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- Identifying evidence-based dropout prevention interventions, programs and practices.
- Producing evidence based knowledge useful to school professionals
- Providing targeted technical assistance to states in a variety of formats.
- Disseminating dropout prevention information through multiple methods.