

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS E-COMMUNIQUE APRIL 2012

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present its **APRIL 2012 Member's E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. [CLO's Sample "OALCF Implementation Tracking Form"](#)
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CLO'S SAMPLE OALCF IMPLEMENTATION TRACKING FORM

Community Literacy of Ontario has developed a sample *Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework Implementation Tracking Form* to support LBS agencies by capturing the different ways that LBS agencies are working towards implementation of the OALCF.

This tracking tool has been developed based primarily on the OALCF Self-Assessment Form that was part of MTCU's service delivery agencies' business plan, last year and reflects MTCU resources that are available as of April 2012. In this tracking form a number of example implementation activities are provided to generate ideas and to get agencies thinking about documenting what they are currently doing and what they will be working towards in the coming year.

Community Literacy of Ontario has divided our sample tracking form into the following four areas:

1. Transition-Oriented Programming
2. Service Coordination
3. Task-Based Approach
4. Task-Based Assessment



You can access our tracking tool here:

www.nald.ca/clo/resource/pdfs/oalcf_implementation_tracking_form_2012.pdf



CLO'S OALCF AND ASSESSMENT WEBINARS

Community Literacy of Ontario was pleased to host and record a two-part webinar series in March 2012 that looks at the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) and Assessment. These webinars were funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to support LBS programs as they prepare for implementation of the OALCF beginning in April 2012.

Webinar 1: An Overview of the OALCF and Assessment

Webinar 1, “*An Overview of the OALCF and Assessment*” was delivered once on March 21 and again on March 22, 2012. This two-hour live webinar was attended by 95 literacy practitioners in total, representing community-based, college, school board and Native Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) programs.

The “*Overview of the OALCF and Assessment*” webinar explored:

- What is assessment?
- What are the effectiveness measures under the LBS Performance Management System?
- Defining the categories of assessment under OALCF
- Overview of OALCF milestones
- Overview of Culminating tasks



You can access this webinar at <https://vimeo.com/39025327>. Simply click the play button to watch the webinar.

Webinar 2: The OALCF: Exploring Assessment Tools and Developing an Assessment Strategy

Webinar 2, “*The OALCF: Exploring Assessment Tools and Developing an Assessment Strategy*” was delivered once on March 27 and again on March 28, 2012. This two-hour live webinar was attended by 98 literacy practitioners in total, representing community-based, college, school board and Native LBS programs.

The “*OALCF: Exploring Assessment Tools and Developing an Assessment Strategy*” webinar discussed:

- The effectiveness measures and performance indicators in the LBS Performance Management System
- Selecting, administering and reporting on milestones
- Administering and reporting on culminating tasks
- Developing an assessment strategy
- Evaluating the use of an assessment tool
- Where other tools fit into an assessment strategy
- Where milestones and culminating tasks fit into an assessment strategy



This webinar is available at <https://vimeo.com/39350856>



BLENDING LEARNING RESOURCE SHARING FAIR

It's sharing time again!

Are you wondering about how to blend the best of the Web and digital learning with traditional teaching and learning techniques?

CLO will be hosting a "Blended Learning Resource Sharing Fair" online on Centra on **Wednesday, May 9, 2012 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.**



Join your fellow community-based literacy practitioners to learn about useful online tools and resources for delivering blended learning. CLO will share some of what we have learned with you, but we hope that participants will come prepared to share with each other, because we know you have a lot to share!

Please fill in the online registration form at www.surveymonkey.com/s/BlendedLearningSharingFair by April 27th to reserve your seat.

Spaces are limited to 20 practitioners from community-based LBS agencies in Ontario. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to one person per agency. However, you are welcome to have as many people as you like join you around your computer.

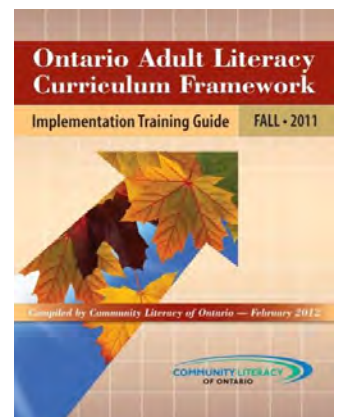
OALCF IMPLEMENTATION TRAINING GUIDES SPRING AND FALL 2011

Community Literacy of Ontario has produced two training guides, based on OALCF implementation training that was delivered to Ontario's literacy field in the Spring and Fall of 2011. These resources have updated content where any significant changes have been made since the delivery of the original training.

These guides will be beneficial as a refresher for those who attended the original training and you can also use them for new staff and volunteers who are not familiar with the OALCF. These Implementation Training Guides can also help you to explain OALCF concepts to other stakeholders, including Employment Ontario partners.

- The Spring 2011 OALCF Implementation Training Guide can be accessed on CLO's website at www.nald.ca/clo/resource/training_guide_spring_2011.pdf
- The Fall 2011 OALCF Implementation Training Guide is available at www.nald.ca/clo/resource/training_guide_fall_2011.pdf

We strongly encourage practitioners to visit the OALCF website on the Employment Ontario Partners' Gateway to keep apprised of changes to the OALCF and its resources. The link is www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/oalcf/



THE NORTH BAY LITERACY COUNCIL'S "LOOT FOR LITERACY"

As we say "goodbye" to the penny, here is a good fundraising idea from the North Bay Literacy Council called "*Loot for Literacy*".

Their promotional video is very enchanting! But, be sure to beware of pirates... just saying...

See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SMLyGJct6U&feature=youtu.be



LLEO'S "PUBLIC WORKS AND MAINTENANCE WORKERS ESSENTIAL SKILLS CURRICULUM"

Literacy Link Eastern Ontario's "*Public Works and Maintenance Workers Essential Skills Curriculum*" is now available on the website of the National Adult Literacy Database.

English: www.nald.ca/library/learning/lleo/pw_es_training/pw_es_training.pdf

French: www.bdaa.ca/biblio/apprenti/lleo/pw_es_training_fr/pw_es_training_fr.pdf

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of important information for LBS agencies.

See: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings



Recent news from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities on the EOPG includes:

- April 4, 2012: [Update for LBS Service Providers LBS2012-04](#)
- April 4, 2012: [Literacy and Basic Skills Service Provider Guidelines \(effective April 1, 2012\)](#)
- April 2, 2012: [OALCF Learner Plan Template](#)
- March 30, 2012: [Literacy and Basic Skills \(LBS\) Exit and Follow-Up \(87-1788E\)](#)
- March 27, 2012: [Privacy Tip Sheet](#)
- March 27, 2012: [The Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework \(OALCF\): Frequently Asked Questions and Answers Part 2](#)
- March 20, 2012: [CaMS/LBS 2012-2 Bulletin](#)

