

Webinar Topics

Tips for Getting Started in the New School Year

- Intake Screening Process
- Strategies for Proxying Test Results
- Replicating Test Sessions
- Adding User Accounts for Staff
- Registering Stations for On-Site and Remote Testing

Staff Training

- Help Documentation and Videos
- Upcoming Live Facilitated Trainings

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Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems

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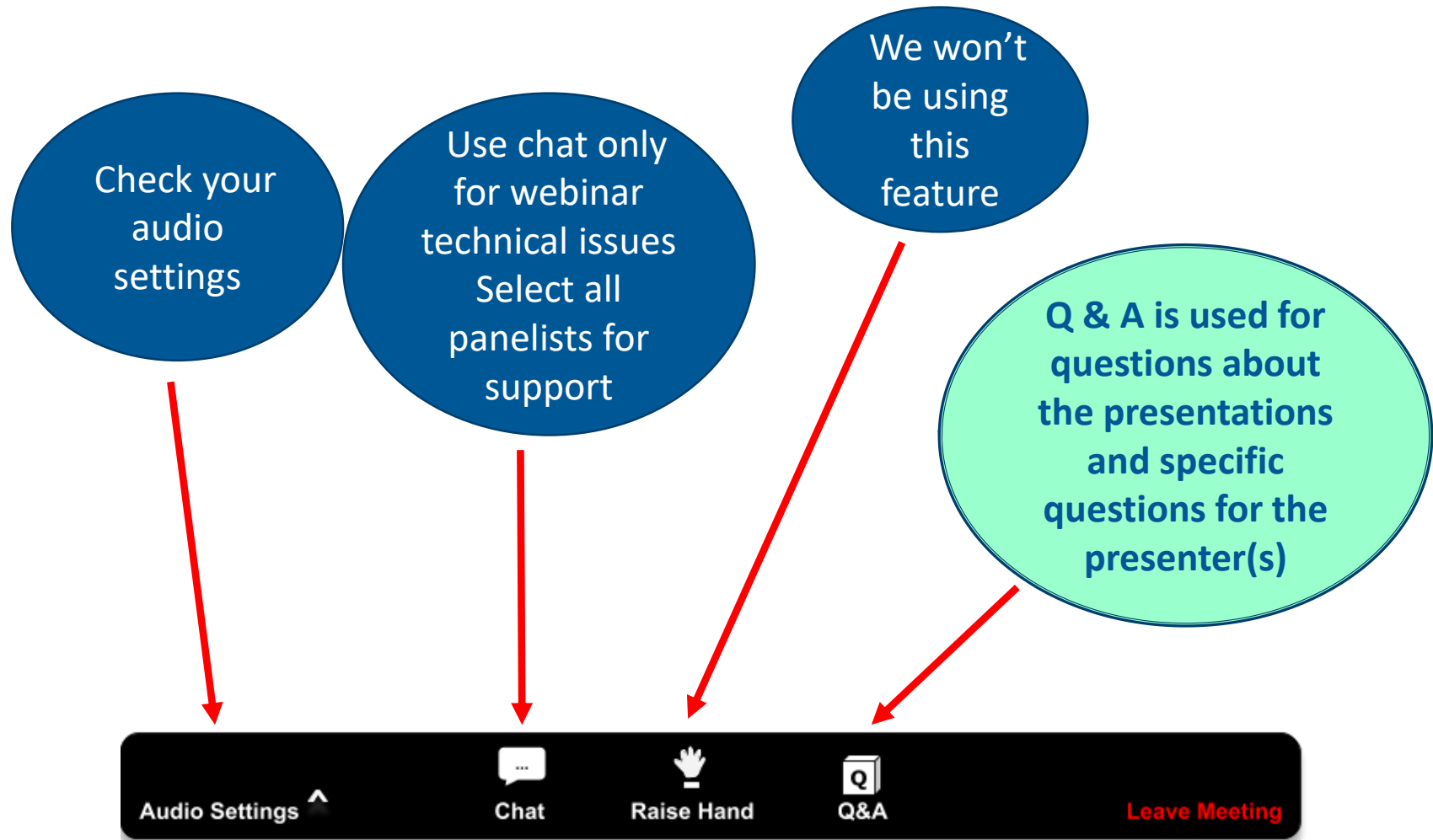
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August 18, 2021

Welcome to the August 2021 CASAS National Webinar!

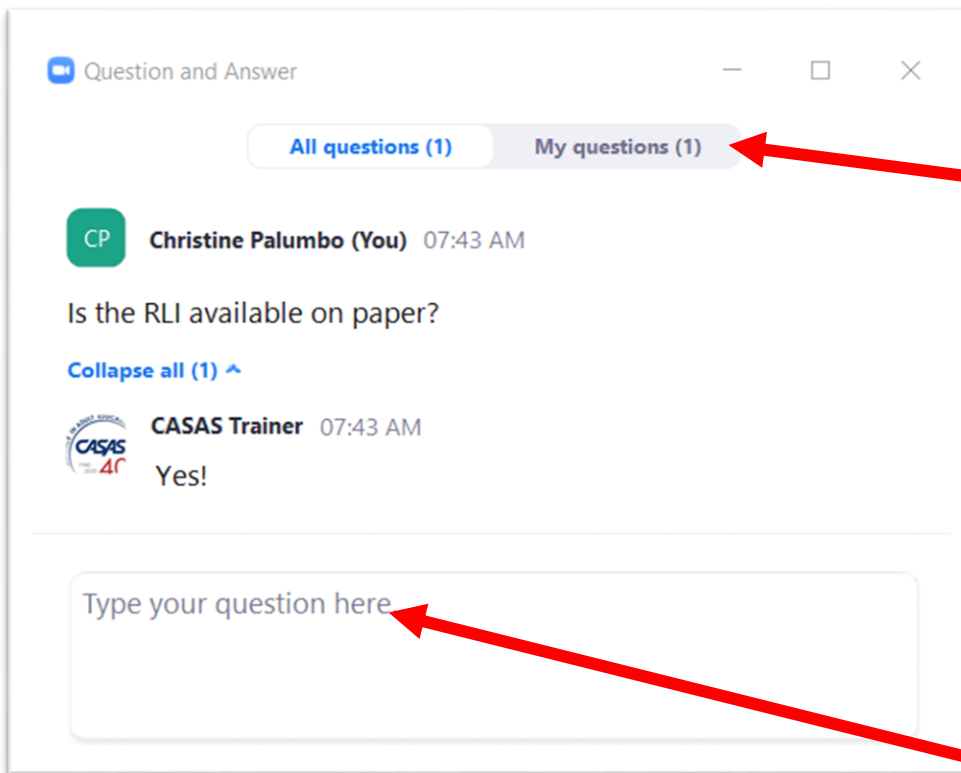
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Before we start: Webinar Tips

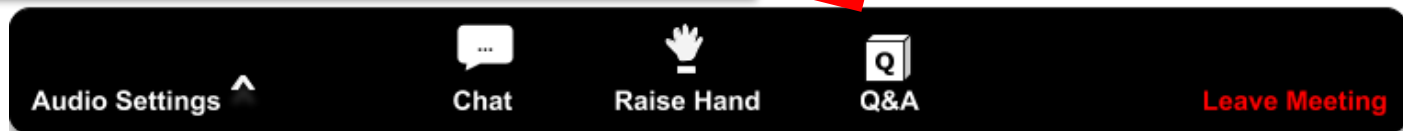


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- Type questions directly related to the presentation
 - New questions from the Q & A today will be added to the FAQs on the CASAS website.



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or all Qs & As



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CASAS Intake Screening Process

- Intake Screening is especially important for ESL students.
- Refer to Unit 2, Intake Screening in Training Modules 2 and 3
 - You can keep revisiting the self-paced online Moodle Training Modules as a useful ongoing reference.
- Follow the screening process guidelines for new students to:
 - Give a Locator + Pretest, or
 - Give Form 27, Beginning Literacy Reading as the Pretest (No Locator), or
 - Give a Level A form as the Pretest (no Locator).
- Coming soon: “CASAS Intake Screening Process” Guide.

TOPSpro Enterprise (TE) Tips

Jay Wright, CASAS California Accountability Program Manager

Strategies for Proxying Test Results

Proxy Help

- Click this link for a help document that provides step by step instructions for completing the Proxy Wizard:

<https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/te-help-documentation/using-the-proxy-wizard.pdf>

Using the Proxy Wizard

The Proxy Wizard enables you to reduce the amount of scanning, importing, manual data entry, and online testing normally required at the beginning of a program year. This feature “carbon copies” records from the previous program year and creates new records in the current program year with a date of July 1. The wizard gives you an option to create **Class Enrollments**, **Program Enrollments**, **Test**, and **Student Activity Records**.

This exercise details how to proxy **Tests** from the previous program year.

1. On the **Tools** menu, select **Proxy Wizard** to open this feature



Proxy Help

- Click this link for a help document with more technical detail about the Proxy Wizard:

https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/caacct/topspro-enterprise-proxy-instructions.pdf?sfvrsn=d0d67635_17?Status=Master

Note: this document appears as guidance for California WIOA II agencies... but the document provides technical guidance for using the wizard in TE – not state policy.

ATTACHMENT D

TOPSPRO ENTERPRISE PROXY RECORD FUNCTION

What is a Class Definition?

A Class Definition is simply a Class ID and Class Description, which can optionally include an Extended ID and/or Course Code. The combination of **Class ID + Extended ID** is required to be unique within a given site.

More Tips for the New Program Year

Dawn Montgomery, CASAS Online Implementation Specialist

Replicating Test Session

Registering Stations for On-Site and Remote Testing

Help Documentation and Videos

Replicating Testing Sessions



It's time to get ready for testing in the new program year!

1. Review your current **Testing Session Templates**.
2. Review your current **Testing Sessions** using the Templates.
3. Follow [Steps to Replicate Testing Sessions](#) (PDF).
4. Watch [Replicate Testing Sessions into a New Program Year](#) (video).



Registering Stations for On-Site and Remote Testing

- Help document link:

[Registering Stations for On-Site and Remote Testing \(casas.org\)](https://www.casas.org)

Help Documentation & Videos

CASAS training materials are on the move!



Looking for training materials with helpful videos?

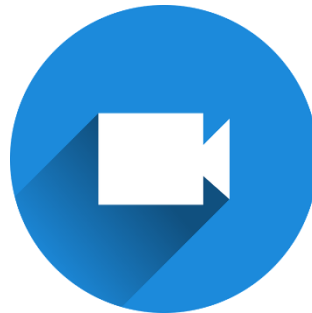
- Access the new **Index** on the Training website.
- Development is ongoing.
- Be sure to visit frequently.
- Coming soon: Updated Intake Screening Process Document

Go to: <http://training.casas.org/course/view.php?id=355>

Adding User Accounts for Staff



Help Documenta and Short video that demonstrates how to add local program staff (users) to the CASAS Online System with access to TOPSpro Enterprise and/or CASAS eTests.



Access the Help Document + Video from the Index on the Training site.

Live Facilitated Training

What's New

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The training schedule is posted on the CASAS website through September.

CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION

This certifies that

Selena Student

completed

CASAS Implementation Training - Module 1 & 2 - November 2, 2020

November 2, 2020

Certified Trainer(s)
Anita Getalife

Credit Hours: 3
ngSapicBT



Live Facilitated Implementation Training



CASAS eTests Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 2** – August 3, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- **Module 1** – August 24, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- **Module 2** – September 9, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)



Paper Test Implementation

- **Module 1** – August 24, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- **Module 3** – September 21, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)



Instructional Implementation

- **Modules 1 and 4** – August 10, 2021, 9:50 am – 1:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- **Module 1** – August 24, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)
- **Module 4** – September 23, 2021, 9:50 am – 12:00 pm (Pacific) / [Click here to register.](#)

August 24

- **Module 1: CASAS Implementation Basics**

September 9

- **Module 2: eTests Implementation**

Certificate of Completion

New Test Development

Linda Taylor, CASAS VP Assessment Development

#1 – Written Prompt Essay

- Students write an essay in response to a written prompt.
- Takes 45 minutes to one hour.
- **Auto-scored!**
 - **Results come within seconds!**
- Currently used in the NEDP Program's Diagnostics Phase for screening.
 - CASAS conducted numerous validation studies to check the accuracy of the machine scoring compared to human scoring.
- In development to deliver on the eTests platform.

#1 -- Sample Essay Prompt

Healthy eating habits are very important, but many people do not have healthy eating habits. Why is this? What can be done about it?

#2 -- New Multiple-choice Language Test

- Major purposes:
 - Screen for readiness to pass an HSE exam, or transition to post-secondary instruction, or work.
 - Assist in placement, guiding instruction, and monitoring progress in writing skills.
- Two test levels, two forms per level
- 20 – 30 minutes

#2 -- New Multiple-choice Language Test

- For students at NRS 3 or higher, based on Reading GOALS score.
- Aligned to CCRS Language Standards
- Results will be reported on a new CASAS Language scale.
- Diagnostic information will be provided.

New Writing and Language Assessments

- Only available through CASAS eTests – not on paper
- Cost -- one eTests test administration unit (WTU)
- Students can take one or both tests.
- Not submitted for NRS approval for pre- and post accountability reporting
- Optional
- Availability -- TBD

Invitation to Pilot Test Writing

If your agency would like to pilot test

- the Essay or
- the Multiple-choice Language test – or
- Both writing tests

Contact casas@casas.org to express interest in this project.

New Developments in Remote Testing

- Remote testing **up to 12 students at a time** using Approach 2 or 3
 - Ongoing pilot
- Remote testing of Listening, Reading and Math **on phones**
 - Ongoing pilot data collection
- **Development of eTests mobile app with integration of video conferencing**
 - In development
- Remote testing with **3rd party proctoring service** -- depending on field interest
 - Please email remotetesting@casas.org if interested in this.

Fairness and Equity in CASAS Assessments

- CASAS policy and practice ensures fairness and equity
 - for all test items and forms
 - for all test types (e.g., multiple-choice, generated response, portfolio assessment, etc.).
- Many of these fairness and equity practices take place during the item and test development process, including:
 - item reviews by practitioners from diverse backgrounds
 - DIF and other psychometric analyses for possible bias
 - development of score interpretation guidelines that reflect equity and diversity principles
- CASAS also conducts ongoing item and test review.
- Information is posted on the CASAS website.

NRS-approved CASAS Assessments for ABE

- Reading GOALS for ABE/ASE
 - NRS-approved through 2025
- Math GOALS
 - NRS-approved through 2023

NRS-approved CASAS Assessments for ESL

- Life and Work Reading - 80 series

Beginning Literacy - Forms 27 and 28

Reading for Language Arts - Forms 513/514

- Life and Work Listening - 980 series

NRS-approved to **February 2023**
(like all other NRS-approved ESL tests)

Current & Next GOALS Series and NRS Status

For ABE/ASE

- Reading GOALS - approved through 2025
 - Next Reading GOALS series in development
- Math GOALS for ABE/ASE - approved through 2023
 - Next Math GOALS series in development

For ESL

- ESL Reading GOALS and Listening GOALS
 - Final form studies in progress
 - To be submitted for NRS approval in 2022

Promising Practice Presentations

Field Testing: Voices from the Field

Field Testing Panel of Presenters

- ❖ Cristina Urena, ESOL Coordinator, Broward County Public Schools, Florida
- ❖ Darece Sperry, ESOL Coordinator, Davis Adult School, Utah

Field Testing and Research Studies

❖ Karen Burger, CASAS Program Specialist and Field Test Coordinator

Demographics Needed for Ongoing eTests Unscored Embedded Field Test Items

We need your help!

These *data elements* are essential for CASAS test research studies:

- **Gender**
- **Native Language**
- **Ethnicity/Race**

A student only needs to enter this info one time.

Math GOALS Item Testing – Urgent need

- **When?** Now and ongoing through November 2021
 - Math Final Forms Studies begin in January
- **Who?** ABE and ASE Learners
 - ESL students at NRS Level 4 in Reading
- **Delivery?** CASAS eTests
- **Methodology?** Locator + up to three level tests
- Student gift cards in the amount of \$5 per test completed
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units

Participate in CASAS final forms studies in Listening and Reading for ESL

- **When?** Now and ongoing through June 2022
- **Who?** Adult learners in ESL/ELL programs and ABE students whose first language is not English
- **Delivery?** eTests and paper/pencil (on site and remote)
- **Methodology?** Locator/Appraisal + one or two level tests
- Student gift cards in the amount of \$5 per test completed
 - Bonus gift cards for special studies
- Agencies receive complimentary web-testing units
- FAQs available at [Field Testing Opportunities](#)

How do I get started?



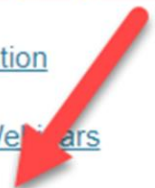
- Communicate with teachers/administrators in program.
- Gather information about participation.
- Ask students about their interest.

For more information visit our field testing webpage or contact:

- Fieldtesting@casas.org
- Karen Burger
 - kburger@casas.org
 - 800.255.1036 ext. 177

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Summer Institute

Kristine Mains, CASAS Program Specialist





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CASAS National Summer Institute 2021

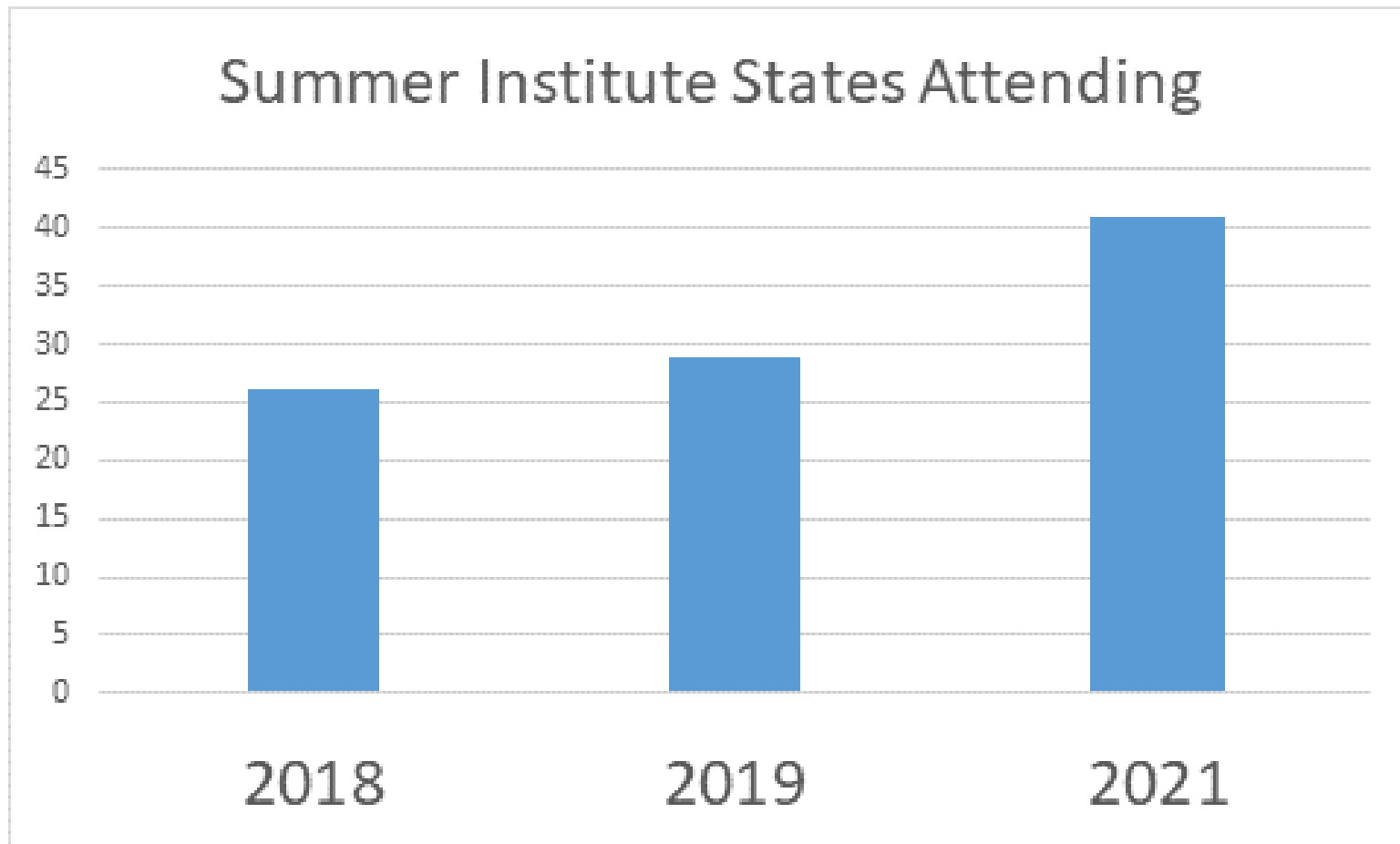
Thursday and Friday
June 17 to 18

Trainings 

Tuesday and Wednesday
June 22 to 23

**Workshops
and Panels** 

- Implementation and Technology Training Sessions
- Promising Practices, Panel Discussions, and Workshops with practitioners and partners, including learners.



- **Record attendance this year**
- **1533 Total Participants from 41 States**



- June 17 - 18 – **51** Trainings
 - 17 Implementation - 1,000 participants
 - 34 Technology - 4,000 participants
- June 22 – 23 – **63** Workshops and Panels
 - Workshops
 - Promising Practices
 - Panels
- **143** Speakers = 119 Presenters + 24 Staff



Highlights

- Trend toward technology and eTests, less paper
- Implementation Training – Most attended
 - M1 & M2,
 - M1 & M4,
 - M4 Standalone
- Technology Training demonstrations



Save the Date!



June 14 - June 16

Town and Country Resort, San Diego



Ideas? Questions?



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CASAS News

Office Hours with CASAS Staff

- Fridays at 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern.
See the schedule on the CASAS website.
- Join us to get one-on-one support, help, suggestions and just plain old encouragement in using CASAS.
- Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.
- Register for Office Hours at:
<https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-live-office-hours>

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TE Network Meetings

- Confer online with TE data managers and CASAS assessment coordinators to network and share best practices for testing and data collection.
- Every other month, on Fridays at 9 am Pacific/Noon Eastern.
Next meeting: Friday September 10th.
Meeting info will be posted in “What’s New” on CASAS website.
- Meetings will focus on NRS guidelines, TE features such as the TE Proxy Wizard, test results reports, tips and tricks.
- Attending participants will drive the session with their questions and needs.

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- Wednesday, September 22
- 11 am Pacific/2 pm Eastern
- Register today!



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- ➔ General CASAS Information, casas@casas.org
 - Ask any question - including what materials to order
- ➔ Order Department – orders@casas.org
 - to place an order or check the status of an order
- ➔ Tech Support – techsupport@casas.org
- ➔ Training – training@casas.org
- ➔ eTests Implementation – golive@casas.org
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