



Project Activities - Timelines - Agency Responsibility
2015-2016 (Year 2)

GOAL 1: Increase the braille competency of Ohio’s educators through the provision of high-quality professional development and technical assistance that focus on results-driven outcomes.

Objective 1.1 Provide professional development to educators.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Statewide UEB Training	October 16, 2015	CISAM
B. Statewide One-day How to Deal with Nemeth and UEB	February 26, 2016	CISAM
C. Braille Immersion Camp with support from OSU Interns	OSSB TVIs and OSU Interns	OSSB/OSU
D. Weeklong Summer Basic Braille Course for educators	June 13-16, 2016	CISAM/OCDBE
E. Weeklong Summer Basic Nemeth Course for educators	June 20-23, 2016	CISAM OCDBE
F. Weeklong Summer Advanced Braille Course for educators	July 11-14, 2016	CISAM/OCDBE
G. 14-week Blended Basic Braille Course	October 14, 21, 28; Nov. 4, 10, 18, 2015; August and September 2016	CISAM/OSSB

Objective 1.2 Provide technical assistance and support to educators.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Technical assistance (TA) through email and phone for educators/TVIs of students who attended the Braille Immersion Camp.	June 7-12, 2015 Follow-up UEB Training by OSU - November 7, 2015	CISAM/OSSB/OSU
B. Follow-up email and phone technical assistance for 14-week Blended Basic Braille Course	Robin Finley and Dan Kelley	CISAM/OSSB
C. Technical assistance services regarding assistive technology hardware and software in the areas of braille literacy, production and technology for educators	Jerry Whittaker and Katie Robinson District Trainings AT & Techniques Sharing Workshop – February 4, 2016	CISAM/OSSB

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Objective 1.3 Provide avenues to communicate information and support to educators.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Listserv posts with braille initiatives such as Braille Challenge, Seedlings, NFB Bell Program, AFB Dots for Literacy	3 CISAM Listservs BEST Community of Practice	CISAM/OCDDBE/OSSB
B. BEST/CISAM Facebook and Twitter accounts to post announcements, updates, and grant information	Facebook and Twitter	CISAM/All Partners
C. Links on BEST website to post resources to assistive technology	BEST website UEB links on CISAM website UEB Transition Plan on website	CISAM

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Goal 2: Increase the knowledge and use/implementation of braille and state-of-the-art technologies of Ohio educators through high-quality professional development/learning opportunities and technical assistance that focuses on results-driven outcomes.

Objective 2.1 Provide high-quality professional development training to educators in Ohio serving students who are blind and visually impaired or deafblind to increase their knowledge and use/implementation of braille and state-of-the-art technologies.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Assistive Technology (AT) Conference including families, in collaboration with ACBO, CISAM, OCDBE & OSSB including AT Vendor exhibits	AT Family Conference late summer or fall 2016	CISAM/ACB/OCDBE/OSSB
B. Follow-up professional development training with AT Vendors from the AT Conference	BrailleNote Refreshable Braille Displays	CISAM/Vendors

Objective 2.2 Provide technical assistance and support relating to state of the art technologies to educators in school districts by adults who are blind and technology experts.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Email, phone and on-site support from collaborative partners regarding technology displayed at AT Conference		Partners/Vendors
B. Technical assistance relating to assistive technologies and computer hardware and software by CISAM technical assistance consultants		CISAM

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Goal 3: Increase the competency of personnel providing quality braille materials for Ohio students who require braille through provision of high-quality professional development training and technical assistance support.

Objective 3.1 Provide high-quality professional development to educators related to the production of braille.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Professional development activities on the production of braille	Duxbury I – October 7-8, 2015 – Susan Christensen Duxbury II – October 29-30, 2015 – Susan Christensen Statewide Scanning – September 7-8, 2016 – Jerry Whittaker	CISAM
B. Follow-up training to the initial training	Duxbury I – March 8-9, 2016 – Susan Christensen Duxbury II – March 10, 2016 – Susan Christensen	CISAM
C. Participant portfolios – end of training activity	Duxbury I and II	CISAM

Objective 3.2 Provide technical assistance to school districts that produce braille for Ohio schools.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Technical assistance to educators after the initial training	Email and phone	CISAM
B. On-site technical assistance to Local Braille Production Centers (LBPC)	CISAM TA Consultants (Upon Request)	CISAM/OSSB

Objective 3.3 Expand braille production capacities at the local school district level.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Establishment of LBPCs in Ohio school districts	Select and install 2 LBPCs as written in grant	CISAM
B. Technical assistance, support and training	Duxbury and Scanning	CISAM

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Objective 3.4 Provide training and support to Grafton Braille Service Center (GBSC) Prison Braille Program.

Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Professional development training at GBSC Prison Braille Program	UEB and Nemeth CorelDraw and Tactile Graphics Accessible Formats; Duxbury	CISAM
B. Technical Assistance, support and training	Email, phone, and on-site	CISAM

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Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Advisory Board Meeting/ Teleconferences	December 10, 2015 – 10:00am-12:00pm April 28, 2016 – 10:00am-12:00pm	CISAM/All Partners
B. BEST Leadership Meetings	October 15, 2015 – 8:30am-10:00am February 25, 2016 – 8:30am-10:00am June 2, 2016 – 8:30am-10:00am August 4, 2016 – 8:30am-10:00am	CISAM/All Partners
C. Monthly Evaluation Meetings		CISAM
D. Update and Disseminate BEST Brochure	Update as needed	CISAM/All Partners
E. Contract with Qualified Personnel	Susan Christensen – Duxbury & TA Robin Finley – Braille Immersion Camp, Follow-up TA and Blended Braille Course Lauri Kaplan – AT Conference Aimee Howley – External Evaluation Dan Kelley – Blended Braille Course Shelley Mack – Summer Braille Courses, UEB Trainings Ceil Peirano – Braille Immersion Camp and Follow-up TA Jerry Whittaker – TA, Consultation, Professional Development, Scanning	CISAM

***Acronyms:**

ACBO – American Council of the Blind of Ohio
 AT – Assistive Technology
 BEST – Braille Excellence for Students and Teachers
 CISAM – Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials
 GBSC – Grafton Braille Service Center

LPBC – Local Braille Production Centers
 OCBDE – Ohio Center for Deafblind Education
 OSU – The Ohio State University
 OSSB – Ohio State School for the Blind
 TVI – Teacher of the Visually Impaired