



Project Activities - Timelines - Agency Responsibility  
2014-2015 (Year 1)

**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	February 27, 2015	CISAM
B. Follow-up Regional UEB Trainings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleveland – June 8, 2015 - Middleburg Heights Junior High</li> <li>• Toledo – June 9, 2015 – Toledo Public Schools Board Room</li> <li>• Columbus – June 10, 2015 – Glenmont Building</li> </ul>	CISAM
C. Braille Immersion Camp with support from OSU Interns	OSSB TVIs and OSU Interns	OSSB/OSU
D. Summer Basic Braille Course for educators	June 15-18, 2015	CISAM/OCDBE
E. Summer Basic Nemeth Course for educators	June 22-25, 2015	CISAM/OCDBE
F. Summer Advanced Braille Course for educators	July 6-9, 2015	CISAM/OCDBE
G. Summer Advanced Nemeth Course for educators	July 13-16, 2015	CISAM/OCDBE
H. Follow-up Blended Basic Braille Course (Total of 14 weeks; 7 weeks – Yr 1; 7 weeks Yr 2)	Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sept 8, 14, 2015	CISAM/OSSB

## BEST GRANT ACTIVITIES 2014-2015

**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.	Robin Finley and Ceil Peirano OSU Interns	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	Email and telephone assistance and Support – Jerry Whittaker and Katie Robinson Technology and Techniques – A Sharing Workshop – February 5, 2015 – Jerry Whittaker ABBY FineReader – October 21-22, 2014 – Cuyahoga County – Jerry Whittaker Braillo Maintenance – July 31, 2015 – AMPC – Jerry Whittaker and Katie Robinson Braille System Set-up – Toledo City Schools – August 10, 2015 – Jerry Whittaker Braille Devices and iPads – Logan County ESC – August 14, 2015 – Jerry Whittaker and Katie Robinson Duxbury – Medina City Schools – TBD – Jerry Whittaker	CISAM/OSSB

**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 DOTS for Braille Literacy – June 24, 2015 APEX Workshop - May 4, 2015 NFB Bell Program – May 4, 2015 New Tactile Drawing Board – March 19, 2015 Perkins Perspective Magazine – January 15, 2015 Leading the Way in Science in the Grand Canyon – January 5, 2015 Fall Issue of DOTS – January 5, 2015	CISAM/OCDBE/OSSB

## BEST GRANT ACTIVITIES 2014-2015

	DOTS for Braille Literacy – December 19, 2014 NFB Scholarships – December 18, 2014 BEST Community of Practice	
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

**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 May 2, 2015	CISAM/ACB/OCDBE/OSSB
B. Follow-up professional development training with AT Vendors from the AT Conference	BrailleNote Training – October 28-29, 2014 – Michel Pepin and Mike Tindell, Humanware BrailleNote Training – September 15-16, 2015 – Peter Tucic, Humanware	CISAM/Vendors

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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 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

**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	Initial Training Duxbury II – January 12-13, 2015 – Jan Carroll Duxbury I – January 14-15, 2015 – Jerry Whittaker Statewide Scanning – September 8-9, 2015	CISAM
B. Follow-up training to the initial training	Duxbury II – April 13-14, 2015 – Jan Carroll Duxbury I – April 16-17, 2015 – Jerry Whittaker	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

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**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 sites and install 2 LBPCs as written in the grant: North Central Ohio Educational Service Center - Seneca County Stark County Educational Service Center	CISAM
B. Technical assistance, support and training	Statewide Scanning Training – September 8-9, 2015 – Jerry Whittaker	CISAM

**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	Follow-up Duxbury Training – March 17-18, 2015 – Jerry Whittaker UEB Training – March 31, 2015 – Shelley Mack	CISAM
B. Technical Assistance, support and training	Email, phone, and on-site	CISAM

## BEST GRANT ACTIVITIES 2014-2015

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Activity	Year 2	Primary Responsible Entity
A. Advisory Board Meeting Teleconferences	December 11, 2014, 10:00am – 12:00pm April 30, 2015, 10:00am – 12:00pm	CISAM/All Partners
B. BEST Leadership Meetings	November 13, 2014 – 8:30am-10:00am Feb 26, 2015 – 8:30am-10:00am June 4, 2015 – 8:30am-10:00am August 6, 2015 – 8:30am-10:00am	CISAM/All Partners
C. Hire Dr. Aimee Howley – External Evaluator for the Grant	Evaluation Meetings : October 27, 2014 November 25, 2014 December 10, 2014 January 23, 2015 February 25, 2015 April 8, 2015	CISAM
D. Update and Disseminate BEST Brochure	Update as needed	CISAM/All Partners
E. Contract with Qualified Personnel	Jan Carroll – Duxbury Training and Technical Assistance Robin Finley – Braille Immersion Camp and Follow-up Technical Assistance and Follow-up Blended Basic Braille Online Course Aimee Howley – External Evaluation Lauri Kaplan – AT Conference Dan Kelley – Follow-up Blended Basic Braille Online Course Shelley Mack – Summer Braille Courses, UEB Statewide and Regional Trainings Ceil Peirano – Braille Immersion Camp and Follow-up Technical Assistance Jerry Whittaker – Technical Assistance, Consultation, Professional Development, Duxbury and 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

OCDBE – Ohio Center for Deafblind Education

OSU – The Ohio State University

OSSB – Ohio State School for the Blind

TVI – Teacher of the Visually Impaired