

DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS | April 2015

In April 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 April 22nd Executive Committee/Steering Committee call to discuss the progress of grant deliverables, focusing on assessments.
- o Held webinar for state representatives on the WIDA Assessment Management System (WIDA AMS) and held a question-and-answer session for both state representatives and district staff
- o Continued planning for the June 2015 WIDA Board Meeting

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 complete! Nearly 20,000 students completed the online test.
 - WIDA thanks all participants for your support and feedback. WIDA will be analyzing the data over the upcoming months and is incorporating educator feedback into procedures for 2015-16.
 - 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
 - Completed field testing the online screener items (to be available Spring 2016) and held frequent development discussions
- o Interim assessments
 - Held development discussions and building system for an online format for all grade levels
- o Formative assessment resources – Dynamic Language Learning Progressions
 - Conducted data analysis and held WIDA/UCLA discussions 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 Held the first 2015 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 introduction webinars for WIDA states and district/school staff
- o Please note that all recorded webinars and other preparation materials are posted to the ACCESS 2.0 Preparation Resources webpage: http://wida.us/access_2.0/preparation

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

- o Continued follow up from March Technical Advisory Committee call and WIDA/CAL 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