinar registrants. They began compiling data from the annual survey to submit in a report to Matthew Klare.



- EDC staff participated in a conference call with the leadership of Attendance Works to plan the next webinar in the spring.

Upcoming Training/ TA Activities

- Wilkins to Charleston, WV on March 19-20, 2013 for updates from LEAs
- Bost, Klare and Covington Smith to Leveraging Resources Conference in Washington, DC from March 19-21, 2013
- All staff to 2013 NDPC-SD Advisory Committee Meeting from March 26-27, 2013 in Baltimore.
- Bost & Smith to complete Utah Capacity Building training for cohort 2 schools on April 11& 12th in Salt Lake City.