

## DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS | December 2014

In December 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

- Held WIDA Executive Committee/ASSETS Steering Committee meeting on Dec 2 & 3 in Oklahoma City, OK. Discussion topics included:
  - Review of 2014 work performed by subcommittees, WIDA, and WIDA Project Partners
  - New WIDA Consortium Membership package, including assessment and professional development components, as well as new state participation proposals
  - Transition and sustainability planning for rollout of online test in 2015-16 school year

### 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 window opened December 15<sup>th</sup> – testing 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
  - Shared ideas for interim/benchmark assessments that would encompass all grade levels at EC/SC meeting
- Formative assessment resources – Dynamic Language Learning Progressions
  - UCLA researchers completed Year 3 final research report and continued discussions with WIDA about plans for professional learning resources

### 3.0 Create foundations for technology-based training program for scorers

- WIDA and CAL held development calls and identified topics for face-to-face meeting in February

### 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](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](http://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](mailto: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