

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE JULY 2016

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **July 2016 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- CLO's Annual Training Day & AGM
- Presenting Our Online Training Modules on Evaluation
- Adult Literacy Myths Debunked!
- Enabling Accessibility Fund
- Ontario Centre for Workplace Innovation
- Essential Skills Matter!
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CLO'S ANNUAL TRAINING DAY & AGM

Community Literacy of Ontario invites you to our annual Training Day and AGM on **October 17-18 2016**. Join us for this exciting event at the Monte Carlo Inn in Barrie.

Along with networking opportunities, we are pleased to offer these workshops:

- Libraries of the Future
- Getting the Media Attention You Deserve
- Feel the Power of Evaluation

For more information and to register, visit:
www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/about-us/conference-2016/



PRESENTING OUR ONLINE TRAINING MODULES ON EVALUATION

Evaluation. It's everybody's business! Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central have created a series of free, online training modules that can help make evaluation work!

These modules are bursting with resources, strategies, tools and practical examples to lead non-profits through the process of evaluation. Our modules can be accessed at:

www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/evaluation-culture/online-modules/

The following topics are covered:

1. Introduction to Evaluation
2. Planning for Evaluation
3. Collecting Data
4. Analyzing Data
5. Taking Action
6. Communicating the Results
7. The Evaluation Cycle in Action
8. Trends in Evaluation



These modules were created as part of our “Developing a Culture of Evaluation project”, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade.

ADULT LITERACY MYTHS DEBUNKED!

[ProLiteracy](#) (a national US-based literacy organization) powerfully debunks three literacy myths in this [blog](#) posting.



Myth #1

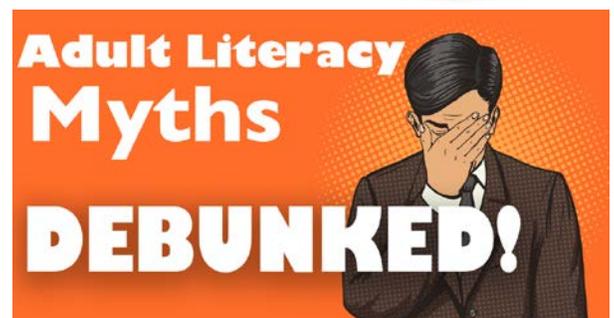
“I don’t know anyone with a reading problem.”

Myth #2

“Adults who attend literacy programs misbehaved in high school, were lazy, and generally didn’t care about their education.”

Myth #3

“We have more important issues to worry about.”



ENABLING ACCESSIBILITY FUND

New federal funding up to \$50,000 has just been announced. Available to both public and private organizations, there are two streams of funding to support the capital costs of construction and renovations related to improving physical accessibility and safety for people with disabilities.

The Workplace Accessibility Stream

Provides funding for projects to improve accessibility in workplaces across that directly result in maintaining or creating job opportunities for people with disabilities.



The Community Accessibility Stream

Provides funding for projects that improve accessibility in communities that directly relate to removing barriers and increasing accessibility for people with disabilities.

The deadline to apply for funding is **July 26, 2016**. For more information, visit: www.esdc.gc.ca/eng/disability/eaf/index.shtml#t2h2

ONTARIO CENTRE FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION

In 2016, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities launched the **Ontario Centre for Workforce Innovation** (the Centre). The Centre will be operated by Ryerson University, and twelve partner organizations.



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The Centre's mandate is to drive and support innovative approaches and share best practices in employment and training programming and service delivery across Ontario. You can learn more about the Centre by clicking [here](#). As well, here are some helpful "[Service Provider Questions and Answers](#)".

ESSENTIAL SKILLS MATTER!



Is there someone you need to convince that Essential Skills matter? Then be sure to have them watch this 3-minute video called "[Don't think Essential Skills are important?](#)"

Thanks to the Essential Skills Group for creating this important resource!



LITERACY SUPPORT ORGANIZATION CORNER

Literacy and Basic Skills organizations are supported by a variety of support organizations, including provincial and regional networks located in various communities across the province.



Ontario's support organizations create a variety of resources to help literacy agencies. In CLO's "Support Organization Corner" we will share some of these helpful resources.

Literacy Link South Central (LLSC)

LLSC has received funding for a 3-year project through the Government of Ontario's Poverty Reduction Fund. Their project is called "Community Apprenticeship Skills Support". Through this project, LLSC will assist 60 individuals moving out of poverty, through adult literacy, employment services, and apprenticeship and into a career. You can learn more about this exciting project by watching this [introductory video](#), or by visiting the LLSC [website](#).



The Adult Basic Education Association (ABEA)

ABEA, in partnership with Workforce Planning Hamilton created the "Our Choice, Your Future - Employment Video Series". The series consists of five employment videos with support materials targeted to youth exploring their career options. The videos can be used with many different audiences, and are available in English and French. For links to the videos and support materials click [here](#).



The College Sector Committee for Academic Upgrading (CSC)

The CSC is the support organization which represents Academic Upgrading Programs at Ontario's 24 Community Colleges. There are many helpful resources on their [website](#). We would like to draw your attention in particular to a valuable online poster called "[Ontario's Pathways to Postsecondary Education for Adult Learners](#)".



A NEW MINISTRY FOR LITERACY AND BASIC SKILLS

Ontario's Literacy and Basic Skills program is now part of the newly created **Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development** as announced by the Ontario government in June 2016. The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development will encompass the current mandate of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. In addition, employment and training programs in other ministries will be coordinated through the new ministry to create a more seamless experience for workers and job seekers and to help Ontarians prepare for the jobs of the future.

The new Ministry will be led by the **Honourable Deb Matthews**, who is also the Deputy Premier. For more information about the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development, click on this official [news release](#).

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides important information for LBS agencies. Check this website regularly at: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings

Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- June 30, 2016: [Memo: Service Coordination](#) (PDF, 186 KB)
- June 24, 2016: [CaMS/2016-3 Bulletin](#) (PDF, 34 KB)
- June 6, 2016: [CaMS/2016-2 Bulletin](#) (PDF, 19 KB)
- June 2, 2016: [ADM Letter to the EO Network: Transformation of Employment and Training Services Update](#)



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