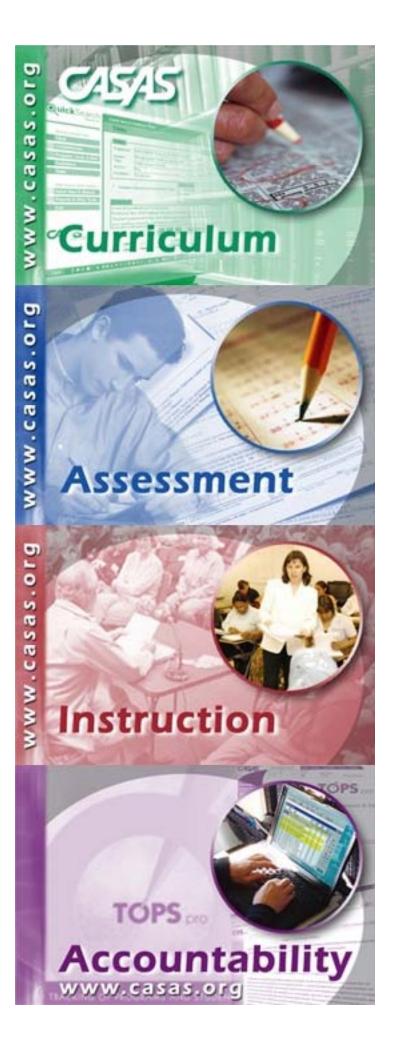
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Activity and Resource Booklet

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Activity 1

Take a CASAS Appraisal – refer to your training packet

Activity 2

Select a Pretest Based on Level

Level	Life and Work	Employability Competency System (ECS)	Workforce Learning Systems (WLS)	
Beginning Literacy	27R and 28R			
А	81R and 82R	11R a	and 12R	
AX	81RX and 82RX			
В	83R and 84R	13R, 14R and 114R	213R and 214R	
BX	in development			
С	85R* and 86R* 185R and 186R	15R and 16R	215R and 216R	
D	187R and 188R	17R a	and 18R	

* Content is more workplace-focused

- 1. Juan took a Reading Appraisal and scored 214. He can take a level B or C pretest. Which **Life and Work** reading pretest forms could he take?
- 2. How would you decide the appropriate form?
- 3. Ludmila took a Reading Appraisal and scored 226. She can take a C level pretest. Which **ECS** Reading pre-test form could she take?

Activity 3 - Selecting CASAS Competencies

Choose one of the scenarios below. Use the CASAS Competencies in your training materials to determine which competencies could relate to the scenario.

Role: Worker	Competencies
You should start work at 9:00 a.m., but you have a car that won't start.	4.6.4 Report progress on activities, status of assigned tasks, and problems and other situations affecting job completion.
You must write a memo but have never done this.	
You need to figure out paycheck deductions.	
You must collaborate with a group of people you have not worked with before.	

Role: Community Member	Competencies
You are interested in attending a musical at the Civic Center.	2.6.1 Interpret information about recreational and entertainment facilities and activities
You haven't received the birthday card Mom sent. It could be lost in the mail.	
You've read in the newspaper there is more trouble in Iraq. Where is Iraq?	
You need to register to vote.	

Role: Family member	Competencies
You bought a bottle of cold tablets and need to know how many to take.	3.3.2 Interpret medicine labels
You child asks for help with math homework.	
You want to plan a surprise birthday party for your child.	
A spouse may retire, grown children may move home, the house may have termites, a family member changed jobs, and taxes have gone up. You are under stress.	

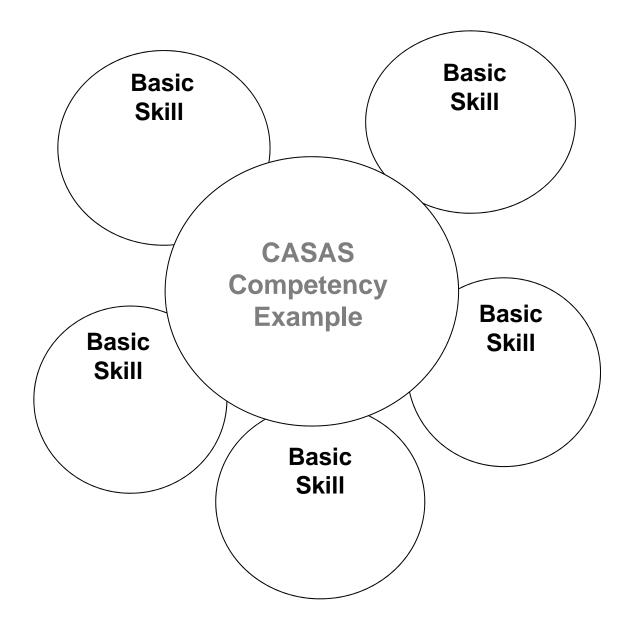
Activity 4

Identify Purpose and Type of Assessment

Directions: Match each description to a letter below. Use information from the training and the charts on the next page.

- _____1. A test to determine placement or level
- _____ 2. A test to determine a learner's instructional needs
- _____ 3. A time for ongoing informal assessment
- _____4. A test to determine progress
- _____ 5. A chart to correlate scale scores, levels, and descriptions
 - 6. Assessments that are available in a computer-based format
 - 7. A chart to help determine what test to give based on a scale core
 - A. Suggested Next Test Chart
 - B. CASAS eTests
 - C. CASAS pretest
 - D. Instruction
 - E. Skill Level Descriptors
 - F. CASAS post-test
 - G. CASAS appraisal test

Content Standards Support CASAS Competencies



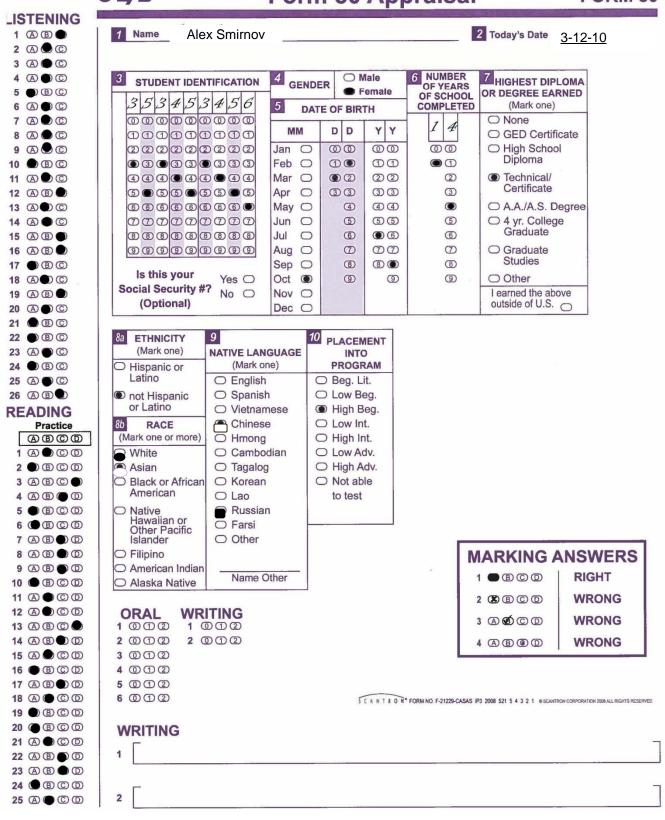


CASE STUDY

Purpose: The purpose of this activity is to review the CASAS assessment process by following a student's assessment from program entry and appraisal test through post-test and evaluating the student's learning gains.



Form 80 Appraisal



Find the following information.

- 1. Learner's Name:
- 2. Identification Number: _

Form 80 Appraisal Score Conversion Charts

Reading Test

Score Conversion Chart		
Raw Score	Scale Score	
1	171*	
2	180*	
3	185*	
4	189	
5	193	
6	196	
7	199	
8	201	
9	204	
10	207	
11	209	
12	212	
13	214	
14	216	
15	219	
16	222	
17	224	
18	227	
19	230	
20	234	
21	237	
22	240♦	
23	242♦	
24	244 ♦	
25	246♦	

Alex's raw score is 11.

What is his reading scale score?

Scale Scores		Skill Level Descriptors for ABE
▲	CASAS Level	Descriptors
250——	E	Advanced Adult Secondary With some assistance, persons at this level are able to interpret technical information, more complex manuals, and material safety data sheets (MSDS). Can comprehend some college textbooks and apprenticeship manuals.
245		
240	D	Adult Secondary Can read and follow multi-step directions; read and interpret common legal forms and manuals; use math in business, such as calculating discounts; create and use tables and graphs; communicate personal opinion in written form; write an accident or incident report. Can integrate information from multiple texts, charts, and graphs as well as evaluate and organize information. Can perform tasks that involve oral and written instructions in both familiar and unfamiliar situations.
235		
230	C	Advanced Basic Skills Can handle most routine reading, writing, and computational tasks related to their life roles. Can interpret routine charts, graphs, and labels; read and interpret a simple handbook for employees; interpret a payroll stub; complete an order form and do calculations; compute tips; reconcile a bank statement; fill out medical information forms and job applications. Can follow multi-step diagrams and written instructions; maintain
225——		a family budget; and write a simple accident or incident report. Can handle jobs and job training situations that involve following oral and simple written instructions and diagrams. Persons at the upper end of this score range are able to begin GED preparation.
220		
215	В	Intermediate Basic Skills Can handle basic reading, writing, and computational tasks related to life roles. Can read and interpret simplified and some authentic materials on familiar topics. Can interpret simple charts, graphs, and labels; interpret a basic payroll stub; follow basic written instructions and diagrams. Can complete a simple order form and do calculations; fill out basic medical information forms and basic job applications; follow basic oral and written instructions and diagrams. Can handle jobs and/or job training that involve following basic oral or written instructions and diagrams if they can be clarified orally.
210	D	
205 —		Beginning Basic Skills Can fill out simple forms requiring basic personal information, write a simple list or telephone message, calculate a single simple operation when numbers are given, and make simple change. Can read and interpret simple sentences on familiar topics. Can read and interpret simple directions, signs, maps, and simple menus. Can handle entry level jobs that involve some simple written communication.
200		
190 —	A	Beginning Literacy/Pre-Beginning Very limited ability to read or write. Persons at the upper end of this score range can read and write numbers and letters and simple words and phrases related to immediate needs. Can provide very basic personal identification in written form such as on job applications. Can handle routine entry level jobs that require
180		only basic written communication.
150		
¥		ovides general skill descriptors by level. Level descriptors for reading, math, and listening correspond to scale s in those specific skill areas.

1. Find the CASAS skill level for Alex using his scale score for reading.

2. Find the CASAS skill levels for the following scale scores and give examples of jobs at those levels.

Math - 215

Reading- 223 _____

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Suggested Next Test – APPRAISAL FORM 80

LISTENING		
Form 80L		
Score	Next Test Level	
171	A	
179	A A	
184	A A	
188	A	
191	A	
193	A A	
196	A	
198	B or A	
200	BB	
202	В	
204	B B B	
206	В	
208	В	
210	В	
212	C or B	
214	C or B	
216	С	
218	С	
220	C or B C or B C C C C C C C C C C	
223	С	
225	С	
229	C	
233	С	
235	C C	
237	- And the A	
239	С	

READING		
Form 80R		
Score	Next Test Level	
171	A	
180	A	
185	A	
189	A	
193	AX or A	
196	B or AX	
199	B or AX	
201	B or AX	
204	B or AX	
207	В	
209	В	
212	C or B	
214	C or B	
216	C or B	
219	C or B	
222	С	
224	С	
227	C	
230	D or C	
234	D or C	
237	D	
240	D	
242	D	
244	D	
246	D	

Look at the Reading Chart

Find Alex's **reading** appraisal score of 209.

1. What level pretest should he take?

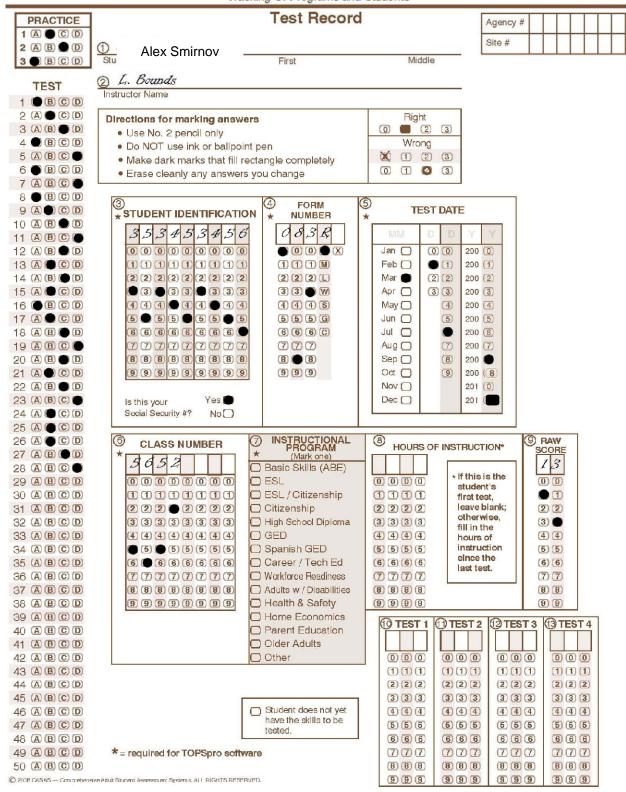
2. What are the Life and Work Test form numbers for that level?

Level		Reading	
	Life and Work Series	ECS Series	Citizenship Series
Beg. Literacy		27 and 28	
Α	81R and 82R	11R, 12R	951R, 852R
AX	81RX, 82RX		951RX 952RX
В	83R and 84R	13R, 14R, 114R	
вх	Under development		
С	85R, 86R 185R, 186R	15R, 16R	
D	187R, 188R	17R, 18R	

Pretest

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- 1. What form number did Alex take as his reading pretest? _____
- 2. What is Alex's pretest reading raw score?

Form 83R Level B - Reading

What is Alex's reading pretest

scale score if his raw score is 13?

Score Conversion Chart		
Raw Score	Scale Score	
1	-	
2	-	
3	-	
4	186	
5	189	
6	191	
7	194	
8	195	
9	197	
10	199	
11	200	
12	202	
13	203	
14	205	
15 g	206	
15 stanov	208	
17 8	209	
18	210	
19	212	
20	213	
21	215	
22	216	
23	218	
24	220	
25	222	
26	224	
27	226	
28	229	
29	230 ♦	
30	231 •	
31	232♦	
32	234♦	

Sample Class Performance by Competency Report

Agency:	4908 - Rolling Hills Adult School		
Site:	11 - North City ESL	Teacher: 1110 - Askew, Elisa	
Class:	110 - Low Beginning		
Course:		Total Tests	30
Form:	083R - Life and Work Reading Level B	Total Students	30

Item	Correct?	Comp No.	Task	Competency Description
1	63%	0.2.1	3	Respond appropriately to common pers. info. questions
		7.2.1		Identify and paraphrase pertinent information
2	63%	4.2.1	3	Interpret wages, deductions, benefits, timekeeping forms
		7.2.1		Identify and paraphrase pertinent information
3	73%	4.1.3	4	Identify, use information in job descriptions, ads
		4.1.6		Interpret work-related vocabulary
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		4.1.6		Interpret work-related vocabulary
5	53%	4.1.2	1	Follow proc. for applying for a job, incl. application forms
		0.2.1		Respond appropriately to common pers. info. questions
6	50%	4.1.2	1	Follow proc. for applying for a job, incl. application forms
		0.2.1		Respond appropriately to common pers. info. questions
		2.3.2		Identify the months of the year and the days of the week
7	47%	1.4.7	3	Interpret info. about home maintenance; comm. w/landlord
		7.2.1		Identify and paraphrase pertinent information
		7.3.1		Identify a problem and its possible causes
8	70%	1.4.7	3	Interpret info. about home maintenance; comm. w/landlord
		7.2.1		Identify and paraphrase pertinent information
9	73%	1.4.7	3	Interpret info. about home maintenance; comm. w/landlord
		7.2.1		Identify and paraphrase pertinent information
10	43%	1.4.2	4	Select housing by interpreting ads, signs, and other info.
11	37%	1.4.3	1	Interpret lease and rental agreements
12	57%	1.4.3	1	Interpret lease and rental agreements
13	40%	1.4.3	1	Interpret lease and rental agreements
14	27%	3.3.2	4	Interpret medicine labels
		3.3.1		Identify and use necessary medications
15	60%	0.2.4	3	Converse about activities and personal interests
		7.2.1		Identify and paraphrase pertinent information
16	37%	4.1.8	3	Identify common occupations, skills and education req'd
		4.1.9		Identify procedures for career planning, self-assessment
		7.2.1		Identify and paraphrase pertinent information
17	70%	4.4.3	2	Interpret job-related signs, charts, diagrams, forms, etc.
		7.2.2		Analyze a situation, statement, or process
18	57%	4.4.3	2	Interpret job-related signs, charts, diagrams, forms, etc.
		2.3.1		Interpret clock time
		7.2.2		Analyze a situation, statement, or process
19	37%	4.4.3	2	Interpret job-related signs, charts, diagrams, forms, etc.
		2.3.2		Identify the months of the year and the days of the week
		7.2.2		Analyze a situation, statement, or process
20	30%	4.2.1	2	Interpret wages, deductions, benefits, timekeeping forms
		1.1.6		Count, convert, use coins, currency and symbols (\$ and .)

1. Which Items did the greatest number of students miss?

2. What competencies are addressed by these items?

3. What are the corresponding task areas for these items? _____

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Suggested Next Test Charts for Life and Work Reading

Use the pre-test test score to find the suggested **next test level.** Then refer to the **CASAS Test Forms** chart below to identify appropriate test form numbers.

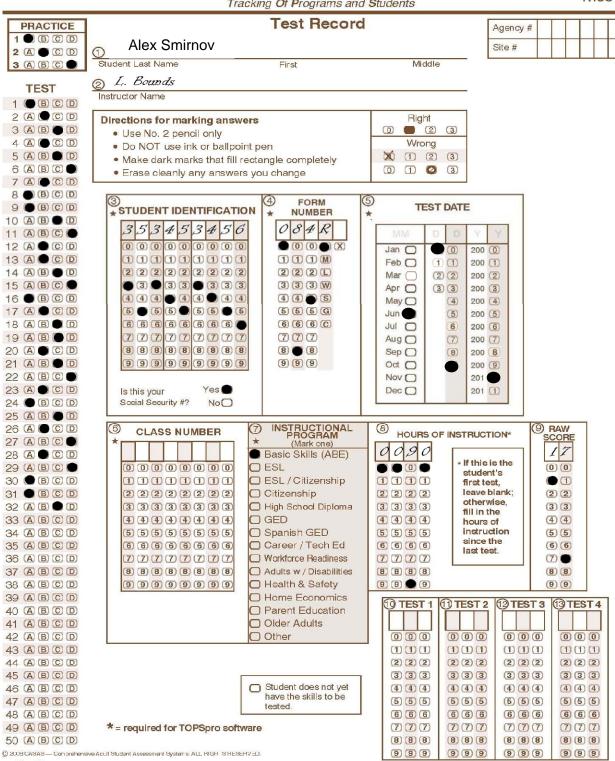
Form 27R-28R Beginning Literacy		Forms 81R-82R Level A		Forms 81RX-82RX Level A Bridge to B		Forms 83R-84R Level B	
Score	Next Test Level	Score	Next Test Level	Score	Next Test Level	Score	Next Test Level
<153	*	<170	*	<182	A	<186	*
153	Beg Lit	170	А	182	AX or A	186	B or AX
155	Beg Lit	173	Α	184	AX or A	189	B or AX
156	Beg Lit	176	А	186	AX or A	191	B or AX
158	Beg Lit	178	А	188	AX or A	193	B or AX
160	Beg Lit	180	А	190	AX or A	194	B or AX
162	Beg Lit	182	A	192	AX or A	195	B or AX
164	Beg Lit	184	A	194	B or AX	197	B or AX
165	Beg Lit	186	A	196	B or AX	199	B or AX
166	Beg Lit	188	А	197	B or AX	200	B or AX
167	Beg Lit	189	А	199	B or AX	202	B or AX
169	Beg Lit	191	A	200	B or AX	203	B or AX
170	Beg Lit	193	AX or A	201	B or AX	205	B or AX
172	Beg Lit	195	B or AX	202	B or AX	206	В
174	Beg Lit	197	B or AX	204	B or AX	208	В
175	Beg Lit	200	B or AX	206	В	209	В
176	Beg Lit	203	B or AX	208	В	210	В
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179	A or Beg Lit	206	В	212	В	213	В
180	A	208	В	214	В	215	В
181	A	209	В	216	C or B	216	В
182	A	210	В	218	C or B	218	C or B
183	A			220	С	220	C or B
184	A			222	C	222	C
186	A			224	С	224	С
187	A			227	С	226	С
189	A					229	C
191	A		1	READI	IG	230	C
192	A		Level		100000000	231	C
194	B or AX or A		Beg. Literacy	Life & Work Series 27R, 28R		232	C
196	B or AX		A A	81R, 82		234	C
199	B or AX	-	AX	81R, 82R			
202	B or AX		В	83R, 84			
			С	185R, 186R; 8	5R, 86R*		

X level tests are a bridge to the next level

Alex took form 83R and scored 203 on his pretest.

Find the Life and Work reading post-test level/s and form number/s based on his score.

Post-test



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Find the following information for Alex's reading post-test.

2 .Hours of instruction

1. Post-test form number

3. Raw score

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Form 84R Level B - Reading

Alex's post-test raw score is 17. What is his scale score?

Score Conversion Chart					
Raw Score	Scale Score				
1	-				
2	-				
3	-				
4	186				
5	189				
6	191				
7	193				
8	195				
9	197				
10	199				
11	200				
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21	215				
22	216				
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25	222				
26	224				
27	226				
28	229				
29	230 ♦				
30	231 •				
31	232 ♦				
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150						
¥		ovides general skill descriptors by level. Level descriptors for reading, math, and listening correspond to scale s in those specific skill areas.				

1. Calculate the learning gains between pre- and post-tests. Post-test Scale Score – Pretest Scale Score = Learning Gains

_____ - _____ = _____

^{2.} Which reading level should Alex be placed in next semester?

^{3.} What might influence your decision on Alex's placement?

Next Steps

The following section contains additional topics for staff discussion and program improvement.

- Resource One: Why Assess?
- Resource Two: Getting Started: The Intake Process
- Resource Three: Choosing CASAS Assessments for Your Program
- Resource Four: Instructional Resources
- Resource Five: Checklist The Testing Process
- Resource Six: Checklist Building Your Program
- Resource Seven: Resources for Workforce Development Programs

Resource One: Staff discussion topic Why Assess?

Write one or more benefit(s) of assessment for each group.

Students:

Teachers and Administrators:

Funding Sources:

What part of the assessment process do teachers and administrators find to be most challenging?

What do they find most useful?

Resource Two: Staff discussion topic Getting Started: The Intake Process

Identify the scenario or scenarios below that match your program. How would you set up an intake and assessment system that best meets the needs of your program?

A. Your program is large and serves over a thousand learners annually.	B. Your program is medium-sized and serves up to 1000 learners annually.	C. Your program is small and serves up to 100 learners annually in classroom settings.	D. Your program is small; staff work with learners one-on-one or in small-group settings.
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Intake Process/Assessments Used

How are placement decisions made?

Resource Three: Staff discussion topic Choosing CASAS Assessments for Your Program

Use the CASAS Catalog to identify the appropriate assessments for your program.

Appraisal(s)

Title/s

Code/s

Page/s

Price

Pre- and post-test series

Title/s

Code/s

Page/s

Price

Resource Four: Staff discussion topic Instructional Resources

Do you provide instruction at your agency?

If so, how many levels are there?

Do you have a set curriculum?

What instructional materials do you use and how do you select them?

Do you and your staff feel they are effective?

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Resource Five Checklist - The Testing Process

- Given Sellow an Intake Plan; administer Appraisal
- Select pretest from Suggested Next Test Chart
- Administer pretest
- □ Conduct training or instruction
- □ Select post-test from Suggested Next Test Chart
- □ Administer post-test
- □ Conduct training or instruction
- □ Use Suggested Next Test Chart
- □ Administer additional post-tests as needed

Resource Six: Staff discussion topic Checklist – Building Your Program

- □ Identify intake and placement strategies for your agency
- □ Identify appropriate assessments for your agency
- Use content standards, competencies, and data to inform instruction
- Identify reports useful for administrators, instructors and students
- □ Identify strategies for student retention
- □ Identify appropriate materials for instruction

Resource Seven: Staff discussion topic Resources for ABE/ASE/GED Programs

Life and Work Reading Assessments

- Page/s
- How could I use these in my program?

• Secondary Level Assessments

- Page/s
- How could I use these in my program?
- Workforce Learning Systems (WLS)
 - Page/s
 - How could I use this in my program?
- Workforce Skills Certification System (WSCS)
 - Page/s
 - How could I use this in my program?
- Functional Writing Assessment System (FWA)
 - Page/s
 - How could I use this in my program?
- Others
 - Page/s
 - How could I use these in my program?