

NATIONAL DROPOUT PREVENTION CENTER

Project Consultants



Dr. Sandy Bales, sandybales@gmail.com
Educational Consultant, Pioneer RESA

Dr. Bales was recently named a National Dropout Prevention Research Fellow. She has a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in Educational Leadership and has served as a teacher, administrator, educational consultant, and school improvement specialist.



Dr. Pamela Davis, pamela.moody.davis@gmail.com
Education Consultant, Jacksonville, FL

Dr. Davis holds a Bachelor and Masters' degree in Math Education from Florida A&M University and a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. She is a Certified National Dropout Prevention Specialist. Davis has extensive background in K-12 education, leadership development, and as a training facilitator.



Tim McGowan, tim@networksofsupport.com
Executive Director, Networks of Support

Mr. McGowan has served as a teacher, counselor, and a principal. He is a nationally certified prevention trainer and designs programming for schools and state agencies addressing workplace culture.



Hal Dunlap, hldunlap55@gmail.com
Teacher & Coach, Oconee County School District, SC, (Ret.)

Mr. Dunlap has invested more than 30 years in school and athletic administration, teaching, and coaching. He also directed prestigious youth leadership conferences. Mr. Dunlap is a national speaker, consultant, problem solver, and innovator.



Dr. Alicia Dunn
Coordinator of School Counseling & Mentorship,
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Dr. Dunn is currently responsible for the K-12 School Counseling Comprehensive Program In Clayton County Public Schools. In addition to the aforementioned, Dr. Dunn supervises the ChildTec Dropout Prevention Program.



Nancy Nielsen, nnielsen56@gmail.com
District At-Risk School Counselor, Suwannee FL
(Ret.)

Mrs. Nielsen is a Certified National Dropout Prevention Specialist. She retired with 40 years' experience in Florida's education, juvenile justice, and mental health systems. Mrs. Nielsen has worked as a teacher, counselor, and administrator at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.



Dr. Jerome Hudson, jeromehudson@anderson5.net
Asst. Superintendent Student Services, Anderson 5

Dr. Hudson serves as an Assistant Superintendent of Student Services in Anderson, South Carolina, where he oversees attendance, discipline, nursing, special education, alternative school, and active shooter drills. He is also an adjunct college professor.



Dr. Kathie Greer, greer1514@yahoo.com
Director of Alternative Programs, Greenville, SC

Dr. Greer oversees multiple alternative programs in Greenville County. She is a licensed master social worker, Principal Specialist, Principal Leader, S.C. Education Fellow, adjunct professor in educational leadership, and nationally certified adolescent counselor and Restorative Practices trainer.



Dr. Patrick O'Connor, poconnor@kent.edu
Associate Professor, Kent State University (Ret.)

Dr. O'Connor serves as a Research Fellow with the National Dropout Prevention Center. He remains part of the Kent State faculty Career-Technical Education. His scholarship includes research, teaching, publishing, and consulting.



Michael DeCenzo, diabruzzo34@aol.com
Program Consultant, Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

Mr. DeCenzo has served as Director of Special Education, teacher, and behavior consultant and as an agency consultant supporting alternative school development and leading low performing schools through the Ohio Improvement Process.



Jacinda Goodwin, jgoodwin@serve.org
Program Specialist, National Center for Homeless Education

Ms. Goodwin provides training, professional development and technical assistance nationwide to key stakeholders for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program. She is also an adjunct professor in psychology and mental health.



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Mrs. Kidd recently retired after 15 years as a middle school counselor. Prior to counseling, she was a consultant with McGraw-Hill Publishing company where she was responsible for sales and in-service presentations to districts throughout the northeast.