

## COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE JULY 2012

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. SDAG meeting with MTCU Minister Glen Murray
2. CLO's *Service Coordination* Newsletter – Online Edition
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### SDAG MEETING WITH MTCU MINISTER GLEN MURRAY

Members of MTCU's Service Delivery Advisory Group (SDAG) received an invitation to meet with Minister Glen Murray on June 18, 2012.

It was a productive meeting where SDAG members briefly presented on LBS and Employment Services.

Minister Murray then shared his priorities. The Minister stressed the importance of innovation, community-based solutions, increased local partnerships, the value of risk taking, and the importance of overall community planning and impact. SDAG members were extremely pleased to have this opportunity to meet with the Minister.

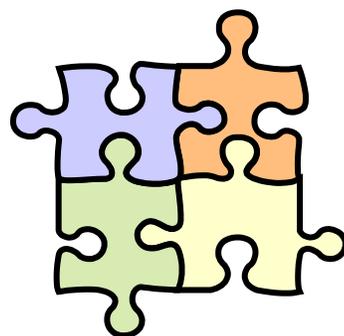
CLO was pleased to share the SDAG's notes from that meeting with our members. Please email the office to request a copy.



## CLO'S SERVICE COORDINATION NEWSLETTER – ONLINE VERSION

We think community-based literacy agencies are wonderful! So, in the June edition of CLO's "Our Voice" newsletter, we decided to share some of the many service coordination and partnership success stories between community-based LBS agencies and other service providers, such as Ontario Works, Employment Services, public health, homeless shelters, and many others.

We mailed a copy to all of our members and here is the link to the online version of this newsletter: [www.nald.ca/clo/newslet/june\\_2012\\_our\\_voice.pdf](http://www.nald.ca/clo/newslet/june_2012_our_voice.pdf)



### NEW CLO PROJECT: OALCF INDEPENDENCE CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT

Community Literacy of Ontario has received approval from MTCU to proceed with a new OALCF Project: *OALCF Independence Curricula Development*. The project runs from July 2012 to March 2013.

CLO has been closely involved with the development of the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework since 2007. We have very clearly heard from our members that LBS agencies want "resources articulated to the OALCF competencies, task groups and task level indicators". They also want "sample materials" and "more tools from MTCU so that they don't have to create their own".

In response to these requests, CLO will use its OALCF expertise to develop OALCF competency-based learning curricula for each of the four broad areas of the Independence Goal Path:

- 1) Manage basic needs
- 2) Manage health
- 3) Manage personal issues and relationships
- 4) Participate fully as a member of the community.

CLO will conduct extensive research via focus groups and key informant interviews from a sampling of LBS programs from each of the sectors and the Native stream to ensure appropriate content for the four curricula. CLO's research will also capture curricula/resources/materials currently being used in LBS agencies to support instruction for learners on the independence pathway. Further online research will be conducted to explore national and international curricula/resources/materials related to independence for inclusion in a final compendium of additional curricula/resources.

CLO will produce the four curricula and the compendium of other LBS/national/international curricula resources related to independence in a print format and an online format. The four curricula and the compendium of other relevant curricula/resources will be posted on CLO's website to be freely accessible and to ensure broad access by any LBS agency in Ontario.

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## NEW CLO PROJECT: REDUCING RISK / PROTECTING PEOPLE

Community Literacy of Ontario is very pleased to announce that MTCU has approved our project, *Reducing Risk / Protecting People: Resources and Tools to Build Risk Management Capacity in Your LBS Agency*.

CLO's "Reducing Risk / Protecting People" project is designed to give LBS agencies tools, resources and training to help them to improve their risk management processes and policies. All resources will be freely available on CLO's website for access by any LBS or Employment Service agency. The project runs from July 2012 to March 2013 and has the following deliverables:

### 1. Research

CLO will conduct research into risk management issues and resources.

### 2. Risk Management Newsletters

We will research and write four online newsletters on: a) safety and security; b) cyber risks; c) risk to agency reputation and d) client privacy.

### 3. Webinars

CLO will research, develop and deliver four webinars on: a) safety and security; b) cyber risks; c) risk to agency reputation and d) client privacy.

### 4. Governance Podcasts

We will develop and deliver two podcasts on best practices in Board Governance.

### 5. Annotated Guide To Risk Management Resources

CLO will research and write an annotated, online guide to key risk management resources (including HR, finance, governance, privacy, etc.).

### 6. Online Training Module on How to Read, Analyze and Use Data From the EOIS-CAMS System For Continuous Improvement in LBS

CLO will research, develop and deliver two live webinars designed to help LBS agencies understand how to use the EOIS-CAMS data to make evidence-based improvements. CLO will make a recorded version of the webinar freely available to all LBS deliverers and any interested ES stakeholders.



## UPDATE ON CLO'S WEBINARS ON "PROMISING PRACTICES FOR ENGAGING ADULT LEARNERS IN ONLINE LEARNING"

In June 2012, CLO held two highly successful webinars on *Promising Practices for Engaging Adult Learners in Online Learning*. In these webinars, CLO's online facilitators shared promising practices, success stories, strategies, technologies, and tools for engaging adult students in online learning.

CLO members who were unable to attend received a list of resources from the webinars via email.



## FINLAND-BOUND!

This month, CLO's Co-Executive Director, Joanne Kaattari, will be visiting Denmark, Sweden and Finland as part of a family holiday.

It is a well-known fact that these countries have extremely high literacy rates and that their students consistently score extremely high on international tests in the areas of literacy, math and science.

Here is an interesting article on the amazing Finnish educational system:  
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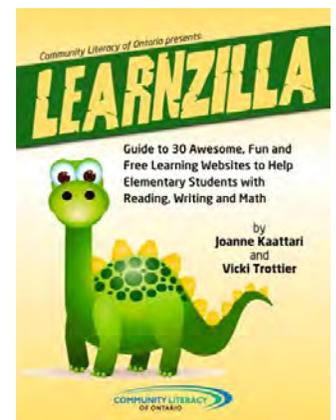


## ANNOUNCING CLO'S NEWEST E-BOOK: LEARNZILLA!

CLO has just released its latest e-book: *"LEARNZILLA: Guide to 30 Fun and Free Learning Websites to Help Elementary Students with Reading, Writing and Math"*.

See: [www.amazon.com/LEARNZILLA-Learning-Websites-Elementary-ebook/dp/B008FZSPLI/](http://www.amazon.com/LEARNZILLA-Learning-Websites-Elementary-ebook/dp/B008FZSPLI/)

LEARNZILLA is a helpful, practical annotated guide to 30 learning websites designed to help elementary students with reading, writing and math. All of the websites are FREE, fun, child-centred, easy to use, and are sure to engage children in the learning process.



## MTML'S REPORT: "EXPLORING LEARNER PATHWAYS: MEETING AT THE LBS/ESL INTERSECTIONS"

Be sure to check out Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy's brand new report *"Exploring Learner Pathways: Meeting at the LBS/ESL Intersections"*.

This valuable report explores the learner pathways of adults with second language learning needs who also have low-level literacy skills.

See: <http://learnerpathways.wordpress.com/>



## ABC LIFE LITERACY CANADA'S SUMMER LEARNING TIPS

ABC Life Literacy Canada reminds us that summer is officially here, and parents and children are excited to start their summer vacation. But just because school's out doesn't mean we should take a vacation from learning.

Research shows that children who don't read over the summer lose some of the literacy skills they learned during the year, and have a difficult time adjusting to school in the fall.



So try out these fun activities this summer to keep skills sharp all year long:  
<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/summer-holidays-shouldn%E2%80%99t-be-holiday-learning>

## WONDEROPOLIS: WHERE THE WONDERS OF LEARNING NEVER CEASE!

Wonderopolis is a learning website where wonder and learning are nurtured through the power of discovery, creativity and imagination. Wonderopolis is brought to life by the National Center for Family Literacy.

Their "Wonder of the Day" will help you find learning moments in everyday life, ones that fit in with dinner preparations, carpool responsibilities, a stolen moment between breakfast and the bus, or within school curriculum and education programs.

Begin your journey of wonder by clicking here: <http://wonderopolis.org/>



## 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](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings)

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Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- June 25, 2012: [Summer Update on Employment Service Integration](#)
- June 25, 2012: [New Estimate of Expenditure Report \(EER\) Workbooks](#)
- June 8, 2012: [Frequently Asked Questions for Literacy and Basic Skills Service Providers](#)
- June 8, 2012: [CaMS/LBS 2012-3 Bulletin](#)
- June 4, 2012: [Memo – Summer Hours for LBS Support Organizations LBS2012-06](#)
- June 4, 2012: [June Update for LBS Service Providers LBS2012-05](#)

