



What is Shining Lights?

Shining Lights is a free ESOL (English for speakers of another language) program offered by The City of New Bedford, offering Adult Basic English classes for Beginning-level adult students. Shining Lights Program is a 34-Weeks program from September through June at four locations through the city; Bay Village NBHA Office, Global Learning Charter Public School, Grace Episcopal Church, and Presidential Height NBHA Office. Classes are offered in the morning or evening.

In addition to English lessons, Shining Lights also offers life- skills seminars (e.g. Tenant & Consumer Rights), as well as History & Civics workshops and Citizenship preparation.

Students can register for all sites or any site you prefer. *Information down below:*

Bay Village NBHA Office
(190 Acushnet Avenue) **TBA**
Mondays & Wednesday, 9am-11am

Grace Church
(133 School Street / County St side door)
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6pm – 8pm

Presidential Heights NBHA Office
(159 Fillmore Street)
Wednesday & Fridays, 9- 11am



City Of New Bedford

New Bedford City Hall—
Rm220 Department of
Community Services
133 William Street.
New Bedford, MA 02740
Tel: 508-997-4889

Fax: 508-991-6262
Tel: 508-984-2603
E-mail: Olga.Rodriguez@newbedford-ma.gov



*Committed to providing services
to those in need*

SHINING LIGHTS ESOL Program

**A Free English Language Program
for Speakers of Other Languages
(ESOL)**



2019-2020

**Sponsored by the
City of New Bedford
Community Services**

508-997-4889





Lesson Highlights

Basic English Skills include grammar, writing, reading and conversation lessons



The Office of Human Services began its “Shining Lights” ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Program in 2006 to meet the need for newly arrived immigrants who were not ready for traditional ESOL classes.

Shining Lights focuses on basic literacy and conversational English skills, and is staffed by volunteer teachers.

Since its inception, Shining Lights has served over 400 adult learners to date and provided structured out-of-school programs for over 100 infants and school-aged children while their parents are in class.



- Accessing Public Services (e.g. City Hall, Libraries & Public Transportation)

- Understanding Local Government



- History & Civics



- Job Interview Skills
 - Resume

- Tenant & Consumer Rights/Responsibilities



- And more!

Child-care is available free of charge!

A limited number of transportation vouchers are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit: New Bedford City Hall – Rm 220
Department of Community Services

For registration & more information,
please contact Olga Rodriguez-Morales, ESOL Coordinator

Call: 508.997.4889

Monday—Friday

8am—5pm

This program has been made possible through support from:

- Grace Episcopal Church
- New Bedford City Hall