



Services of the National Dropout Prevention Center for Schools, School Districts, Regional Agencies, and States

The National Dropout Prevention Center (NDPC) exists to support those who work to improve student success and graduation rates. NDPC offers a wide range of resources and services to schools, districts, regional agencies, and states at no cost or at cost. Additional information about NDPC resources and services may be found at www.dropoutprevention.org or by contacting Dr. Sandy Addis, NDPC Director, at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

Publications, Journals, and Newsletters

NDPC offers a free-to-use, searchable online database of over 300 model dropout prevention programs across the country that may be reviewed, utilized, contacted, or visited by practitioners searching for practical solutions. Visit www.dropoutprevention.org to use The Model Programs Database.

Model Programs Database

NDPC offers journals and newsletters that inform dropout prevention practitioners of research findings, effective strategies, and current issues. NDPC also offers over 60 books, guides, and reports for educators, dropout prevention leaders, and students. Journals, newsletters, and books are available for subscription, purchase, or at no cost at www.dropoutprevention.org

Solutions Webcasts

NDPC offers monthly *Solutions to the Dropout Crisis* broadcasts featuring dropout prevention experts and practitioners describing their findings, strategies, and successes in a televised talk show format. More than 50 *Solutions* broadcasts are archived and available for individual viewing or for use in group professional learning settings free at www.dropoutprevention.org

Research Reports

NDPC offers a number of reports that establish the research foundation of effective dropout prevention practices. NDPC research reports can inform school district decision making, guide policy, and support grant proposal concepts. NDPC research reports are free to download or may be purchased in hard copy form from www.dropoutprevention.org

Customized Research Services

NDPC designs and conducts studies for school districts, states, and providers to assess the impact of dropout prevention interventions and programs. NDPC studies are customized to meet local needs and to provide the information needed to make well-informed programmatic decisions. To learn more, contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

Selection of Products, Services, and Practices

NDPC will assist schools, districts, and regional agencies to identify, review, evaluate, and select practices, products, and services for improved graduation rates. Our three decades of professional experience and national perspective will assist schools and districts to achieve the most impactful and cost-effective decisions when selecting and purchasing dropout prevention products, services, and interventions. To learn more, contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

Alternative School and Program Support

NDPC has extensive experience in design, evaluation, and improvement of alternative schools and programs. We stand ready to assist school districts to assess alternative programs and to support maximum effectiveness of alternative program initiatives. To learn more, contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

Speakers and Professional Development

NDPC offers a wide variety of presentations, workshops, and professional learning events on numerous dropout prevention topics. NDPC can provide keynote addresses, conference presentations, or job-embedded workshops with follow-up for teachers, counselors, leaders, community members, parents, and agency personnel on topics ranging from issue awareness to specific dropout prevention strategies. For more information, contact John Gailer at jgailer@dropoutprevention.org

Program Assessments and Reviews (PARs)

NDPC will conduct data-based, on-site assessments of existing dropout prevention practices for schools, school clusters, and districts and provide leaders with reports of effectiveness and research-based recommendations for modifications that are most likely to improve student success and graduation rates. PARs are nonjudgmental assessments by teams of school-friendly experts and help school leaders best determine areas to target and practices to alter for higher graduation rates. To learn more about this service, contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

Diploma Planning Institutes

A team of NDPC experts will train and guide school, district, or community teams to analyze local data and then to develop and implement research-based dropout prevention strategies and plans. These Diploma Planning Institutes (DPIs) can improve a school's or district's existing initiatives or they can replace random acts of dropout prevention with strategic, calculated, and likely-to-succeed initiatives. DPIs are well-suited for multischool districts or regional service agencies and provide long-term support for local teams. Contact John Gailer at jgailer@dropoutprevention.org

Conferences

NDPC offers national, regional, and special topic conferences to address the dropout prevention issue. Practitioners network with and are motivated by expert speakers and through special content presentations. Experienced conference staff can also assist states, school clusters, and regional agencies to plan and conduct regionally specific conferences targeting graduation rate improvement. Visit our website at www.dropoutprevention.org for information on upcoming conferences.

Community and Leader Involvement

NDPC assists local school districts to mobilize and engage the greater community in dropout prevention by developing strategies, campaigns, media releases, and events. Staff advise local leaders on community dropout prevention strategies, provide engagement materials, train education leaders, and support local events. Contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org for information.

Program Design Services

NDPC will assist schools, districts, and regional agencies to design dropout prevention programs and interventions that address specific student risk issues and local issues. NDPC staff has extensive experience in designing and supporting local and regional initiatives. For more information, contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

Trauma-Skilled Certification Programs

NDPC offers Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification for individuals and Trauma-Skilled School Model Certification for schools and districts. Both are based on the NDPC Trauma-Skilled School Model and provide specific action steps to increase the chances of trauma-impacted and stressed students succeeding and graduating. NDPC Trauma-Skilled Specialists are recognized on the NDPC website upon attaining national certification. For more about Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification for individuals, email acarver@dropoutprevention.org. For more about certification for a school/district, contact haddis@dropoutprevention.org.

Center Membership

NDPC offers individual, group, and institutional membership in the National Dropout Prevention Center. Members receive a wide range of publications, newsletters, research reports, event updates, and discounts on NDPC fees and services. Membership places practitioners in direct contact with both NDPC personnel and practitioners across the nation and maintains staff focus on the importance of improved graduation rates. For more information, visit www.dropoutprevention.org or email ndpc@dropoutprevention.org

NDPS and Trauma-Skilled Certification Programs

NDPC offers two nationally recognized credentials for practitioners who demonstrate expertise and are trained, current, the National Dropout Prevention Specialist (NDPS) Certification and Trauma-Skilled Specialist Certification. Both provide practitioners with research-based professional development, project experience, and professional contacts toward attainment of national certification. Participants' field projects, lesson plans, and contact information are shared nationally through the NDPC website as a resource for others who are working in dropout prevention. For information, contact Nancy Nielson at certification@dropoutprevention.org

Grant Development Support/External Evaluation

NDPC assists schools and districts in the design and development of competitive grant proposals. As a grant partner, NDPC adds value to competitive proposals through external evaluation, dissemination, project-integrated professional development, and sustainability strategies. NDPC is an experienced and credible external evaluator of state, foundation, and federal grant programs and will assist in the design of grant evaluation models. For information, contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

Policy and Legislative Consultation

As the nation's oldest and most utilized dropout prevention resource, NDPC stands ready to consult with school districts and states on development and implementation of policy, rules, and/or legislation that impacts graduation rates. For additional information, contact Sandy Addis at haddis@dropoutprevention.org

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