

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

Overall Technical Assistance Summary

	August 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	1 (0)	29 (35)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) represented in NDPC-SD conference presentations	1 (0)	41 (42)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving individual phone, electronic or written consultations	9 (0)	19 (1)
Number of SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) receiving on-site technical assistance and other consultation	0 (0)	7 (45)
Total number of instances SEAs (<i>LEAs</i>) received some type of technical assistance from NDPC-SD	11 (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: 0
- Teleconferences and Webinars : MO ; STEPSS
- Conferences/Institutes/Summits: IDEA Leadership
- Individual phone, electronic or written consultations: AR, AZ, BIE, FL, MO, NE, UT, 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 continued discussions with Dave Brewer and his colleagues at Cornell University School of ILR about developing the Risk Calculator.
- On August 12th, the staff received an email from Brian Cobb stating that since he retired he is unable to devote time to the literature review so is therefore unable to provide feedback. In the absence of his feedback, the staff has revisited the literature review to determine the most user-friendly presentation style.
- All materials for the next issue of Big IDEAs have been submitted by NDPC-SD staff to Sarah Melpignano at EDC for layout and edit. As September is national attendance month, the topic of the issue is attendance and will feature an article by Ceclia Leong at Attendance Works with shorter practice articles submitted by LEA model site team members from West Virginia and Georgia. Additional resources and upcoming events have been included.
- Two of three chapters of the Monograph on Decreasing Dropout Rates of Minority Males with Disabilities have been forwarded to OSEP for final/additional review after which, they will go to EDC for technical review and Layout. The monograph cover is also under design.

Goal 2: Technical Assistance

Tier Two

Arizona

- Staff worked with AZDE staff to finalize materials for the upcoming Secondary Transition Conference September 30- Oct 2, 2013. Two sessions will be provided (Transforming Potential Dropout into Graduates, and Engaging Families to Decrease Dropout Among Students with Disabilities). Follow up will also be provided to schools that have worked on Indicators 1&2 as part of their school improvement planning over the past year.

Florida

- M-DCPS continues to support all high school and charter schools and continue to scale-up “Graduate Miami” with the planning and addition of all middle schools and a sample of elementary schools. Additional district-wide plans to support this effort will be conducted in November. NDPC-SD will continue to assist with these efforts.

Nebraska

- NDPC-SD staff ran data from Goodrich and Dawes Middle Schools through the Risk Calculator and generated summary reports for each school.

- NDPC-SD staff held the kickoff call with Goodrich Middle School for this school year on August 26th and discussed the data and interventions.
- NDPC-SD staff held a conference call on August 28th with Dawes Middle School and UNL staff to discuss the results of the risk calculator data and potential interventions

Tier Three (Intensive TA)

Arkansas

- The LEA teams were asked to complete the NDPC-SD data worksheet by May 2013. As only two of the five teams have submitted the data to date, a data workday is being planned for October in Little Rock. The SEA team members and data manager will be present to help teams complete the worksheet. After data are analyzed, the staff will determine teams' needs for the current school year and will work on a 12-month plan with the SEA team members.

BIE

- On-going planning and monthly contact continues with BIE regarding fall activities for Cohort 1, specifically, two booster sessions to be held the week of November 4th. Additionally, collaborative planning continues with BIE, NSTTAC, and NPSO regarding the upcoming transition institute, which will be held at that time as well. School teams have been recruited and Cohort 1 has begun the travel process. Marilyn Johnson reports that all requested items have been submitted to DC, and to the Director in particular, and they await his approval and advisement.

Louisiana

- Scheduled training for August 5 was cancelled. Currently awaiting a reschedule date.

Missouri

- Ms. Barb Gilpin and Dr. Sandra Covington Smith developed a yearlong webinar series to be hosted by MO DESE and NDPC-SD. Sandra Covington Smith and Stacey Tracy of Neosho conducted the first webinar, "Graduation as the Only Option," on August 29th. In September, Missouri will hold a Train the Trainer Dropout Prevention Session for new hires and a booster session for veteran RDPC Consultants also known as Train the Trainer Cohort 1. In October MO DESE will kick-off its statewide "Graduation Matters" Dropout Prevention Initiative. Consultants are continuing to recruit school districts.

Utah

- NDPC-SD staff conducted planning call to begin development of content for the Action Planning videoconference scheduled for September 19, 2013. The audience is Cohort 2 schools who

completed training and developed draft action plans in May 2013. The videoconference will serve as a Booster session for Cohort 2 as well.

- NDPC-SD staff participated in a planning conference for the September 24th Bridge Event on Attendance for Utah's Dropout Prevention Initiative. The event is sponsored by the Utah Alliance (USOSE, WestEd- REL, and NDPC-SD). The event will also serve as a Booster session for Cohort 1& 2 schools and will feature two model site schools as speakers at the event.

Washington

- The Washington Dropout Prevention Leadership Team, specifically Sue Furth with OSPI, has received re-funding and additional funding to support school teams, specifically Cohort 1 with maintenance efforts, including sustainability and scale-up. Also there are additional funds to recruit and support Cohort 2. Sandra Covington Smith worked collaboratively with Sue Furth to develop the RFP for the identified tier levels of support in dropout prevention and capacity building for both Cohorts.

West Virginia

- NDPC-SD staff and the SEA team members are working on development of a tool for additional districts to use for dropout interventions based on NDPC-SD training materials. A meeting was planned in West Virginia to plan the development of this tool. However, due to scheduling difficulties this meeting has been put on hold. The staff and SEA team members have continued to discuss the implementation of training additional districts using key members of current teams. NDPC-SD staff also worked with two teams to write articles on their attendance initiatives for the upcoming issue of Big IDEAs. Visuals have also been obtained on the EWS and other materials for the article that will be submitted to Teaching Exceptional Children. The staff is awaiting clarification on a couple of details, but upon receipt of responses, the first draft of the article will be ready for review.

Goal 3: Collaborative Activities

Collaboration

- NDPC-SD participated in a call with NPSO and NSTTAC on August 22nd to discuss the concerted approach to TA for Indicator 17 and the SSIP.
- NDPC-SD staff attended the IDEA Leadership Meeting and presented with NPSO and NSTTAC on the STEPSS tool.

- Toolkit Group: NDPC-SD staff set the date for the fall meeting of the group in Greenville, South Carolina for November 5-6, 2013. We made arrangements with the hotel for guest and meeting rooms and contacted the attendees regarding starting their flight arrangements. Nebraska, Michigan, and Kentucky are participating states. West Virginia will also contribute to the Toolkit, but was unable to attend the meeting.

Management

- NDPC-SD staff set a time on Wednesday, September 4th for the kickoff call with the new CIPP Center staff to discuss evaluation and the Center's summative report.
- NDPC-SD staff wrote a letter of support for the Cornell ILR School for the PROMISE grand RFA.
- NDPC-SD staff attended and made presentations at the IDEA Leadership Meeting in Washington, DC from July 28-31, 2013.
- NDPC-SD Director continues to work on budget reconciliations to determine if there will be a need for NCE of carryover funds into the extended project period.

Upcoming Training/ TA Activities

- September 5-7, 2013: Covington Smith – Train the Trainer Booster and Mentoring session in Jefferson City, MO.
- September 24-October 4, 2013: Bost – Utah Alliance Bridge Event, Arizona Secondary Transition Combined Conference, Oregon Council of School Administrators Conference with NPSO
- October 6-8, 2013: Covington Smith – MO DESE/SEA Graduation Matters Initiative statewide capacity building and scale-up kickoff meeting in Jefferson City, MO.
- November 3-9, 2013: Covington Smith – BIE Combined Cohort 1 Booster Session and Cohort 2 Recruitment Session along with Transition Institute
- November 12-14, 2013: Klare – NSTTAC/NDPC-SD/NPSO mid-year check-up meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia.