

***In-English & EASY* and the Fifteen Elements of EVEN START**

In-English and *EASY* are video/DVD/CD-ROM based ESL curricula with print support which can take the students from the beginning to the upper intermediate levels in 18 to 24 months in a well managed program.

In every situation where *In-English* and *EASY* are used in a combination of classroom and/or tutorial and the videos/DVDs are used for home study, the state performance averages on CASAS are commonly doubled, which means your ESL performance indicators are easily achieved. We consistently receive reports of automatic family involvement in learning English and data shows that student retention increases in video/DVD checkout programs.

In-English and *EASY* when used as described will assist your program in 9 of the 15 EVEN START program elements.

- 1. Identification & Recruitment of Families most in need of service**
The *In-English* and *EASY* video/DVD based ESL curricula can be used as recruitment tools for those who want to learn English.
2. N/A
- 3. Flexible scheduling and support services to enhance participation**
The use of *In-English* and *EASY* in home study for ESL students provides the flexibility for program contact even when clients are unable to attend. Home study optimizes family participation.
- 4. High-quality, intensive instructional programs in adult literacy, early childhood education, and school readiness**
In-English and *EASY* when used in a combination of classroom and video/DVD home study commonly produce learning gains that are double the state CASAS averages. By increasing the time spent in productive learning of English at home, the intensity is increased and because students realize their own gains quickly, they stay with a program longer. In a well managed program the 5 & 3 point gains are achieved with ease.
5. N/A
6. N/A
- 7. Integrated instructional services through home-based programs**
In-English and *EASY* are in use in 20+ Adult Distance Learning video/DVD checkout programs and in 30+ CBET, EVEN START, Migrant Ed, Head Start video/DVD checkout programs throughout California in integrated classroom and home study programs.

8. **Year-round program operations, including summer programs**
EVEN START programs have effectively used *In-English* and *EASY* before ESL teachers have been hired and in periods when ESL instruction is not available such as vacations and summer breaks. “This allows families to receive continuous opportunities to continue their learning...”
9. **Coordination with other Federal programs, such as Head Start, Adult Education and Literacy**
There are at least 9 EVEN START programs in California who are coordinating with their local Adult Distance Learning programs using *In-English* and/or *EASY*. There are many more Adult/EVEN START collaborations that are not formal 5% Distance Learning programs but *In-English* and/or *EASY* are a part of the curriculum and are checked out for home use.
10. **Instructional Programs for children and adults using scientifically based reading research**
Both *In-English* and *EASY* use scientifically-based ESL research. The findings of Krashen, Cumins, Asher & Price, Newman and Koskmen and others form the core of the research behind *In-English* and *EASY*. Summaries of research for *In-English* and *EASY* are available as is performance data.
11. **Regular Attendance by participants and adequate time in the program to meet program goals**
The California Distance Learning Project Review produced by Dennis Porter in the summer of 2004 indicates that those students enrolled in ESL video/DVD based Distance Learning produce increased retention or duration. The use of home study combined with classroom increases the intensity of learning.
12. N/A
13. **Continuity of family literacy to ensure that participants retain and improve educational outcomes**
Taking video/DVDs home allows the student to practice as much as they need. This also permits the student to study over vacations, breaks, etc. This also has produced much anecdotal evidence of family involvement in learning. Frequently, the most advanced member of the household becomes the ESL coach. CASAS performance data from operating programs demonstrate outcomes.
14. N/A
15. N/A