



NEDP News

June/July 2024



Changing Lives!

NEDP 2024 National Conference

September 30 - October 1, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton
Niagara Falls, New York

CASAS / NEDP Welcomes
NEDP Agencies, Practitioners,
Partners, and Prospective Agencies



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Register Now!

CHANGING LIVES CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

[Conference Registration](#)

[Hotel Registration](#)

[Call for Presentations](#)

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS



The NEDP Conference Call for Presentations window has been extended until **July 31, 2024**. If you are interested in sharing your successes, please complete the Call for Presentation form found [HERE](#). Some of the focus strands for this year are as follows:

- Client Persistence and Retention
- Providing Resources
- Technology
- Marketing Strategies
- Program Structure
- Client Transition, Training, Postsecondary, or Employment

Maybe your agency has another focus strand you would like to share – let us know!

2024 CHANGING LIVES SCHOLARSHIP



The NEDP scholarship provides tuition assistance for an accredited public or nonprofit postsecondary institution that offers a vocational certificate, associate's degree, or four-year degree. Those who have completed all NEDP requirements between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024, are eligible.

Applications and letter of recommendations are **due before midnight on July 15, 2024**. There appears to be another strong group of applicants for the 2023-2024 program year. Scholarship recipients and their agencies will be notified on August 15, 2024.

[NEDP 2024 Changing Lives Scholarship Letter of Recommendation - form](#)
[NEDP 2024 Changing Lives Scholarship Application - form](#)

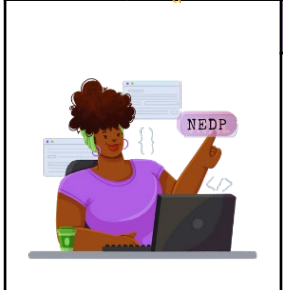
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HAPPY NEW PROGRAM YEAR!!



NEW PROGRAM YEAR REMINDERS

- ✓ [Replicating Test Sessions into a New Program Year](#)
- ✓ [Replicate Testing Sessions In New Site](#)
- ✓ Update the OUTCOME DATA screen for your clients
- ✓ Agency admin – run the Yearly Statistical Report, verify, and submit
- ✓ Update NEDP staff roles and staff changes
- ✓ Delete ROLES for staff who have left and email nedp@casas.org with any staffing changes



YEARLY STATISTICAL REPORT (YSR)

Primary and secondary contacts have received the YSR protocol and submission form. Accurate and complete data is essential for local programs, state agencies, and NEDP to effectively use the various data elements to guide program evaluation and improvement. Thank you for completing the YSR in a timely fashion. All YSR data is due by August 15, 2024. Please direct questions or concerns regarding the YSR can be directed to aditto@casas.org.

CASAS IN THE NEWS



CASAS 2024 SUMMER INSTITUTE

The 2024 CASAS Summer Institute in Orange County, California was truly exceptional! More than thousand adult educators attended virtually or in person. Hot topics this year included transiting to Math GOALS 2 and the STEPS series, as well as CASAS eWORKs and the TOPSpro Enterprise Teacher Portal. In addition to CASAS assessment and technology sessions, participants delved into topics such as incorporating AI into adult education, using Google products, and analyzing data to enhance program performance. Dr. Manuel Pastor, Director of the Equity Research Institute [link] at the University of Southern California, presented a riveting keynote address. NEDP was represented through well attended information sessions for prospective agencies and an informal NEDP Community of Practice lunch. The week was filled with engaging presentations, ample networking opportunities, and lively evenings.

Mark your calendars for the 2025 CASAS Summer Institute! Join us from June 9 to June 12, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency in beautiful Orange County, California. Don't miss the chance to connect, learn, and share best practices.



CASAS eWORKS

Use CASAS eWORKS to document and enhance employer-validated academic and soft skills, aiding clients' transition to the workforce. Utilize CASAS eTests, Teacher Portal, and Student Portal for this purpose. For more information, visit the CASAS eWORKs webpage or email eWORKs@casas.org.



CASAS NEWS AND UPDATES WEBINARS

The next CASAS National News and Updates Webinar is August 21, 2024, at 11 a.m. PT. Register [HERE](#). For archived webinars, please visit the [CASAS News and Updates YouTube channel](#). If you were unable to join us at the Summer Institute watch the archived meetings to learn more about CASAS and CASAS products.

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UPCOMING 2024-2025 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEDP WEBINARS

NEDP FALL NATIONAL NEW STAFF AND REFRESHER TRAINING

The leaves will be falling before we know it! The NEDP Fall National Training is upon us already. The training will consist of five sessions and will be delivered via webinar series and asynchronous practice. **Registration deadline is August 16, 2024. Register [HERE](#) today.**

August 2024

Date	Wednesday Sessions	ET	MT	PT
28	Session 1: Introduction to NEDP Training	1 p.m.-2 p.m.	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	10 a.m.-11 a.m.

September 2024

Date	Wednesday Sessions	ET	MT	PT
4	Session 2: Closed Diagnostics	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
11	Session 3: Open Diagnostics	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
18	Session 4: Generalized Assessment	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
25	Session 5: Practice Assessing Client Work	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Trainees should plan to spend 20 hours in training between the online training sessions and asynchronous assignments.

PLANNING YOUR TRIP – NEDP 2024 CHANGING LIVES CONFERENCE

Come fall, Niagara transforms into a magical wonderland. Crisp air, vibrant foliage, and an abundance of harvest activities make it the perfect time for a short getaway.

Ideas to explore -

[Niagara Falls USA](#) website is a great resource to begin planning extra adventures on your trip to the **NEDP 2024 Changing Lives Conference** at the Niagara Falls DoubleTree by Hilton.

Fall Activities: The Niagara Falls area offers stunning fall adventures, so pack comfortable shoes for exploring the [Niagara Gorge](#).

Day Trips: If you have extra time, consider a side trip to [Letchworth State Park](#), nicknamed the “Grand Canyon of the East.” It’s a scenic 1.5-hour drive from Niagara Falls.

Free Shuttle: The Discover Niagara Shuttle is a free option for exploring the Niagara Region. It takes visitors to historical [Old Fort Niagara](#) in Youngstown and to the [Erie Canal](#) in Lockport.

Maid of the Mist: Take an iconic boat tour to get up close to the spectacular Niagara Falls.

Cave of the Winds: This popular attraction allows visitors to experience the power of the falls from behind the cascading water.

Niagara Power Vista: An interactive exhibit for all ages along the mighty Niagara River – see how the power is generated just minutes from the falls.

Passport or Enhanced License: If you plan to travel to Canada, be sure to have the necessary documentation to cross the border. The [Niagara Falls Bridge Commission](#) page offers information.

Currency Exchange: While most places accept credit cards, you may want to exchange some currency for smaller purchases or gratuities if you are planning a visit to Canada.

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WORDS FROM OUR NEDP GRADUATES



2024



One of the best parts of being an NEDP advisor/assessor is hearing the words of our clients when they complete the last competency. Below are a handful of comments NEDP graduates have made throughout the years. Please enjoy these thoughtful words as we end the 2023-2024 program year and move into 2024-2025.

- *“NEDP has helped me understand how to navigate today's knowledge and skills necessary for living in today's society. From understanding how taxes work to taking out a loan or even purchasing a vehicle, none of this would have been possible without NEDP. My overall experience at NEDP was amazing, and I thank you for giving me the chance to learn.”*
- *“Completing this program motivated me to enroll in college and feel confident in taking my classes.”*
- *“The best thing that has ever happened to me. Without this program, I would not be where I am today in this difficult economy.”*
- *“Great way to help working adult with families to further achieve their academic goals.”*

As always, please take the time to nominate your NEDP graduates for the NEDP Changing Lives Spotlight. Email aditto@casas.org for more information.

Congratulations 2023-2024 Graduates!



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