

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	July 2013	Year to Date Unduplicated (Jan. 13 – Dec. 13)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) requesting information/materials	0 (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	1 (33)	41 (42)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving individual phone, electronic or written consultations	11 (1)	19 (1)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance and other consultation	2 (33)	7 (45)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	14 (34)	(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: 0
- Teleconferences and Webinars : 0
- Conferences/Institutes/Summits: PA Leadership; OSEP PD Meeting; OSEP Leadership
- Individual phone, electronic or written consultations: AR, BIE, CO, FL, LA, MO, NC, NE, UT, WA, WV
- On-site training/consultation : BIE, PA

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 has been working on the back to school issue of Big IDEAs, which is being aimed for release in the second week of September. One article has been submitted by Attendance Works and two articles have been submitted by LEAs in West Virginia. The manuscript on the success stories of West Virginia regarding increased graduation rates for students with disabilities is to be submitted to Teaching Exceptional Children and is currently under internal review. The final manuscript will be submitted for publication by the end of August 2013.
- NDPC-SD staff completed work on the APR summary reports for OSEP. The staff sent the summaries for Indicators 1 and 2 to OSEP on July 8th.
- NDPC-SD staff continued discussions with Dave Brewer and his colleagues at Cornell University School of ILR about developing the Risk Calculator.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Tier Two

Colorado

- NDPC-SD staff emailed Jon Paul Burden about his school's use of the Risk Calculator. We are trying to arrange a call to discuss their data and how to interpret it.

Florida

- M-DCPS continues to plan their dropout prevention back to school events, including their scale-up district wide, to include elementary, middle, and charter schools. Robin Morrison continues to provide mentoring to SEA and LEA leaders within the state of Missouri. Ms. Morrison is presently preparing recommendations and finalizing feedback to the LEAs regarding their most recent action plans.

Nebraska

- NDPC-SD staff spoke with the Nebraska Department of Education staff about piloting the Risk Calculator in multiple schools in Nebraska.
- On July 2nd, the staff held another call with the principal of Dawes Middle School in Lincoln, NE about the data they have available and what additional data they will need..

Tier Three (Intensive TA)

Arkansas

- NDPC-SD staff has been corresponding with SEA team members regarding the lack of data reported by LEA teams and the need to develop a twelve-month plan that will incorporate assistance from the SEA team with collecting and reporting data. The SEA data manager will be submitting core data that can be used for staff to analyze and determine TA needs for the 2013-2014 school year.

BIE

- BIE requested an intensive technical assistance and on-site visit which was conducted during the week of July 8th. Planning for the Transition Conference and Cohort 1 booster sessions continue, as both events will occur simultaneously during the week of November 4th. A back to school “greeting” was prepared and sent on behalf of BIE and NDPC-SD which outlined planning for the upcoming November booster sessions, which will include action planning, data collection and implementation year one.

Louisiana

- NDPC-SD staff conducted planning call with St. Helena’s Parish High School Principal Dr. Douglas, Special Education Director, and SEA representative to plan back to school strategy training to be held during the first month of school. Dates are to be determined.

Missouri

- Barb Gilpin is presently finalizing initial activities for the Missouri Graduation Matters Dropout Prevention Initiative Scale-up. Scale-up activities are presently underway as Train the Trainers (i.e., Missouri Regional Professional Development Consultants) are continuing to recruit LEAs and are planning to host sixty SEAs during the state-wide scale-up back to school event to be held October 7, 2013. New train the trainers will be trained on September 6, 2013, prior to the back to school event.

North Carolina

- NDPC-SD conducted planning session with SEA Core Team at the OSEP Leadership Conference to plan for back to school ITA for identified focused monitoring districts. These districts were targeted for improvement on dropout and graduation indicators. Training is scheduled for the last week of August.

Utah

- NDPC-SD met with the Core Alliance Team to review Cohort 2 action plans, determine ITA activities for the new school year, align support across NDPC-SD, USOE, and WestEd-

REL West. Discussions were also held regarding possible approaches for sustaining efforts after the expiration of NDPC-SD services.

Washington

- The SEA has requested baseline and year one implementation data from Cohort 1 schools. The LEAs continue to receive support from the SEA/OSPI in order to maintain and sustain their dropout prevention initiatives. SEA and OSPI leaders are planning and discussing the next steps that will highlight and celebrate the LEA teams' efforts, activities, implementation and data (i.e., input and output).

West Virginia

- NDPC-SD staff has been working with SEA and LEA teams to publicize their accomplishments. Select teams have submitted documents that will be incorporated as visual images in the manuscript that has been prepared for Teaching Exceptional Children. The article is currently under internal review. Two teams have also submitted articles on attendance for the back-to-school issue of Big IDEAs. The staff and the SEA team have also discussed the preparation of a poster for the DCDT conference in November 2013.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

Collaboration

- Toolkit Group:
 - NDPC-SD staff are working on setting the dates for a fall meeting of the group in Greenville, SC.
 - NDPC-SD staff are gathering cost proposals from local hotels in which to host the meeting.

Evaluation

- NDPC-SD staff downloaded data from the Implementation Survey and Training Evaluation Surveys.

Management

- NDPC-SD staff attended the OSEP Project Directors' Meeting and presented with NPSO and NSTTAC about STEPSS.
- NDPC-SD staff is preparing for the STEPSS presentation at the IDEA Leadership Meeting and attended the meeting in Washington.

- NDPC-SD staff wrote letters for support for Westat (Joy Markowitz) and for Alan Coulter (LSU) for the IDEA Data Center RFA.
- NDPC-SD staff wrote a letter of support for George Sugai for the PBIS Center.

MMYWD Workgroup

- The authors are presently completing their final edits. Upon submission, the chapters will be sent to Dr. Avoke prior to technical editing.

Upcoming Training/ TA Activities

- July 29-August 2, 2013: Bost and Klare presenting at OSEP Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.
- August 27-29, 2013: Bost to North Carolina for ITA for Focused Monitoring Districts
- September 5-7, 2013: Covington Smith – Train the Trainer Booster and Mentoring session in Jefferson City, MO.
- September 30- Oct 2, 2013: Bost- Arizona Secondary Transition Combined
- October 6-8, 2013: Covington Smith – MO DESE/SEA Graduation Matters Initiative statewide capacity building and scale-up kickoff meeting in Jefferson City, MO.