

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS | November 2014

In November 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*: held meetings with CAL, DRC, and WIDA to decide on technology features for the operational test and to update accommodations documents for educators
 - *EL Definition*: began laying plans for a Home Language Survey/ELL Entry Process Pilot
 - *Reporting*: drafted score report layout and components and discussed graphical representations of scores
 - *Technology and Implementation*: discussed communications for SEAs and decided to establish a PNP focus group to support implementation. Individuals with expertise in PNPs can contact jesse.roberts@dpi.wi.gov.
- Reviewed SEA input from regional calls and finalized discussion topics for the WIDA Executive Committee/ASSETS Steering Committee meeting on 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
 - Test development partners held face-to-face meeting and calls regarding features for the operational test
 - Released training modules and preparation resources for the upcoming Field Test – to begin December 15th
- 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
 - UCLA researchers drafted Year 3 final research report for the DLLPs and held calls on educator resources

3.0 Create foundations for technology-based training program for scorers

- WIDA and CAL held development meetings for the technology-based training program for scorers

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 (Note that the Implementation/Operational section of the ASSETS Project website now redirects to the WIDA website.)
- Updated ASSETS Project website with preparation materials for the 2015 ACCESS 2.0 Field Test
 - For more information and to view newly posted preparation resources, 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 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 at the 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