

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS | October 2014

In October 2014, 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

- ASSETS Subcommittees
 - Accommodations, Accessibility, and Equity: discussed accessibility and accommodations features for the operational test and modifying guidance documents for Spring 2015 release
 - Reporting: explored score report layouts and discussed what data was essential to communicate
 - Technology and Implementation: discussed PNPs and other data file requirements, implementation options, technical capacity of states and tech readiness, and raised questions about microphone use
- Planned discussion topics for the WIDA Executive Committee/ASSETS Steering Committee meeting scheduled for Dec 2 & 3 in Oklahoma City, OK

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
 - Finalized item development and transfers for the 2015 Field Test. Posted a number of training materials to the [Implementation/Field Test](#) section of the website
 - Held kick-off meetings with DRC, the vendor selected for the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 operational test
- On-demand screener
 - Held discussions about development plans and timelines for the on-demand screener
- Interim assessments
 - Discussed revisions to the design and potential educator use of the new assessments
- Formative assessment resources – Dynamic Language Learning Progressions
 - Held WIDA staff training on the progressions and professional development materials

3.0 Create foundations for technology-based training program for scorers

- Held planning meetings for the technology-based training program for scorers (to be available in 2015)

4.0 Create professional development and outreach materials

- Continued to add new information to the WIDA and ASSETS Project websites for the 2015 ACCESS 2.0 Field Test and operational test
 - For more information and to view newly posted preparation resources, visit the Implementation section of the ASSETS Project Website: <http://assetsproject.org/implementation/>
- Continued recruitment for the 2015 Field Test
 - Please contact WIDA's new 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

- Discussed psychometric considerations to address at November Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

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

- Held WIDA cross-departmental and partner meetings to address preparations for the transition in 2015-16