



Project Activities - Timelines - Agency Responsibility
2016-2017 (Year 3)

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 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Statewide UEB Training	October 14, 2016	AT & AEM Center
B. Statewide One-day How to Deal with Nemeth and UEB	February 24, 2017	AT & AEM Center
C. Weeklong Summer Basic Braille Course for educators	June 12-15, 2017	AT & AEM Center/OCDBE
D. Weeklong Summer Basic Nemeth Course for educators	June 19-22, 2017	AT & AEM Center/OCDBE
E. Weeklong Summer Advanced Braille Course for educators	June 26-29, 2017	AT & AEM Center/OCDBE
F. Weeklong Summer Advanced Nemeth Course for educators	July 10-13, 2017	AT & AEM Center/OCDBE
G. 14-week Blended Basic Braille Course – 2nd part of 2016 Course – 1st part of 2017 Course	Oct. 5,12,19,26, Nov. 2, 2016 Aug. 1,8,15,22,29, Sept. 6,13,20,27, 2017	AT & AEM Center/OSSB

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Objective 1.2 Provide technical assistance and support to educators.

Activity	Year 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Follow-up email and phone technical assistance for 14-week Blended Basic Braille Course	Robin Finley and Dan Kelley	AT & AEM Center/OSSB
B. 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 2, 2017	AT & AEM Center/OSSB

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

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

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 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Assistive Technology (AT) Conference including families, in collaboration with ACBO, AT & AEM Center, OCDBE & OSSB including AT Vendor exhibits	AT Family Conference – May 6, 2017	AT & AEM Center/ACBO/OCDBE/OSSB
B. Follow-up professional development training with AT Vendors from the AT Conference	BrailleNote – January 30, 2017 - March 20, 2017	AT & AEM Center/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 3	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 AT & AEM Center technical assistance consultants		AT & AEM Center

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 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Professional development activities on the production of braille	Duxbury I – October 4-5, 2016 – Susan Christensen Duxbury II – October 25-26, 2016 – Susan Christensen Statewide Scanning – September 6-7, 2017 – Jerry Whittaker	AT & AEM Center
B. Follow-up training to the initial training	Duxbury I – March 7-8, 2017 – Susan Christensen Duxbury II – March 9, 2017 – Susan Christensen	AT & AEM Center
C. Participant pre- and post-checklists	Duxbury I and II	AT & AEM Center

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

Activity	Year 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Technical assistance to educators after the initial training	Email and phone	AT & AEM Center
B. On-site technical assistance to Local Braille Production Centers (LBPCs)	AT & AEM Center TA Consultants (upon request)	AT & AEM Center/OSSB

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

Activity	Year 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Establishment of LBPCs in Ohio school districts	Select and install 2 LBPCs as written in grant 1-Brunswick City Schools 2-Replaced Embosser at Cloverleaf ES – Shelley Mack	AT & AEM Center
B. Technical assistance, support and training	Duxbury and Scanning	AT & AEM Center

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

Activity	Year 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Professional development training at GBSC Prison Braille Program	TBD	AT & AEM Center
B. Technical Assistance, support and training	Email, phone, and on-site	AT & AEM Center

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Manage Project

Activity	Year 3	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Advisory Board Meeting/ Teleconferences	December 8, 2016 – 10:00am-12:00pm April 27, 2017 – 10:00am-12:00pm	AT & AEM Center/All Partners
B. BEST Leadership Meetings	October 13, 2016 – 8:30am-10:00am February 23, 2017 – 8:30am-10:00am June 1, 2017 – 8:30am-10:00am August 3, 2017 – 8:30am-10:00am	AT & AEM Center/All Partners
C. Monthly Evaluation Meetings		AT & AEM Center
D. Update and Disseminate BEST Brochure	Update as needed	AT & AEM Center/All Partners
E. Contract with Qualified Personnel	Susan Christensen – Duxbury & TA Robin Finley – 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 Jerry Whittaker – TA, Consultation, Professional Development, Scanning	AT & AEM Center

***Acronyms:**

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

LPBC – Local Braille Production Centers
 OCDBE – Ohio Center for Deafblind Education
 OSU – The Ohio State University
 OSSB – Ohio State School for the Blind
 TVI – Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments