

# NEDP FAQs

1. Q: Is there a certificate of attending this session?  
A: Yes, we can send you a certificate if you send an email during the session.
2. Q: Is there accommodation – does it apply for parents with learning disabilities?  
A: NEDP may be an option for adults with learning disabilities. A diagnostic exam is given before enrolling clients to be sure NEDP is appropriate.
3. Q: What is the age requirement?  
A: Must be at least 18 years old.
4. Q: Is this program available in all or most states?  
A: NEDP is offered in 11 states.
5. Q: Is New York is one of the states?  
A: Yes, New York is one of the states. <https://www.casas.org/nedp/locations/new-York>
6. Q: Where can I find information about the other states?  
A: <https://www.casas.org/nedp>
7. Q: What are the 10 content competency areas?  
A: The Foundation Competencies include:
  - Communication and Media Literacy
  - Applied Math/Numeracy
  - Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
  - The Life Skills contexts:
    - Civic Literacy and Community Participation
    - Consumer Awareness and Financial Literacy
    - Cultural Literacy
    - Geography and History
    - Health Literacy
    - Science
    - Twenty-First Century Workplace
8. Q: How long does it usually take to finish the program? Are the classes flexible to students' schedule or is it a fix schedule to go by?  
A: 6-9 months is how long it usually takes the student to get through the process, but it depends on how much time the student spends each week. It is very flexible, based on the student's schedule.

9. Q: Are the slides available to us from today's presentation?
- A: Yes, the slides are posted here, along with the recording and the outreach flyer for Head Start parents: <https://www.ccf.ny.gov/council-initiatives/head-start-collaboration-project/>
10. Q: Is this a free program?
- A: Yes, it is free to the participant.
11. Q: Is the program given in different languages other than English?
- A: Right now, NEDP is only available in English.
12. Q: What the cost for the client books and materials?
- A: There is no cost to the participant for books and materials. Everything is internet-based. It is FREE to the student; they just need access to a computer and the internet.
13. Q: Do you have a component for dual language people that need English comprehension?
- A: It works well for English Language learners, but it is not a dual language program.
14. Q: Is this program available also to people who don't have legal status?
- A: Yes, information about immigration status is not collected.
15. Q: Will remote learning continue after COVID?
- A: Yes, the remote option will continue even after COVID restrictions are eased. NEDP will be offered remote even after COVID.
16. Q: Can it be accessed on a mobile device?
- A: Computers are recommended for typing and easy use. The library is a great way to access a computer, or at the Head Start program.
17. Q: Is there a requirement of hours of participation to get the test?
- A: NEDP is not a testing program. There is **no test** at the end.
18. Q: What are the qualifications to be a facilitator for NEDP?
- A: NEDP facilitators must have a 4-year degree to be eligible to be trained as an NEDP Assessor and the agency must meet certain criteria.
- If your Head Start program is interested in learning more about becoming an NEDP provider agency, please contact: Ruth Singer, Director of the HSE Office at NYSED:  
[Ruth.Singer@nysed.gov](mailto:Ruth.Singer@nysed.gov)
19. Q: Can adult learners contact a provider in their area and say that they'd like to enroll?

A: Yes! The NEDP program will then give the diagnostic tests to see if the client's skills are high enough to start the program. If they are, great! If not, the client can enroll in ABE classes to build skills. You can look to partner with an Adult Education program in your community. But any parent/person can enroll in the program even if your Head Start does not offer it.

20. Q: Is there a list of NEDP programs contacts and locations in NYS?

A: Yes, 23 agencies in NYS offer NEDP. If you go to this website, there is a map:  
<https://www.casas.org/nedp/locations/new-York>

21. Q: Where does Action for a Better Community serve?

A: Action for a Better Community serves all Monroe and Ontario counties. In some cases NEDP clients must reside in the geographic region served by the NEDP agency, due to the funding the agency receives to serve area residents. But if there is no requirement to live near the agency, with Remote NEDP clients can work with an agency in any part of the state.

22. Q: Does it have to be a Head Start parent to take advantage of program?

A: No, it is open to all (over 18). We just want to make sure all Head Start parents know about it. This is a really great opportunity for Head Start parents to further their earning potential.

23. Q: Can undocumented parents benefit from these programs?

A: Yes. Immigration status is not collected.