

## **NEDP Agencies Participate in Quarterly Professional Learning Community**

The National External Diploma Program (NEDP) is provided to interested and eligible clients by agencies which offer the online assessment program leading to a New York State high school equivalency (HSE) diploma.

The NYS Education Department contracts with Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) to administer NEDP and to train agency staff to serve as Advisor/Assessors (A/A) delivering the program to clients.

An NEDP statewide Professional Learning Community (PLC) was established in 2021 by NYSED and CASAS to provide a virtual learning community for A/As and the opportunity to engage in discussions on NEDP issues.

Quarterly PLC sessions include a short presentation on a topic of interest, usually by the NEDP mentors and CASAS staff, followed by focused discussions in small break out rooms. The entire group comes together at the end of the session to provide feedback on the small group discussions.

PLC sessions are held online the second Monday of the month in March, June, September, and December from 1-2 p.m. Prior to the sessions, A/As will be sent an informational memo with a link to register for the PLC. All A/As should plan to attend these valuable sessions.