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COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO
MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE
JANUARY 2012

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present its **JANUARY 2012 CLO Members' E-Communiqué.**

Topics covered in this E-Communiqué are:

1. CLO's Social Media and Literacy *"Fireside Chat on Facebook"*
2. CLO'S Online *"OALCF Resource Fair"*
3. Online Recording of CLO's Fall 2011 OALCF Implementation Training
4. Employment Ontario News and Information
5. Family Literacy Day – January 27, 2012
6. The Joy of Stats

CLO'S SOCIAL MEDIA AND LITERACY
"FIRESIDE CHAT ON FACEBOOK"

Don't forget to join us on Facebook from *January 17 to 26, 2012* to learn how social media tools can be effectively used in literacy programs to teach learners, promote your agency or interact with supporters.

Community Literacy of Ontario will be holding our very first "*Fireside Chat on Facebook*". This event will be hosted on CLO's Facebook page by literacy instructor and CLO board member, *Keith Harford,* with the help of various guests.

 Come on over to:
www.facebook.com/CommunityLiteracyOntario.

Once again, we will be using Facebook's FORUM feature (a threaded discussion group). To access Forum, just click on the top left of CLO's page (a couple of items under the trillium picture)

CLO'S ONLINE "OALCF RESOURCE FAIR"

Do you work at a community-based literacy agency? Would you like to engage in online sharing about helpful print and web-based instructional resources related to the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF)?

If you answered yes to these questions, you are going to want to sign up for Community Literacy of Ontario's **"OALCF RESOURCE FAIR"** to be held online on Centra on **Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 10:00 to 11:30 am (EST).**

Just like a traditional resource fair at a conference, our online version is a place where we invite everyone to bring good resources and to browse through what others have brought.

There is no cost to join CLO's online OALCF Resource Fair, but we ask that only one person per community-based agency register. However, when you come to the Fair, be sure to bring your friends! You can have as many people as you like gathered around your computer to participate.

To register, please fill out this online form by January 24, 2012:
www.surveymonkey.com/s/OALCFresourcefair

Seats are limited to the first 20 participants, so please register early. We will get back to you by **January 27**th to confirm your participation and to share instructions for joining CLO's Resource Fair on Centra.

Online Recording of CLO's Fall 2011
OALCF Implementation Training

In order to increase accessibility, Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to provide an online, recorded version of the fall 2011 OALCF (Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework) Implementation Training. This recording is now available on Centra.

This training looks at the newest OALCF support tools. These tools include the Learner Plan Template, Goal Path Descriptions, Service Coordination and Referrals and a Schematic and Summary of the OALCF Tools and Resources available on the EOPG website. This training will also take a preliminary look at Culminating Tasks and Milestones and their relationship to the assessment process.

This training is freely available to literacy practitioners from all sectors and can be used by staff, volunteers and other stakeholders.

CLO's online training is divided into two sessions.

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OALCF Fall 2011 Training Session 1 covers:

- How to Navigate OALCF Tools and Resources on the EOPG website in relation to the five service delivery functions
- What the new *OALCF Tools and Resources Summaries* document is and its contents
- What the new *An Introduction to the Goal Path Descriptions for Practitioners and Learners* document is and why it was developed
- What the **five Goal Path Description documents** contain and their intended purpose
- What the *Instructions for the Learner Plan Template* document is and why it was developed
- What the new *Learner Plan Template* will look like and the information that practitioners will be expected to document
- How the information in the *Learner Plan Template* will be collected, saved and shared

OALCF Fall 2011 Training Session 2 covers:

- What the *Supporting Learners through Service Coordination* document is and why it was developed
- What *Milestones* are and how they will be used in assessment
- What *Culminating Tasks* are and how they will be used in assessment
- How to give feedback to MTCU about the OALCF tools and resources

To access the recorded version of the Fall 2011 OALCF workshops, follow these steps:

1. Go to http:/ /e-channel-login.ca.
2. Click on "public recordings" in the top left corner.
3. From the list of recordings, choose the workshop you want to listen to. The titles of CLO's workshops are as follows:
   - CLO's Fall 2011 OALCF Training *Part 1* – Session 2 *(2 hours and 12 minutes in length)*
   - CLO's Fall 2011 OALCF Training *Part 2* – Session 2 *(2 hours and 5 minutes in length)*
4. Click "playback" to the right of the name of the recording.
5. You will then need to enter your email address. Click "playback".
6. **If you are already registered with Contact North**, you will see your email address and you will be prompted to enter your password and click "playback" again.
7. **If you are NOT registered with Contact North**, you will need to enter your first and last name and then click "playback".
8. Click "playback in browser". After the workshop loads (this can take a bit of time depending on your connection speed), you will see the first slide and the workshop will begin automatically after a few seconds. Use the pause, play, fast forward, rewind and other controls to move through the workshop.

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of information on the latest developments. See: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings

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

- *December 2011 Update for Literacy and Basic Skills Service Delivery Organizations*
  - o OALCF Update
  - o LBS Business Planning
  - o LBS Performance Management Framework
  - o Additional Supports
  - o See: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/lbs_2011-01_update.pdf

FAMILY LITERACY DAY – JANUARY 27, 2012

Family Literacy Day is a national awareness initiative created by ABC Life Literacy Canada in 1999 and held annually on January 27 to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. More than 1.5 million Canadians have already participated in the initiative since its debut.

ABC Life Literacy Canada is the best source of Family Literacy Day information. Be sure to check out their site for links to resources, videos, contests, games, activities, information on events and much more. See: http://abclifeliteracy.ca/family-literacy-day

THE JOY OF STATS

As we move to a new era of data collection in literacy agencies, you may want to check out this helpful video by Hans Rosen and the BBC that shares the "joy of stats". The video provides a user-friendly and visually engaging statistical summary of global health in 200 countries over a 200-year period in just four minutes!

Hans Rosen notes: *"Having the data is not enough, I have to be able to show it in ways people both enjoy and understand".* See: www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbkSRLYSojo&feature=youtu.be