Functional Vision Assessment/ Learning Media Assessment for Academic Students with Low Vision

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Purpose
To provide teachers and practitioners with a functional vision assessment and learning media assessment for students who are on an academic educational track

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Background
Functional vision assessments for students who are multiply disabled, have difficulties with expressive or receptive language, or who are deaf blind, exist. Chief among those is ISAVE: Individualized Systematic Assessment of Visual Efficiency, an APH product written by M. Beth Langley. Yet, no there is no particular functional vision assessment of academic students available that is widely used and accepted by those who conduct these assessments. However, Drs. LaReah Sanford and Rebecca Burnett had written one that has been gaining credibility among teachers and practitioners. It was proposed that APH study the Sanford-Burnett assessment, keeping in mind the possibility of making it widely-available as an APH product.

Work during FY 2006
The instruments, protocols and worksheets were reviewed and edited. It became clear to the project participants that a manual would be needed for persons administering the tests and conducting the protocols. The writers set about drafting a user’s manual which was then reviewed and edited with the help of the project leader. The manuscript is currently in the revision phase.

Work planned for FY 2007
The revised product will be field tested and reviewed by experts. Revisions will then be made based upon field testing feedback and expert recommendations. The product will then enter the documentation, tooling, and production phases.
Workshop Registration
Via Distance Education Network
Functional Evaluation
&
Literacy Screening Assessment
American Printing House for the Blind
June 14, 2007 1:00 - 5:00
June 15, 2007 9:00 - 4:00

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