

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	May 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	11 (35)	13 (35)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	41 (0)	41 (9)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving individual phone, electronic or written consultations	11 (0)	14 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance and other consultation	0 (0)	3 (12)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	26 (35)	(Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA) 42

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 : AL, AZ, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, IA, IL, KS, LA, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NY, OH, PA, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, WI
- Conferences/Institutes/Summits: 1 (CBI-Charlotte; 40 SEAs)
- Individual phone, electronic or written consultations: AK, AR, BIE, FL, ID, MD, MI, NE, RI, WA, WV
- On-site training/consultation : 0

States engaging in some type of interaction with NDPC-SD this year: AK, AL, AR, AZ, BIE, CA, CO, DC, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, ND, NE, NM, NMI, NY, OH, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TX, UT, VA, VI, WA, WI, WV

Goal 1: Knowledge Development

- NDPC-SD staff downloaded all clarification APRs, read them, and extracted graduation and dropout data.
- NDPC-SD staff entered Indicator B1 and B2 APR data into OSEP's template.
- NDPC-SD staff met with Dave Brewer and staff in Charlotte to discuss work on the Risk Calculator. They held a conference call with that group on May 23rd and the next call will be on June 6th.
- NDPC-SD staff contacted Brian Cobb regarding the literature review and wanted his feedback regarding the review that was completed in March. We are awaiting his response, although he did indicate that he would be busy this summer.
- NDPC-SD staff has been working with Sarah Melpignano on the next issue of Big Ideas. The topic will be on attendance and Cecelia Leong from Attendance Works will be writing an article. We have a conference call on June 6th regarding the content of this article.
- NDPC-SD staff has been working with 5 LEA teams from West Virginia to get specific information to illustrate the success of their dropout intervention efforts for an article that is being prepared for submission to Teaching Exceptional Children. Quotes were solicited from staff and students involved in particular initiatives and more specific data were gathered where necessary. The staff is currently awaiting a write-up from the data coordinator regarding the development and use of the early warning system. The SEA team coordinator is also gathering information regarding obstacles and barriers that were faced by teams that did not make noticeable gains in their graduation rates for students with disabilities. When this information is received, the draft of the article will be ready for review.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Tier Two

2013 Combined Secondary Transition Institute

NSTTAC, the IDEA Partnership's Community of Practice on Transition, the National Dropout Prevention Center for Students with Disabilities, and the National Post-School Outcomes Center hosted 350 participants from 40 states and territories for the 7th Annual Capacity Building Institute, May 6 -9, 2013. Interdisciplinary teams from the 40 states engaged in excellent content sessions (breakout sessions), informal topical discussions, networking, and facilitated team planning for 2 ½ days. Presenters included experts from state education agencies, departments of vocational rehabilitation, departments of mental health, parent centers, national organizations and technical assistance centers, university faculty and researchers, and the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs.

Presentation materials are located at www.psocenter.org. State teams from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to the Virgin Islands to Maine to California developed action plans which the TA Centers will help support in the coming 12 months.

Alaska

- NDPC-SD staff consulted with Sam Jordan from Alaska about their need for data tools and showed him the Risk Calculator and Dropout Data Tool.

Florida

- M-DCPS continues planning and next steps for school year 2013-14. Specifically, SWD will receive universal, targeted and tertiary interventions in order to maintain or improve the overall success of the declining dropout rates for students identified as E/BD.

Idaho

- NDPC-SD staff demonstrated the Risk Calculator for a school district member from Idaho's team.

Michigan

- NDPC-SD staff spoke with Chuck Saur and Leisa Gallagher about their need for a Risk Calculator for schools participating in the Superintendent's Dropout Challenge. They want to add a few elements for Michigan. The staff emailed a list of questions to Leisa Gallagher about their specific needs for the tool.

Nebraska

- NDPC-SD staff held a call on May 2nd with Goodrich Middle School to discuss the results of the Risk Calculator and the possible interventions that could be carried out before the end of this school year and next fall.
- NDPC-SD staff spoke with Lindy Foley on May 28th about the upcoming kickoff call for the three-grantee schools that will participate in Nebraska's reentry/recovery program. We sent Lindy the Dropout Data Tool and worked with her to add elements about recovery, reentry, retention, and success in school after reentry.

Rhode Island

- NDPC-SD staff consulted with Rhode Island's team about data elements and predictors of dropout. The staff presented the Dropout Data Tool and gave them a copy.

Tier Three (Intensive TA)

Arkansas

- NDPC-SD staff spoke with Jody Fields from Arkansas about the Risk Calculator and the data elements that are available to the state. They will meet with her and the Arkansas data administration representative (Cody) about incorporating a risk calculator into the state's SLDS while we are in Little Rock at the June data meeting.
- NDPC-SD staff is planning for the presentation at the Arkansas data conference and made the travel arrangements for that trip.
- LEA Teams from Arkansas were scheduled to submit their data by May 24th. Only one team has met this deadline and the other teams reported they were having problems getting the data. The staff has been working with SEA team members to identify areas of need and to provide assistance to teams to access their data. The deadline has been extended to June 5th. The staff will then identify areas that teams may need assistance with regarding interventions and collecting data to assess their effectiveness.

BIE

- The Bureau recently received permission to proceed with Cohort 2 selection and activities as well as the development of booster activities for Cohort I. The leadership/design team is planning an on-site meeting at the Bureau within the next 30 to 45 days with Dr. Covington Smith in order to proceed according how they were instructed. Ms. Sue Bement and Drs. Marilyn Johnson, Sandra Covington Smith, and Susan Faircloth were invited to present at the next National Indian Education Association Conference. At this conference, recruitment for Cohort II will continue. Present updates, overviews, and next steps at the SEA and LEA levels will also be discussed regarding the BIE's Initiative and efforts to present, to include the status of Cohort I.

Louisiana

- NDPC-SD staff continued planning for June onsite visit and training with St. Helena's Parish SD. The visits will occur June 3-4 and June 18th, 2013.

Missouri

- The SEA (DESE) is presently planning their second annual dropout prevention summit to be held the week of June 24th. Targeted presentations by Cohorts I and II will take place, as well as targeted workshops for Cohort I and II and the Dropout Prevention Train the Trainers. Additional representatives from model sites will be present to present and share data. Specifically, the M-DCPS and Maryland will be on-site to assist Dr. Covington Smith with mentoring and coaching, whereas Ms. Robin Morrison (M-DCPS) serves as Missouri's Model Site Implementation Mentor.

North Carolina

- NDPC-SD staff held a conference with the NCDPI team during the May Institute to discuss plans for June planning session and requested review on the SEA process for onsite drill down for Indicators 1 and 2.

Utah

- The staff and the Alliance Core Team presented its collaborative partnership at the 2013 Secondary Transition Combined Institute in Charlotte, NC during the week of May 6, 2013.
- NDPC-SD staff received CBI Training evaluations from Cohort 2 schools and entered them into the system for analysis. Cohort 2 schools have also turned in their draft action plans to Susan Loving, state Lead staff for review. The plans will be reviewed and analyzed for TA needs and implementation feasibility by the Alliance Core Group during our planning meeting in July.

Washington

- The state continues planning in order to support Cohort 1 and possibly create a Cohort 2. The leadership team is presently in the process of taking the next steps to develop a seamless system of support with the Washington SEA (OSPI), thereby leveraging their resources as well as “school improvement, readiness, and completion” initiatives.

West Virginia

- NDPC-SD staff met with Karen Ruddle from West Virginia about their work on a toolkit. West Virginia wants to join the toolkit group. They have been tasked to develop one by the fall of 2013.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

Collaboration

- NDPC-SD staff participated in the IDEA Partnership Community of Practice meeting.
- NDPC-SD staff participated in the STEPSS pre-session demonstration session and in a STEPSS session at the 2013 Capacity Building Institute in Charlotte.
- Toolkit Group:
 - NDPC-SD staff developed a crosswalk of the work the toolkit group has done with the IES Dropout Prevention Practice Guide and other practices.
 - On May 21st, the staff held a conference call with the group to discuss the crosswalk and for a mutual update on the progress. We discussed an in-person meeting at the OSEP Leadership Conference and decided that it was probably not the best time/place for the meeting. We will propose holding it elsewhere when more can attend.

- STEPSS:
 - NDPC-SD staff held a call on May 23rd with NPSO and their programming staff to discuss adding predictors and incorporating student-level data into the tool.
- NDPC-SD and EDC staff presented the webinar entitled “Early Intervention Matters: How Addressing Chronic Absence can Reduce Dropout Rates,” by Ms. Hedy Chang and Ms. Cecelia Leong of Attendance Works on May 24, 2013. A projected total of 146 attendees from 64 registered sites representing 11 SEAs, 35 LEAs, and 27 states, and other organizations.

Management

- NDPC-SD staff participated in a webinar with OSEP staff and staff from The Study Group (Patti Bourexis) about OSEP performance evaluation work. The evaluation is part of OSEP’s GRPA reporting of The TA&D network services and products. This year the NDPC-SD evaluation will center on training to assist SEAs to implement of evidence based interventions. A list of states was provided to the Study Group and our CBITA with Missouri was selected for further study.
- NDPC-SD staff continues beta testing of the revised website and will address any noted concerns.
- Staff continues to manage budget issues and plan for priority tasks based on directions from our Advisory Group and OSEP Project Officer for the remaining 15 months of funding.

Upcoming Training/ TA Activities

- June 3-4, 2013- Bost to attend planning session with LADOE
- June 4-6, 2013 - Covington Smith to attend the SEA sponsored and State Collaboration in KS on behalf of and in conjunction with MO for creating a seamless system among Dropout Prevention, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Early Childhood Prevention and Intervention, and Transition. The Conference is being held the week of June 3rd.
- June 10, 2013- Bost and Covington-Smith to conduct interview with The Study Group regarding work in MO for GRPA performance measures.
- June 17-19, 2013 – Klare to Arkansas Data Conference.
- June 17-18, 2013- Bost to return to LADOE for ITA training with St. Helena’s Parish SD.
- June 24-25, 2013- Bost to NCDPI for planning and review of drill down process for B1&2.
- June 24-29, 2013 - Covington Smith to attend and host the MO DESE Second Annual Dropout Prevention Summit to be held in MO the week of June 24th.

- July 8-10, 2013 Bost to attend planning meeting and Cohort 2 Action Plan review with Utah Alliance Core Team.
- July 15- 18, 2013- Bost and Klare presenting at OSEP Project Directors Meeting in Washington, DC
- July 29- August 2, 2013- Bost and Klare presenting at OSEP Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.