

Claudia Green

Executive Director

Claudia leads ENB with a vision for blending education, training and immigrant rights into a powerful force for change. Claudia believes immigrants and refugees coming to the United States should have rightful access to tools and resources they need to heal, to learn, earn and fully contribute. Under Claudia's leadership, ENB has created ESOL models crafted to the unique background, experience, and goals of immigrants seeking English language training. Through partnerships across sectors, she aims for English for New Bostonians to open doors and make evident the mutual benefits that immigrants bring to Massachusetts.

During Claudia's tenure beginning in 2006, ENB has grown from a collaborative to a mature, independent organization with a reputation for innovation, accountability and a commitment to social justice. Claudia has built a professionally, linguistically and ethnically diverse staff and board that work with agility across communities and sectors, and has more than tripled ENB's budget to over \$2.5 million. Claudia spearheaded ENB's statewide English Works Campaign, launched in 2008 under the banner "shared investment, mutual opportunity." The Campaign has led to significantly increased business and government investment in ESOL.

With a background in workforce development and community economic development, much of Claudia's work before joining ENB focused on promoting career advancement for low-skilled workers in the region. She conducted evaluations and best practice analyses of workforce development programs for youth, and for incumbent and dislocated limited English proficient workers. As Director of the Center for Community Economic Development, a multi-ethnic community-university partnership based at the Maurico Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy/University of Massachusetts Boston — Claudia oversaw research and community-based strategies in workforce, small business, and neighborhood development. With fluency in Spanish and English, she also worked in employment training at La Alianza Hispana in Boston, and for the City of San Juan, PR. Claudia holds a Master's degree in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.