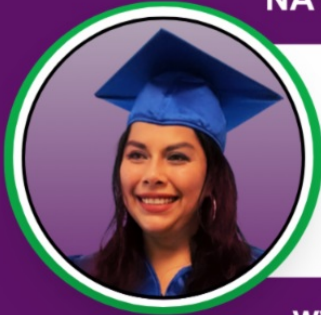


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CASAS SUMMER INSTITUTE



Thank you to everyone who joined us at the NEDP Community of Practice or attended one of our presentations at this year's CASAS Summer Institute!

It was an incredible event full of energy, excitement, and a shared passion for adult education. With over 1,000 attendees from 42 states and Guam, the turnout was outstanding.

NEDP is grateful to be part of such a dedicated and inspiring community!

**Save the date for CASAS National Summer Institute 2026
June 15 to 18, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, California.**

NEDP CHANGING LIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Two \$500 scholarships are available for the 2024-2025 NEDP graduates entering an accredited academic or vocational program. **Application and letter of recommendation forms are due on July 15, 2025, by 11:59 p.m./PT for the 2024–2025 NEDP Changing Lives Scholarship!**

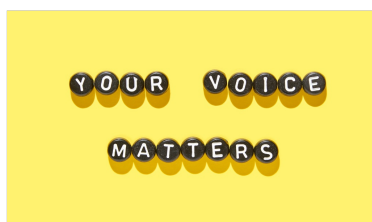


Visit the **CASAS / NEDP Changing Lives Scholarship** page for more information.

TAKE ACTION NOW



- **Call or email your legislators, senators, and representatives**
- **Share success stories on social media and tag your legislators**
- **Use your voice — amplify COABE's advocacy alerts be heard!**



ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING AT RISK

The President's FFY26 Skinny Budget proposal calls for deep cuts to non-defense discretionary spending, including the complete elimination of federal funding for adult education. While the proposal is unlikely to pass the Senate in its current form, it signals an alarming devaluation of adult learning programs that millions rely on.

A recent article by the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE), titled "A Critical Time is Upon Us!", explains:

- Over 75% of adult education programs depend on this federal funding.
- These programs help adults improve literacy, gain credentials, and support their families and communities.
- With congressional budget decisions underway this July, the future of adult education funding is being decided now and our voices are urgently needed.

Learn more and take action here:

COABE: A Critical Time is Upon Us!

Together, we can advocate for the future of adult learners and ensure these life-changing services continue.

CASAS eTESTS: TIME TO REPLICATE

Just a friendly reminder from CASAS that your current program year testing sessions will expire on June 30, 2025.

To have CASAS eTests sessions available beginning July 1, 2025, you will need to replicate them in TOPSpro Enterprise (TE).

This does not happen automatically.

Simply follow **Step 9** of the [Going Live Checklist](#) if you need a refresher on how to do this.



CASAS NATIONAL NEWS AND UPDATES WEBINAR

CASAS National News and Updates

Sign up for the next CASAS webinar on August 27, 2025, 2 p.m. ET/ 1 p.m. MT/ 11 a.m. PT.

Reserve a seat today



YEARLY STATISTICAL REPORT (YSR)



Please review the Outcome Data screen for your clients to ensure all records are accurate and up to date.

Maintaining complete and reliable data supports local programs, state agencies, and NEDP in using this information to evaluate and improve program quality.

You can verify your data by cross-checking with the Yearly Statistical Report (YSR)—Table A lists each client in a separate row for easy comparison.

Please note the following important deadlines for the Yearly Statistical Report (YSR) process. The data run for preliminary YSR reports will take place on July 15, 2025. From July 16 to July 18, 2025, preliminary YSR reports will be sent to agencies for review. **Final YSR verification is due by August 15, 2025, at which point a data freeze will be enforced.**

SAVE THE DATE: NEDP FALL NATIONAL TRAINING

The summer solstice may have just passed, but it's never too early to mark your calendar for the fall NEDP National Training!

Join NEDP National Trainer, Janita McNemar, for a five-part training series on the following dates:

- Session 1: September 15, 2025
- Session 2: September 22, 2025
- Session 3: September 29, 2025
- Session 4: October 6, 2025
- Session 5: October 13, 2025

Stay tuned—details on session times and registration are coming soon!



PROTECTING CLIENT PRIVACY: USE NEDP ID NUMBERS



As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen data security, including our SOC II compliance process, we want to **remind all agencies to avoid using client names in email communications.**

When reporting client issues or requesting support, please include the client's NEDP ID number instead of their full name. This small but important step helps us maintain privacy and protect sensitive information in accordance with data security best practices.

Thank you for helping us **keep client data safe!**

LEGACY SPOTLIGHT SERIES: CAROL COMPTON

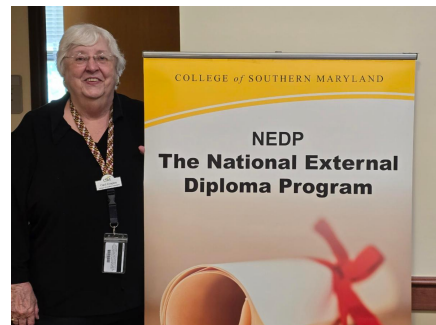
In this second installment of our Legacy Spotlight series, we recognize Carol Compton, a dedicated member of the Maryland NEDP team whose second career has helped over 360 adult learners reach their goals.

Nominated by Trudy Rice, Carol is known for her commitment, compassion, and support of both clients and colleagues. From paper-and-pencil beginnings to the modernized program of today, she has embraced every step of NEDP's evolution.

As she retires alongside longtime colleague Roz Rowan, we thank Carol for her many contributions and lasting impact on the NEDP community.

"I enjoy working with people and have always felt my path was helping others, either in medicine or education."

~ Carol Compton



A SECOND CAREER - FROM LAB TO LEARNING

Carol Compton spent many years working in the clinical laboratory field. After taking an early retirement, she began looking for a part-time role and soon discovered a meaningful new path. She applied for an advisor/assessor position with the "EDP"—a program she knew a bit about through her mother, who had graduated from it at the age of 80. Her mother remains the oldest EDP graduate at the College of Southern Maryland. Carol got the job and went on to begin a fulfilling second career.

When Carol started, the program was still paper and pencil. She has witnessed the exciting transition to a computerized, more rigorous model and has been part of that evolution every step of the way. Over the years, she has worked with countless dedicated colleagues who have become like a second family. One of those colleagues is Roz Rowan, with whom she has worked for many years. Fittingly, the two are retiring together.

“Like any family, we’ve gone through happy and sad times, always trying to support each other,” Carol reflected. “I’ve watched Roz’s family grow, and now she has grandchildren. I’ve been truly blessed to have had such a good friend and co-worker.”

Carol has guided more than 360 graduates through the NEDP. Many of them left lasting impressions whether they pursued the program for their careers, their families, or simply to fulfill a lifelong goal. Watching them walk across the stage has been one of her greatest joys.

“Advocating, sometimes even fighting for our clients is easy when you see how hard they’ve worked,” she said. “Hearing their life stories can bring you to tears. I was warned about that when I started. You begin to realize how much courage it has taken them to reach this goal.” As Carol retires, she reflects with pride on the program and its future. “The NEDP today is strong and prepares clients for life in the 21st century. I’m proud to have been part of this program—and part of the lives of my clients.”

Do you know an inspiring client or a dedicated staff member who deserves recognition?

Help us highlight NEDP’s finest by completing the **NEDP Spotlight Form!**

You can also email your nomination to **aditto@casas.org**.

Let’s celebrate those making a difference!



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