

1. Remind participants to sign the sign-in sheet.



- 1. Welcome participants and introduce yourself.
- 2. Explain that this session is for participants who have completed CASAS Implementation Training (IT), either face-to-face or online.
- 3. This session is not appropriate for participants new to CASAS.



Training Content

- This training covers:
 - Pre-assessment
 - Implementation at your agency
 - · Evaluating implementation effectiveness
 - Review of CASAS
 - Resources to support instruction
 - Resource for your program

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PRESENTER/TRAINER NOTES:

1. Review bullets.



- 1. Review training packet materials.
- 2. All participants complete their training by submitting verification electronically.
 - Verification information is added to the CASAS contact database to:
 - 1) authorize the ordering of CASAS assessments.
 - 2) authorize the administering of CASAS assessments.
 - 3) document participation verified by sign-in sheet from trainer.
- 2. Directions for completing training verification are included in packets (or handed out at the end of training).
- 3. NOTE TO TRAINER: Submit Sign-In Sheet within <u>one week</u> of completed training in one of three ways:
 - 1) E-mail attachment to ttellez@casas.org (preferred)
 - 2) FAX to: 858-292-2910
 - 3) Mail to:

CASAS

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San Diego, CA 92123-4339



Training Objectives

- At the end of this training, you will be able to:
 - Recall links between curriculum, instruction, and assessment
 - Identify and use CASAS Competencies, Task Areas, and Content Standards
 - Interpret and use test results to inform instruction
 - · Identify instructional resources
 - · Identify professional development resources

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PRESENTER/TRAINER NOTES:

1. Review bullets.



Activity 1: Think about your agency

- What is your role at your agency?
- Does your agency have an intake process?
- How does your agency place students?
- What CASAS tests does your agency use?
- How does your agency score CASAS tests?
- Who receives test results at your agency and when?
- Do your teachers use test results to inform instruction?

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- 1. "Here are some questions to help you think about CASAS implementation at your agency."
- 2. Take a few minutes and work on Activity 1.
- 3. Elicit a few responses afterwards.
- 4. Point out similarities and differences between agencies.
- 5. Explain that you will allow time at the end of the session for any questions if needed.

Think About It



We encourage you to share these topics with others at your agency. Use them to think about and evaluate the effectiveness of your program.

- Intake and assessment process
- Placement into program, level, and classroom
- Pretest results
- Using test results to inform instruction
- Post-test results
- Reporting results
- Professional development
- Rewards and challenges

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- 1. The next few slides present topics to share with staff at your agency.
- 2. Time permitting, discuss a few of the topics as a group.



Think About It



Placement in Program, Level, and Classroom

- How are placement decisions made at your agency?
- Is the process effective?
- Is there a policy for moving students to higher or lower classes if needed?



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PRESENTER/TRAINER NOTES:

Think About It



Pretest Results

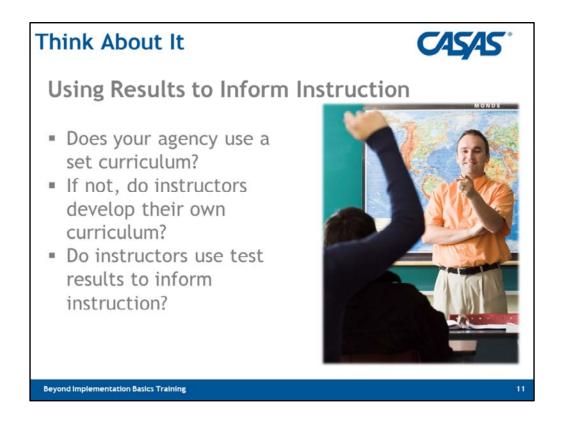
- Who administers the pretests at your agency?
- Do teachers receive test results?
- If so, how soon after testing do instructors receive results?
- How do teachers use test results?



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Think About It



Post-Test Results

- What is the interval between pre- and post-testing at your agency?
- Who administers the post-tests?
- How soon do instructors receive results?
- How are results used?

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PRESENTER/TRAINER NOTES:

Think About It



Reporting Results

- What does the data collection and reporting system look like at your agency?
- How do administrators use test results?
- Who reports results to the state (or your agency's funding source)?



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PRESENTER/TRAINER NOTES:



- 1. Encourage discussion if time permits.
- 2. With budget cuts in many states, more professional development is being provided online.

Think About It



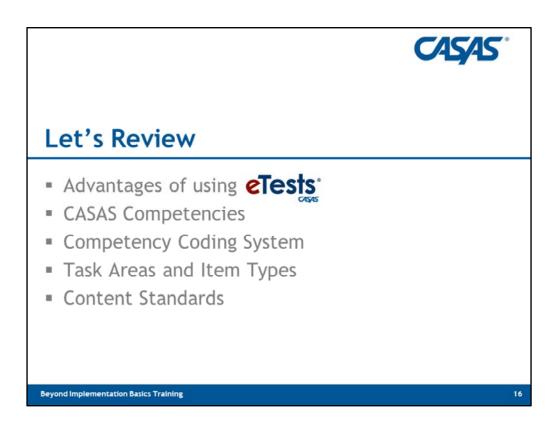
Rewards and Challenges

- Consider your role in your agency
 - 1. Write down one of the biggest rewards you have felt in your job.
 - 2. Write down one of the biggest challenges you've encountered in your job.

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- 1. Give participants a few minutes to think about the above.
- 2. Participants can write their responses on their presentation handout.
- 3. Solicit feedback.



- 1. Find out if there are participants who use CASAS eTests or TOPSpro Enterprise.
- 2. California-funded agencies use **TOPSpro Enterprise** but non-funded agencies and agencies outside of California may not be using it.
- 3. CASAS encourages agencies to use **CASAS eTests Online** together with **TOPSpro Enterprise Online**.





Nationally recognized system for computer delivery of standardized and adaptive assessments

- Access anywhere with Internet connection
- Provides synchronized "real-time" date for accurate results
- Reports available immediately after test administration
- Streamline assessment and placement
 - · Replace Appraisal with short, computer-adaptive locator
 - · Administer locator + pretest in one sitting
- Automatically assigns next test

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- 1. Agencies have the option of using web-based tests in combination with paper-based tests.
- 2. Encourage participants to contact <u>techsupport@casas.org</u> for additional information about how to get started with CASAS eTests Online.



CASAS Competencies

- Key component and building block of CASAS system
 - What information do you get from a competency?
 - What is the link between competencies and test items?
 - Do you use the competencies to help plan instruction?
 - Why are competencies important in the larger picture of assessment and instruction?

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- 1. Have participants look at questions in terms of their agency.
- 2. Get feedback from participants on the final bullet about why competencies are important.



Competency Coding System

- 7.7.4 Demonstrate ability to use e-mail and other messaging systems
 - · Content Area: Learning and Thinking Skills
 - Competency Area: 7.7 Demonstrate the ability to use information and communication technology
 - Competency Statement: Demonstrate ability to use email and other messaging systems
 - Complete Activity 2 in your packet.

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- 1. Every competency is identified with a three-digit number.
- 2. The first digit refers to the content area.
 - This slide shows Content Area 7 Learning and Thinking Skills.
- 3. The second digit corresponds to a competency area.
 - 7.7 Demonstrate the ability to use information and communication technology.
- 4. The three-digit competency statement 7.7.4 describes a measurable action.
 - Demonstrate ability to use e-mail and other messaging systems.
- 5. Every test item in the CASAS system corresponds to at least one specific three-digit competency statement.
- 6. Ask participants to complete **Activity 2** in their packet.
 - Have participants work with a partner and select one of three scenarios.
 - Have each group report back on one specific scenario and competencies they chose.



Task Areas and Item Types

- What is a task area?
- Where do you find task areas on CASAS reports?
- What is the link between task areas and test items?
- Do you use task areas to help plan instruction?
 - If so, how?

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Task Areas and Item Types

- Reading and Math Task Areas
 - 1. Forms
 - 2. Charts, maps, consumer billings, matrices, graphs, or tables
 - 3. Stories, articles, paragraphs, sentences, directions, or pictures
 - 4. Signs, price tags, ads, or product labels
 - 5. Measurement scales and diagrams

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Task Areas and Item Types

- Listening Item Types
 - 1. Picture prompts
 - 2. Comprehension questions
 - 3. Predict next line of dialogue
 - 4. Identify true statement based on prompt

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Content Standards

- What are Content Standards?
- Why are they important?
- Does your program promote using Content Standards to help plan instruction? If so, how?



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- 1. Review questions.
- 2. Solicit feedback.



Content Standards

- Clear statements of skills that students need at specific levels
 - Example: Interpret simple written instructions
- Identify the underlying basic skills associated with CASAS Competencies
- Support instructional planning
- Available in reading, math, and listening
- CASAS Reading Content Standards have been aligned with the Common Core State Standards

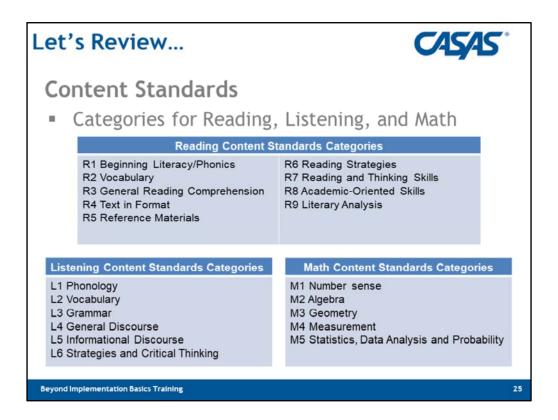


Download CASAS Content Standards at: www.casas.org > Product Overviews > Curriculum Management & Instruction > CASAS Basic Skills Content Standards

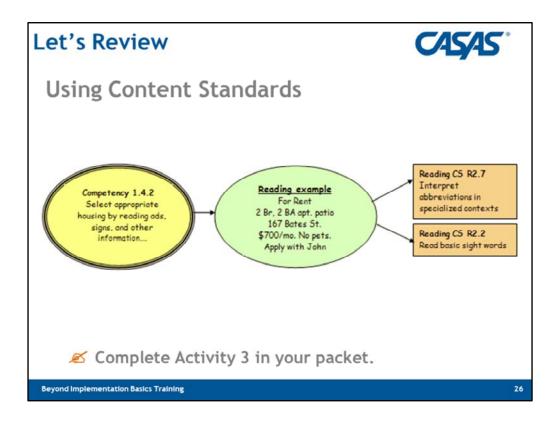
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- 1. Review bullets.
- 2. Visit linked resource if time permits and Internet connection is available.



1. This slide shows content standards categories for reading, listening, and math.



- 1. This slide shows an example of how content standards work with competencies to support instruction.
- 2. Walk through the information with participants.
- 3. The **CASAS Competency** shown here, **1.4.2**, correlates to the reading example.
- 4. For students to decode or understand the rental ad shown, they need to be able to interpret abbreviations and read basic sight words.
- 5. "Are there any other underlying basic skills they might need to understand this rental ad?"
 - one possible answer: recognize and understand numbers
- 6. Have participants **only** complete the top half of **Activity 4**.
 - Allow ten minutes and have them work in pairs or groups.
 - Have several participants share with the group.
 - If time permits, have participants work in pairs or groups to select a competency from the previous slide and complete the exercise on the bottom half of the page.
 - Encourage them to use the second mapping activity as a staff development topic at their agency.



Resources to Support Instruction

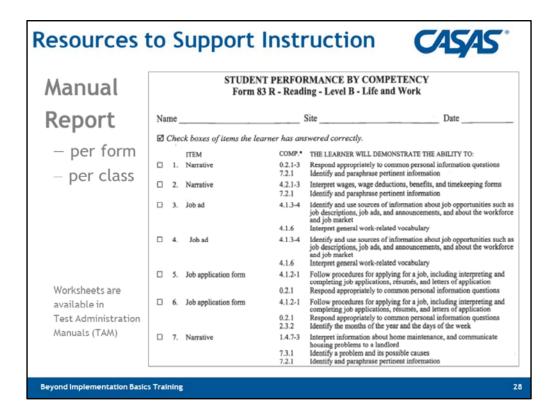
- Maximize your curriculum design and instruction
 - · Test Results, Data, and Reports
- Complimentary Online CASAS Resources
 - CASAS Content Standards Worksheets
 - Sample Test Items
 - · QuickSearch Online
 - Curriculum Modules

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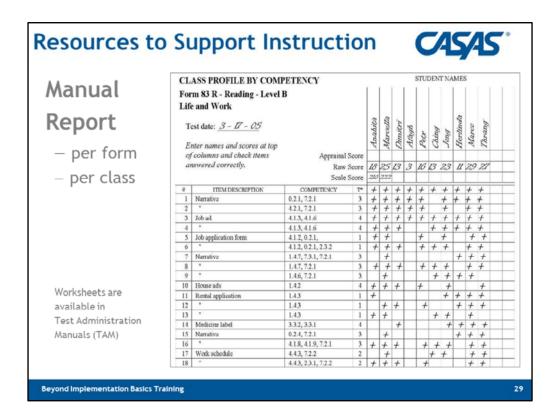
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PRESENTER/TRAINER NOTES:

1. Explain that CASAS does not have a fixed curriculum but provides a number of resources to support curriculum design.



- 1. For programs that score answer sheets manually, these individual student worksheets are available in the TAMs.
- 2. The format in this report is similar to reports generated through TOPSpro Enterprise.



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- 1. Review bullets.
- 2. Emphasize that even if an agency administers paper-based tests, they can benefit from using **TOPSpro Enterprise** to process results for automated scoring, recording, and reporting test information.

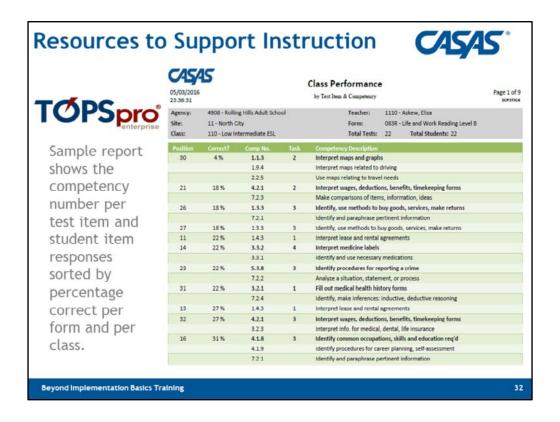


Advantages of using TOPSpro

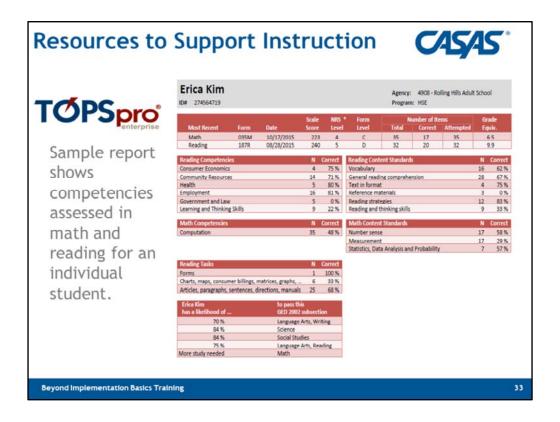
Nationally recognized learner management and accountability software

- Advantage for Decision Makers!
 - Generates NRS reports according to WOIA federal guidelines
 - · Rolls up data from local to regional to state level
 - · Provides aggregated statewide data

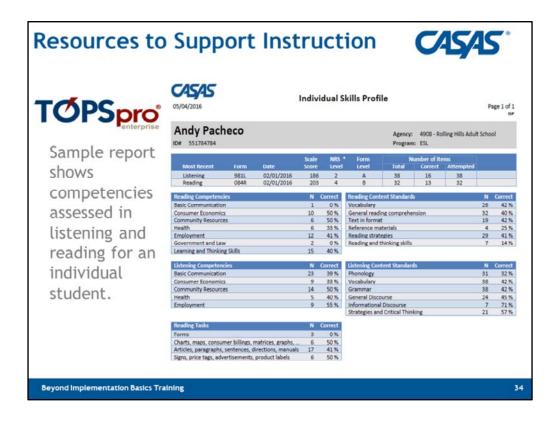
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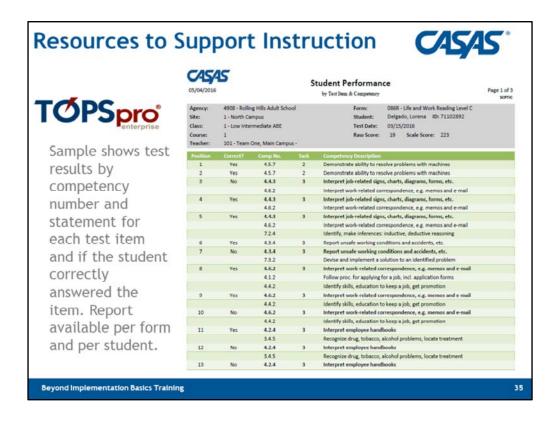
- 1. This slide shows a **Class Performance** report sorted by percentage correct.
- 2. This report is a popular alternative to the **Class Profile** report from a previous slide.
- Go over the headings: position test question number; correct percentage of students who answered a particular item correctly; comp. no. – competency statement number; task – task area; competency description – bold statements = main competency addressed; non-bold statements = second or third competencies addressed.
- 4. Teachers can readily identify areas of greatest need to develop lessons that address those needs and prepare students for post/progress-testing.
- 5. Sample report available on the CASAS website at: www.casas.org > Product Overviews > Software > TOPSpro Enterprise > Sample Reports
- 6. Ask if anyone has questions.



- 1. This slide shows an example of an Individual Skills Profile report.
- 2. This sample displays competencies assessed in reading and math and includes a predictor for the likelihood of passing different GED subsections.
- 3. CASAS is currently undertaking a study with HiSET and the new GED to update the predictor for either type of High School Equivalency (HSE) exam.
- 4. This is a very popular report among **ABE**, **HSE**, and **HSD** programs as well as workforce readiness programs.
- 5. Sample report available on the CASAS website at: www.casas.org > Product Overviews > Software > TOPSpro Enterprise > Sample Reports
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- 1. This is another example of an **Individual Skills Profile** report.
- 2. This sample displays competencies assessed in reading and listening.
- 3. Sample report available on the CASAS website at: www.casas.org > Product Overviews > Software > TOPSpro Enterprise > Sample Reports
- 4. Ask if anyone has questions.



- 1. The **Student Performance** report shows individual student test results on a given test form. The report -
 - Displays the competency number and statement for each test item.
 - Indicates if the student correctly answered the item.
- 2. This sample report is sorted by order of test item.
- 3. This is the electronic version of worksheets provided in TAMs.
- 4. Sample report available on the CASAS website at: www.casas.org > Product Overviews > Software > TOPSpro Enterprise > Sample Reports
- 5. Ask if anyone has questions.



CASAS Content Standards Worksheets

- Help teachers prioritize Competencies and Content Standards for classroom instruction.
 - · Basic Skills Content Standards by Test Item Correlations
 - Provide information about the basic skills content standards contained in each test form.
 - Student Performance by Content Standard
 - Documents correlate CASAS test items to CASAS Basic Skills Content Standards.



Download at www.casas.org > Product Overviews > Curriculum Management & Instruction > CASAS Basic Skills Content Standards

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- 1. Review bullets.
- 2. Visit linked resource if time permits and Internet connection is available.



Sample Test Items

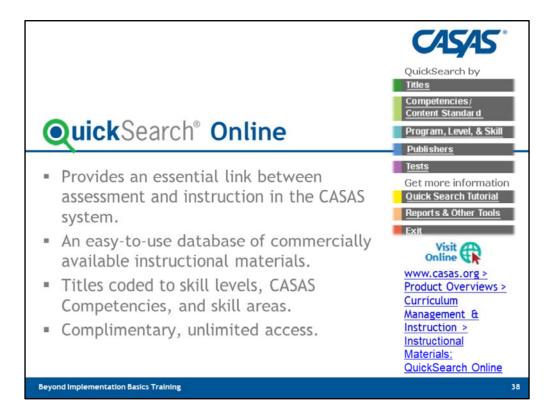
- Familiarize students and instructors with test item format and delivery
- Students practice test-taking skills
- Sample items are not a predictor of performance
- Sample items are available in printable booklets, presentations, and elests



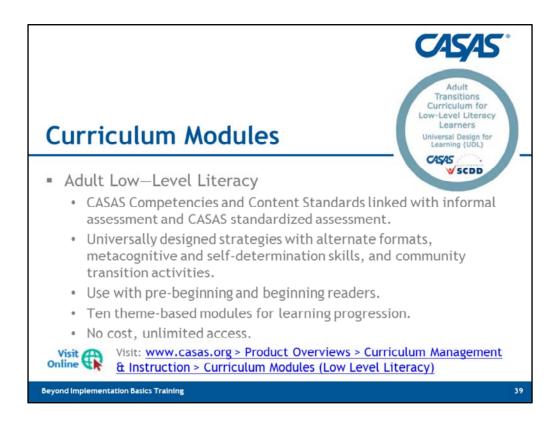
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- 1. Review bullets.
- 2. Ask if anyone is currently using sample test items, what are they using and how are they using them.
- 3. Visit linked resource if time permits and Internet connection is available.



- 1. Introduce QuickSearch Online by reviewing bullets.
 - This database is complimentary with unlimited access
- 2. Helps program coordinators and instructors select materials to match curriculum.
- 3. Participants may search by title, competency, program, level, skill area, publisher, and test form.
- 4. Encourage participants to use **QuickSearch** to identify which competencies are targeted in curriculum they are already using.
- 5. If you have access to the Internet, you may wish to go to **QuickSearch** at this point and demonstrate how to use the database.
- 6. Suggestion: ask participants for the title of a favorite instructional resource and "Search by Title" to see CASAS Competencies addressed in that title.
- 7. Visit linked resource if time permits and Internet connection is available.



- 1. Review bullets.
- 2. Visit linked resource if time permits and Internet connection is available.



Resources for Your Program

- Activity packet
 - Discussion Questions
 - For Instructors
 - For Program Managers and Administrators
 - Checklists
 - Assessment Process
 - Planning for Instruction

- CASAS Website
 - Training and Support
 - Education Providers
 - Workforce Development
 - Business and Industry
 - Social Media Newsroom

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- 1. Review bullets.
- Review CASAS Website resources.
- 3. Explain to participants that the **Resource Section** is for them to take back to their agencies.
- 4. Encourage them to share these resources with other staff.
- 5. These are designed to generate discussion and may be used as staff development activities.
- 6. Visit linked resources if time permits and Internet connection is available.



Case Study

- Complete the Case Study in your activity packet.
- Work in groups of 2-3 if possible, or work alone.
- When your group finishes, we will review answers together.



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- 1. Review the instructions listed on this slide.
- 2. Set a start and end time.
- 3. Before starting the Case Study, ask if anyone has questions.



Review Training Objectives

- You should be able to:
 - Recall links between curriculum, instruction, and assessment
 - Identify and use CASAS Competencies, Task Areas, and Content Standards
 - Interpret and use test results to inform instruction
 - · Identify instructional resources
 - · Identify professional development resources

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PRESENTER/TRAINER NOTES:

1. Review bullets.



- 1. Visit the CASAS website to read how agencies and programs across the country are using CASAS to assist adults functioning at or below a high school level in attaining the basic literacy skills to function effectively on the job, in the community, and in the family.
- 2. See how programs establish comprehensive performance accountability systems, address core indicators of performance, integrate literacy and occupational skill instruction, and evaluate the effectiveness of adult education and literacy programs.
- 3. We invite you to **Share Your Story!**
 - The Challenge (briefly describe the challenge your program was facing)
 - **The Solution** (What did CASAS provide to help you overcome that challenge? Which CASAS assessments, resources, people/staff, etc. helped?)
 - The Outcome (what was the result of implementing CASAS?)
- 4. Visit linked resource if time permits and Internet connection is available.



- 1. Participants complete their training by submitting verification electronically.
- 2. Distribute <u>Training Completion Directions</u> (if not included in packets).
- 3. Review directions on how participants submit verification after they have attended the training.
 - Ask participants to fill-in information for this training on the directions handout:
 - Workshop ID
 - Date of Training
 - Name of Trainer(s)
 - Training Location Name, Address, State
 - They will need to include this information when verifying their training.
- 4. This information is added to the CASAS contact database to verify training completion.
- 5. Visit linked resource if time permits and Internet connection is available.
- 6. Ask if anyone has questions.



1. Be sure all participants signed the Sign-in-Sheet.

2. IMPORTANT!

- Remind participants that their training is <u>not</u> official until they follow directions for completing training verification <u>online</u>.
- Make sure participants fill-in information for this training on the directions handout before leaving:
 - · Workshop ID
 - · Date of Training
 - Name of Trainer(s)
 - Training Location Name, Address, State
- 3. Turn in the completed **Sign-In Sh**eet to CASAS within one week of completed training.



Thank You for Attending!

CASAS Be sure to visit the CASAS website at www.casas.org.

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