

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS | March 2015

In March 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

- o Held March 12th Executive Committee/Steering Committee call to discuss field test progress, subcommittee work, and plans for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 test administration trainings and professional learning
- o Began agenda planning for April 22nd Executive Committee/Steering Committee call on assessment development
- o Began 2015 June WIDA Board Meeting planning
- o Revised draft Individual Student Report and collected input on look/feel of the proposed report

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

- o Annual summative assessment
 - The 2015 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Field Test is nearing completion – over 15,000 students have completed tests!
 - Accessibility and Accommodations guidelines are in the final phase of review
 - Work is underway to reconfigure the DRC eDirect web portal to create the WIDA Assessment Management System for test ordering, test session creation, and accessing all needed testing materials
- o On-demand screener
 - Continued development discussions and field test of the online screener items (to be available Spring 2016)
- o Interim assessments
 - Continued conversion of test items and building system for an online format for all grade levels
- o 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

- o Continued development of scoring module for the paper-based test (to be available in October 2015)

4.0 Create professional development and outreach materials

- o Added ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Operational test information to the WIDA website: http://www.wida.us/ACCESS_2.0
 - Fall webinar dates have now been posted to the website
- o Shared a training memo and flowchart of ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 trainings with SEAs
- o Continued the 2015 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Field Test
 - The end of the 2015 Field Test window is rapidly approaching and in order to make sure we reach as many students as possible, WIDA is counting on all schools to complete their scheduled testing sessions.
 - Please contact WIDA's field test recruiter, Alex Bauer (asbauer@wisc.edu, 608-265-0601) if you have any Field Test questions. Thank you for your commitment to this important endeavor!

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

- o Held March Technical Advisory Committee call and WIDA/CAL face-to-face Psychometrics Meeting

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

- o Held WIDA cross-departmental meetings to plan for rollout and transition to WIDA Consortium 2.0