



NATIONAL EXTERNAL DIPLOMA PROGRAM®

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January 2025 Newsletter

CHARTING A BRIGHT PATH FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Happy New Year!

CASAS/NEDP hopes you enjoyed a joyful and refreshing holiday season surrounded by warmth and connection. As we welcome the new year, we look forward to embracing new opportunities, growth, and collaboration in 2025.

Together, let's make this a year of innovation, success, and positive impact!



CASAS BEST PRACTICES IN EDUCATION



If you missed the CASAS National News and Updates Webinar on December 11, 2024, be sure to catch the recording! Hear valuable insights from NEDP experts Margaret Kirkpatrick and Janita McNemar, along with representatives from New Mexico and Maryland, as they share best practices in education in this informative session.

Watch the December 11th recording [HERE](#).

DECEMBER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON RETENTION



The NEDP Retention professional development webinar was a tremendous success! We were thrilled to have forty-five NEDP staff in attendance. If you couldn't join us, the recording is now available on the NEDP Professionals Page.

Thank you to everyone who participated!

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 9-12, 2025

□ **Get ready! For the 2025 CASAS National Summer Institute** □

Don't miss your chance to join us from **June 9-12, 2025**
at the **Hyatt Regency, Orange County, California!**

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JANUARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Digital Essentials for NEDP

Join us for this one-hour "how-to" session exploring alternative digital tools to enhance NEDP competencies. We'll dive into resume templates in Canva, creating charts and graphs in Google Sheets, designing and presenting slideshows in Google Slides and a dive into Google Drive—what it is and how clients might use it.

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

4:00 p.m. ET/ 2:00 p.m. MT/ 1:00 p.m. PT

OR

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

2:00 p.m. ET/ 12:00 p.m. MT/ 11:00 a.m. PT

Your feedback is welcome and encouraged to shape future workshops and professional development opportunities focused on digital literacy for our NEDP advisors, assessors, tutors, and reviewers.

Register at: [Digital Essentials for NEDP](#)

REGISTER TODAY



MARCH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Assessing Client Work

Join the NEDP national trainer and assessors from across the country as we practice assessing client responses to newly added questions.

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

4:00 p.m. ET/ 2:00 p.m. MT/ 1:00 p.m. PT

OR

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

1:00 p.m. ET/ 11:00 a.m. MT/ 10:00 a.m. PT

Register in advance at:
[Assessing Client Work](#)

REGISTER TODAY

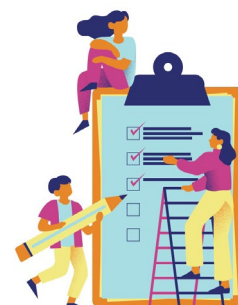
CASAS NATIONAL NEWS AND UPDATES WEBINAR

CASAS recorded webinars can be found on the CASAS website. Webinars worth watching! Take a moment and check them out - you might be surprised!

CASAS National News and Updates

Sign up for the upcoming webinar on February 5, 2025, 2 p.m. ET/ 1 p.m. MT/ 11 a.m. PT.

Reserve your seat.



Mark your calendars for our **Spring National Implementation Training**! We're offering two sessions to accommodate your schedule. Whether you're new to the team or a seasoned pro, this training will provide valuable insights and help sharpen your skills.

Register now at the links below!

EARLY SCHEDULE				
March 2025				
Date	Wednesday Sessions	ET	MT	PT
10	Session 1: Introduction to NEDP Training	1 p.m.-2 p.m.	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	10 a.m.-11a.m.
17	Session 2: Closed Diagnostics	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
24	Session 3: Open Diagnostics	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
31	Session 4: Generalized Assessment	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.
April 2025				
Date	Wednesday Sessions	ET	MT	PT
7	Session 5: Practice Assessing Client Work	1 p.m.-3 p.m.	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	10 a.m.-12 p.m.

LATE SCHEDULE				
March 2025				
Date	Wednesday Sessions	ET	MT	PT
10	Session 1: Introduction to NEDP Training	6 p.m.-7 p.m.	4 p.m.-5 p.m.	3 p.m.-4 p.m.
17	Session 2: Closed Diagnostics	6 p.m.-8 p.m.	4 p.m.-6 p.m.	3 p.m.-5 p.m.
24	Session 3: Open Diagnostics	6 p.m.-8 p.m.	4 p.m.-6 p.m.	3 p.m.-5 p.m.
31	Session 4: Generalized Assessment	6 p.m.-8 p.m.	4 p.m.-6 p.m.	3 p.m.-5 p.m.
April 2025				
Date	Wednesday Sessions	ET	MT	PT
7	Session 5: Practice Assessing Client Work	6 p.m.-8 p.m.	4 p.m.-6 p.m.	3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Registration is open!

**Early Session
Registration**

**Late Session
Registration**

Deadline: February 6, 2025



The Dollar General Literacy Foundation provides funding to organizations that offer direct literacy services to adults in need in the following areas:

- Adult Education Instruction
- GED or High School Equivalency Preparation
- English Language Acquisition

Is Your Organization Eligible to Apply?

To qualify for a Dollar General Literacy Foundation grant, your organization must be:



- ✓ **A nonprofit as recognized by the IRS, public library, school, or college**
- ✓ **Providing direct literacy services in a state where Dollar General operates**
- ✓ **Located within 15 miles of a Dollar General store**

Additional eligibility requirements vary by grant type and can be found within each grant description.

Learn More & Apply

For full details, previous grant recipients, and upcoming request for proposals, visit:

[Dollar General Literacy Foundation – Adult Literacy Grants](#)

NOMINATE A CLIENT OR COLLEAGUE FOR THE NEDP SPOTLIGHT

Do you know a client who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and growth in the NEDP?



Or a colleague who goes above and beyond to support others and make a difference?

We want to celebrate their achievements!

Share their story by nominating them for the NEDP Spotlight.

Send your nomination to aditto@casas.org and let us know why they deserve to be recognized!

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