

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS | January 2015

In January 2015, the ASSETS team at WIDA and WDPI collaborated with states and project partners to complete the following activities, which are organized by grant deliverable.

1.0 ASSETS Consortium Management

- Followed up on action items and discussions at December Executive Committee/Steering Committee Meeting
- Organized spring Executive Committee/Steering Committee calls to discuss status of grant deliverables
- Organized spring subcommittee work to support operationalization of assessments

2.0 Create an online EL proficiency assessment system aligned with EL proficiency standards that corresponds to college and career ready standards, including:

- Annual summative assessment
 - The 2015 ACCESS 2.0 Field Test is currently under way!
 - Test development partners held face-to-face meeting regarding technical features for the operational test
 - Held weekly and as-needed calls to address design and functionality considerations and work flows for the 2015 items
- On-demand screener
 - Discussed plans and timelines for the screener (to be available Spring 2016)
- Interim assessments
 - Held meetings on plans for assessments that would encompass all grade levels in online format
- Formative assessment resources – Dynamic Language Learning Progressions
 - UCLA researchers continued research analysis and held discussions with WIDA about plans for professional learning resources

3.0 Create foundations for technology-based training program for scorers

- WIDA and CAL held face-to-face meeting January 14th to discuss development and timelines for new scoring modules

4.0 Create professional development and outreach materials

- Added ACCESS 2.0 Operational test information to the WIDA website: http://www.wida.us/ACCESS_2.0
- Revised FAQs for the 2015 ACCESS 2.0 Field Test
 - For more information and to view all Field Test preparation materials, visit the Implementation section of the ASSETS Project Website: www.wida.us/2.0/FT
- Continued recruitment for the 2015 ACCESS 2.0 Field Test
 - Please contact WIDA's field test recruiter, Alex Bauer (asbauer@wisc.edu, 608-265-0601) to learn more or to volunteer to participate in the field test.

5.0 Evaluate the technical quality, validity, and reliability of the assessments and the effectiveness of the professional development

- Reviewed recommendations from November Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

6.0 Create a transition plan to scale up and sustain the new assessment system

- Held WIDA cross-departmental meetings to address rollout and new trainings for the transition in 2015-16