

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	June 2013	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 13 – Dec. 13)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) requesting information/materials	1 (0)	2 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in Teleconferences/Webinars	0 (0)	29 (35)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	2 (0)	41 (9)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving individual phone, electronic or written consultations	13 (1)	19 (0)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance and other consultation	4 (0)	7 (12)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	20 (0)	(Total States Engaging in Some Type of TA) 41

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

Type of Technical Assistance Provided:

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

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 emailed Brian Cobb regarding his input for the literature review on studies of dropout prevention for students with disabilities. The staff explained that we were waiting for his input in order to move forward. He did not provide a specific date, but he will likely respond with his feedback some time during the summer.
- NDPC-SD staff completed the first draft of an article on the successful interventions implemented by districts in West Virginia. The article will be prepared and submitted for publication in Teaching Exceptional Children. After the article is reviewed internally, it will be forwarded to contributors in West Virginia for their approval and final edits.
- NDPC-SD staff continued to work on the APR summary reports for OSEP. We sent populated data templates to OSEP on June 3, 2013 and received OSEP's feedback on June 25, 2013. The reports are due July 8, 2013.
- NDPC-SD staff continued discussions with Dave Brewer and his colleagues at Cornell University School of ILR about developing the Risk Calculator. We held a conference call with their lead programmer on June 6, 2013 to discuss proposed work. We held additional calls with Dave's group on June 26th and 28th to discuss IRB issues related to the calculator.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Tier Two

Alabama

- NPSO staff referred someone with questions from the Alabama Department of education (Alicia Myrek) about how to continue to serve youth with disabilities after they have graduated. We discussed the option of reporting using extended cohort rates beyond four years as well as state policies.

Florida

- M-DCPS continues to serve as a Mentor Model Site for the state of Missouri (i.e., MO DESE Dropout Prevention Leadership Team). Specifically, Ms. Morrison provided on-site consultation and professional development at both the SEA and LEA levels during the week of June 24th. M-DCPS continues to plan events for the 2013/2014 school year, to include scale-up of their initiative with expansion into middle schools, elementary schools, and charter schools, to specifically include all EBD programs. The Leadership Team has scheduled and is presently planning the Dropout Prevention Share Fare and Booster Sessions for November 2014.

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. We emailed a list of questions to Leisa Gallagher about their specific needs for the tool.

Nebraska

- NDPC-SD staff participated in the kickoff call with Nebraska's three grantee schools. These schools received three years of funding to support the development and implementation of recovery/reengagement initiatives.
- NDPC-SD staff held an initial call on June 13, 2012 with the principal (Angie Zabawa) and assistant principal of Dawes Middle School in Lincoln to discuss their plans to implement the risk calculator and appropriate interventions.

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 communicated with the SEA team members regarding developing a 12-month plan for TA for the remainder of the grant cycle. When all teams have submitted their data for the 2012-2013 school year, we will analyze the data to determine the greatest needs and then hold a conference call with teams to get their input regarding TA needs for the upcoming year.
- NDPC-SD staff presented our Dropout Data Tool and Risk Calculator at the Arkansas Data Conference in Little Rock on June 18th.
- NDPC-SD staff met with Cody Decker, the state director of information systems, about developing an integrated risk calculator for the state's data system.

BIE

- The SEA Leadership Team continues to plan for their on-site technical assistance (ITA) visit to be held during the week of July 8th. Team Leads, Dr. Marilyn Johnson and Ms. Sue Bement are planning for Cohort I booster sessions and Cohort II initial training that are tentatively scheduled for October, 2013. During this time, the SEA will also host their on-site Transition Conference with NSTTAC and NPSO. Presently, Dr. Johnson is preparing the meeting and travel requests to be submitted to the BIE Director in Washington, DC.

Louisiana

- NDPC-SD staff held an onsite planning visit with LA DOE and St. Helena's Parish School District and conducted training with St. Helena's Parish SD on June 3-4, 2013 and June 18, 2013. The focus of the onsite training was to begin causal analysis of the district's dropout problem through the analysis of data and to conduct gap analysis of the programs and services provided to students with disabilities, utilizing an adapted version of the Doing What Works District Assessment from the IES Dropout Prevention Practice Guide.
- NDPC-SD staff sent our Dropout Data Tool to the Louisiana Department of Education.

Missouri

- The Missouri DESE hosted their Second Annual Dropout Prevention Summit June 24-26, 2013. Specifically, DESE sponsored Dr. Covington Smith (NDPC-SD), Ms. Robin Morrison (M-DCPS), and Mr. John Artinger (MD) during the week and the colleagues provided intensive technical assistance each day of the summit, which included presentations/breakout sessions, Cohorts I and II booster trainings, train-the-trainer workshops, and consultation on data collection, implementation, and scale-up. The state will kick off it's State-Wide Dropout Prevention Initiative on Friday, September 6th in Jefferson City, MO. School teams from each of the state's districts are invited and will join the initiative as Cohorts III and IV while receiving tiered levels of support identified by targeted strategies and evidence-based practices. In addition, the Missouri SEA Dropout Prevention Team and identified LEAs continue to build capacity in the area of dropout prevention as trainers and mentors for the state of Kansas SEA and identified LEAs and are now providing similar services to the state of Minnesota SEA and identified LEAs.

North Carolina

- NDPC-SD staff conducted an onsite visit to provide consultation to the NCDPI Core Team to make changes in the results monitoring process facilitate a better diagnosis and drill down for indicators related to graduation and dropout. NDPC-SD staff provided data elements, probing questions, and technical assistance strategies to increase buy in on the part of the districts to own and implement improvement plans.

Utah

- NDPC-SD staff conducted monthly phone call with the Utah Dropout Prevention Alliance to formalize planning meeting scheduled for July 9-10 in New York City. The meeting is hosted by WestEd partners and will be held at the EDC New York offices. Discussions will include an analysis of Cohort 2 Action Plans, booster sessions for Cohort 2, continued support of Cohort 1 and sustainable efforts within the Alliance given that NDPC-SD's cycle will end September 2014.

Washington

- The SEA and Cohort I are presently planning for data collection and will submit data to the Center in September. OSPI continues to leverage resources and manage implementation of Cohort I in accordance with the SEA Kindergarten Ready, Educational Success, Success in the Community, and Post-Graduation Success initiatives.

West Virginia

- NDPC-SD staff have been planning the article for publication and a presentation with an SEA and LEA team member. The staff had co-written a proposal to present with the West Virginia representatives at the 17th International DCDT Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia on November 14-16, 2013. The presentation was accepted for a poster presentation (rather than a regular presentation). We decided not to attend the poster presentation but will help make the poster for the West Virginia SEA and LEA team members to present.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

Collaboration

- NPDC-SD staff responded to questions from WRRC about graduation and dropout rates.
- Toolkit Group:
 - NDPC-SD staff held a conference call on June 27th to get updates on states' progress and discuss a face-to-face meeting this fall. Nebraska shared their work-in-progress website with the group and posted new materials to the Box site. The staff sent out notes from the call to the Toolkit group.
 - NDPC-SD staff began planning for a fall meeting of the group in South Carolina.

Evaluation

- NDPC-SD staff pulled evaluation data from the Missouri trainings and formatted it to meet the needs of the OSEP performance evaluation.

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.
- NDPC-SD staff continues to manage budget issues and plan for priority tasks based on directions from tour Advisory Group and OSEP Project Officer for the remaining 15 months of funding.

Upcoming Training/ TA Activities

- July 8-10, 2013: Bost to attend planning meeting and Cohort 2 Action Plan review with Utah Alliance Core Team.
- July 9-12, 2013: Covington Smith to Albuquerque, NM for intensive technical assistance planning meetings with BIE SEA 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.