



UPDATE ON SB 323: LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

SEAC MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2016



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INTRODUCTION

Specific Action: *Establishment of language assessment program through an advisory committee for appropriate implementation*

Purpose: *Assessing, monitoring and tracking of language developmental milestones of D/HH children, ages 0-8*

Language Defined: *English and American Sign Language*

Scope Defined: *Including D/HH children who may use one or more communication modes*

Committee Tenure: *Developing specific action plans and proposed rules and regulations necessary to implement*

Committee Deadline: *July 1, 2018*

SB 323 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Appointed Members

Nancy Defazio, Parent (Wichita)
Janet Goodenow, TOD-*Spoken English*
Dr. Petra Horn-Marsh, Linguistic Expert
Joan Macy, TOD-*ASL*
Dr. Robert Maile, Education Knowledge*
Robin Olson, Curriculum Expert
Kristin Pedersen, Speech Language
Angela Walker, Assessment Expert
Katie Wise, Parent (Wichita)

Ex-Officio Members

Elizabeth Abbey, KDHE/EHDI
Luanne Barron, KSD
Robert Cooper, KCDHH
Dr. Joan Houghton, KSDE
Erin Schuweiler, SoundSTART**
Heather Staab, KDHE/Part C
Dr. Vera Stroup-Rentier, KSDE/Part B

***Committee Chairperson**

****Committee Vice-Chairperson**

PLAN OF ACTION

1st meeting, October 14, 2016 – Topeka

2nd meeting, December 2, 2016 – Emporia

Future meeting targets for 2017:

March, June, Sept. & December

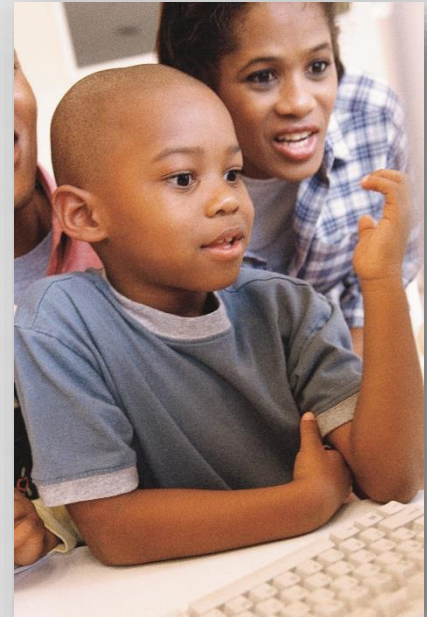
Final meeting by January 2018



Progression to include: 1) *Milestones/Benchmarks*, 2) *Assessment Instruments*, 3) *Qualifications*, 4) *Training Needs*, 5) *Reporting and Database*, 6) *Costs* & 7) *Interagency Cooperation*.

END GOALS

- Collaboration with IACC and SEAC
- Proposed rules and regulations
- Recommended assessment instruments
- Data collection with tracking system
- Qualifications and training
- Reporting mechanisms and privacy
- Publication of statewide aggregate data
- Interagency agreement(s)



QUESTIONS?



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