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ENB's ESOL for Parents and Caregivers Initiative addresses the English learning needs of immigrant families with a child in the Boston Public Schools. The results have been impressive - moms and dads better able to help with homework, engaged in the parent council, regularly attending parent-teacher conferences (without fear!), and advocating for the specific needs of their child.

"When we arrived in Boston from Brazil three years ago, I didn't speak any English, and my kids spoke a little. It was so difficult as we had many problems in the beginning of our time. After I put my children in school, I looked for an English class for me and found the Family School at the Otis. I started in level 1 and quickly moved to level 2. English was hard for me at first, but I studied any free time I had and I tried never to miss class. I knew that English was the most important thing for me. With English I can help my family more, my children at school, I found better work and started to do things by myself. English is important, but it is also necessary to live a better life in the United States. If it wasn't for these free programs in East Boston, it would be impossible for me to have learned English."

-Maria, East Boston Resident, 2018