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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 5	Progress Update
A. Braille Formats Including Nemeth Code in the UEB Context	March 15, 2019	Scheduled – 9 Registered
B. Paraprofessional Instructional Support Techniques	Feb. 22, 2019	Completed – 16 Participants
C. 4-Day Summer Basic Braille Course for educators	June 10-13, 2019	Scheduled – 4 Registered
D. 4-Day Summer Basic Nemeth Course for educators	June 24-27, 2019	Scheduled – 4 Registered
E. Summer Advanced Braille Course for educators	June 17 – July 8, 2019	Scheduled – 4 Registered
F. Summer Advanced Nemeth Course for educators	June 18 – July 9, 2019	Scheduled – 2 Registered
G. 12-week Blended Basic Braille Course – 2nd part of 2018 Course	Oct. 3, 10, 17, 2018	Completed – 12 Participants 15 Started the Course

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Objective 1.2 Provide technical assistance and support to educators.

Activity	Year 5	Progress Update
A. Follow-up email and phone technical assistance for 12-week Blended Basic Braille Course	Robin Finley and Dan Kelley	16 Technical Assistance (TA) hours
B. Follow-up technical assistance services regarding assistive technology hardware and software in the areas of braille literacy, production and technology for educators	Jerry Whittaker, Susan Christensen and Heather Bridgman	Olentangy Local - 10/18/18 Dayton Public – 12/20/18

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

Activity	Year 5	Progress Update
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 Listserv Posts – 12
B. AT & AEM Center Twitter posts, announcements, updates, and grant information	Twitter	Tweets - 18
C. Improve access to and communication of BEST grant sponsored training through updates on the AT & AEM Center website and online event registration process	AT & AEM website	BEST Grant Website (PD Home page, PD pages, Special Projects page, AT Forum page) - 864 Total Unique Views for the 1st Quarter New AT&AEM Center Web Page - Braille Resources and Information that provides links to resources regarding braille, UEB and AT - 62 Unique Views

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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 5	Progress Update
A. Coordinate VI/braille related AT vendor exhibits in collaboration with the OCALICON Sensory Summit	Braille AT Forum at OCALICON Nov. 13-14, 2018	Nov. 13 Evening Event – 247 Participants Nov. 14 Session & Exhibits – 257 Participants
B. Collaborate with OCALI, the AT & AEM Center and the Ohio Educational State Support Teams on the four regional AT conference and vendor fairs to ensure inclusion of VI/braille related content/vendors.	AT Conference & Vendor Fairs Oct. 2-5, 2018	Oct 2, 2018 – Rootstown – 142 Participants Oct. 3, 2018 – Lima – 78 Participants Oct. 4, 2018 – Chauncey – 47 Participants Oct. 5, 2018 – Miamisburg – 71 Participants
C. Facilitate professional development training by VI AT Vendors	Vispero: JAWS | FOCUS | ElBraille Feb. 14, 2019

Humanware – Using BrailleNote Touch with Google Classroom March 21, 2019

Vispero – AT Products April 18, 2019 | Completed– 8 Participants

Scheduled – 6 Registered

Scheduled – 0 Registered |

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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 5	Progress Update
A. Email, phone and on-site support from collaborative partners regarding technology displayed at OCALICON Braille AT Forum and Vendor Fairs		Partners and Vendors are continually supporting with email, phone and in person TA
B. Technical assistance relating to assistive technologies and computer hardware and software by AT & AEM Center technical assistance consultants	Oct. 1, 2018 – Feb. 15, 2019	131.50 Technical assistance hours have been provided

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 5	Progress Update
A. Professional development activities on the production of braille	Duxbury I – Oct 11-12, 2018 Susan Christensen Duxbury II– Oct. 25-26, 2018 Susan Christensen MathType – Nov 1, 2018 Susan Christensen Scanning for Braille, LP & Audio – Sept 5-6, 2019 Jerry Whittaker Tactile Graphics – Sept. 10(11), 2019 – Lucia Hasty	Completed – 16 Participants Completed – 4 Participants Completed – 7 Participants Scheduled TBD
B. Follow-up training to the initial training	Duxbury I – Mar. 6-7, 2019 Susan Christensen Duxbury II – Mar. 8, 2019 Susan Christensen	Scheduled – 16 Registered Scheduled – 6 Registered
C. Participant pre- and post-checklists	Duxbury I and II MathType	In Progress Completed

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

Activity	Year 5	Progress Update
A. Technical assistance to educators after the initial training	Email and phone	In Progress
B. On-site technical assistance to Local Braille Production Centers (LBPCs)	Dayton Public LBPC	TA on 1/8/19

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

Activity	Year 5	Progress Update
Establishment of LBPCs in Ohio school districts Goal: Select and Install 2 new LBPCs A 3rd LBPC was set-up with an embosser donated from Marion. The grant paid for repairs and maintenance before set up. A 4th LBPC will be set-up with an embosser that was repaired from Mentor City Schools.	1. Zanesville City 2. Marion City 3. Washington Local 4. TBD	11/9/18 11/2/18 11/30/18 TBD
B. Technical assistance, support and training	Duxbury and Scanning	In Progress

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

Activity	Year 5	Progress Update
A. Professional development training at GBSC Prison Braille Program	TBD	Shelley, Susan and Jerry are in process of planning trainings
B. Technical Assistance, support and training	Email, phone, and on-site	Oct. 2018 – Signed MOU in place Oct. 2018 – Braillo Maintenance - Jerry Jan. 7, 2019 – Onsite Planning Meeting (Jan, Jerry, Shelley, Julie, Paul, +2 GBSC) Parts ordered for Braillo – Jerry/Heather scheduled for return trip TA Hours = 38.5; Email and Phone Contacts = 14

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Activity	Year 5	Progress Update
Advisory Board Meeting/Teleconferences OCALI – Room 205	Feb. 28, 2019 – 1:00pm-2:30pm August 1, 2019 – 1:00pm-2:30pm	Scheduled Scheduled
BEST Leadership Meetings OCALI – Room 205	Oct. 22, 2018 – 8:30am–10:00am Rm 205 Feb. 28, 2019 – 8:30am-10:00am Rm 205 June 6, 2019 – 8:30am-10:00am Aug. 1, 2019 – 8:30am-10:00am	Completed Scheduled Scheduled Scheduled
Monthly Evaluation Meetings with external evaluator	10/4/18, 12/12/18, 2/20/19	In Progress

Contract with Qualified Personnel	Susan Christensen – Duxbury, MathType & TA
	Robin Finley – Follow-up TA and Blended Braille Course
	Aimee Howley – External Evaluator
	Dan Kelley – Follow-up TA and Blended Braille Course
	Shelley Mack – Summer Braille Courses, Braille-related
	    Trainings, Braille Consultant
	Jerry Whittaker – TA, Consultation, Professional
	    Development, Scanning
		In Progress

*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

TA – Technical Assistance

TVI – Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments