

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE AUGUST 2020

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **August 2020 Members E-Communiqué**.

The following resources are shared in this e-communiqué:

- Recorded Webinar: Labour Market Information - Making It Work for You
- Reach Out for Mental Health Social Media Campaign
- Webinar Opportunity: Remote Learning in LBS
- Employment Resources Guide: Popular Resources for Learners with Employment Goals
- Ontario's Resilient Communities Fund for the Nonprofit Sector
- The Ontario Nonprofit Network's Risk, Resilience and Rebuilding Communities Report

Recorded Webinar: Labour Market Information - Making it Work for You

Community Literacy of Ontario and CESBA are happy to present our "*Labour Market Information - Making It Work for You*" [webinar](#). Learn how labour market information can support learners with goals related to education, apprenticeship and employment.

Sincere thanks to our amazing speakers, Anthony Mantione, from the Labour Market Information Council, and Helen Cranley, from the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development!



Reach Out for Mental Health Social Media Campaign

As you are aware, Covid-19 is having far-reaching social, economic and emotional impacts.

While Ontario’s Literacy and Basic Skills agencies are accustomed to working with vulnerable individuals, the pandemic has increased the number of people who feel vulnerable and stressed at a time when access to services, that might usually be available to support mental health challenges, are reduced.

The adult literacy community has long been known as more than just a collection of organizations that teach people basic skills. Rather, we have a reputation for caring about the entire person – not just their learning curve. And mental health is a significant part of our lives and something we all need to promote and nourish – for learners, for staff, for volunteers, for friends and family, and for our communities.

A small group of literacy networks, Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO), Literacy Link South Central (LLSC), Literacy Northwest (LNW) and QUILL Learning Network, have decided to share resources and raise awareness of mental health via a 21-day social media campaign called “[Reach Out for Mental Health](#).”

We hope we can count on your organization to participate in this campaign! Our goal is to shine a spotlight on mental health by sharing resources and raising awareness on social media:

Our campaign will launch on September 1st and end on September 21, 2020

During this 21-day period, CLO, LLSC, LNW and QUILL will create daily social media posts under the hashtag [#ReachOut4MentalHealth](#).

We hope you will share our posts and tweets AND create your own that are meaningful to the community you serve. Please share resources, encouraging messages, photos, and memes reflective of the theme. While this campaign was envisioned by the literacy community, it is an important topic for all, and we warmly invite community partners and others to join us!

Thank you for supporting this important campaign and for “reaching out” to support mental health.



Webinar Opportunity: Remote Learning in LBS

Join the **Pop Up PD for Literacy Educators Committee** on Thursday, **August 27 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** for a webinar about remote learning in LBS, called *“Working together to support learners during a pandemic - the good, the bad and the unexpected”*.



Are you wondering how other literacy programs have been handling the unexpected shift to remote teaching and learning during the pandemic? What tools and resources have they been using? What has been working well and what hasn't? What are they planning for the Fall?

Join AlphaPlus to hear what they have been working on and learning from their coaching programs when it comes to using technology — such as video meeting tools, online classes, connecting via mobile apps, texting and much more — during these uncertain times. You can register [here](#) for this important (and free) learning opportunity.

This learning opportunity is brought to you by **“Pop Up PD for Literacy Educators”**, a committee of the Learning Networks of Ontario, E-Channel and the Provincial Support Organizations for Literacy. Community Literacy of Ontario is a proud member of this committee. Click [here](#) to learn about past and future **“Pop Up PD”** webinar opportunities.

Employment Resources Guide: Popular Resources for Learners with Employment Goals

CLO researched and annotated the [“Employment Resources Guide Popular Resources for Learners with Employment Goals.”](#) In this resource list, you'll find 35 free, online resources, including manuals, guidebooks, online learning opportunities, web-based modules and websites.

The graphic features a red banner with the text "AVAILABLE NOW!" in white. Below the banner, the text reads "Employment Resources Guide: 35 free resources for LBS professionals!". To the right is a cover image of the "Employment Resources Guide" book, which includes the title, the Community Literacy of Ontario logo, and the subtitle "Popular Resources for Learners with Employment Goals". The Community Literacy of Ontario logo is also present at the bottom left of the graphic.



Ontario's Resilient Communities Fund for the Nonprofit Sector

Great news for the nonprofit sector! The Ontario Government has announced the **Resilient Communities Fund**. This fund will be administered by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and is designed to support nonprofits to respond to challenges brought on by COVID-19.

The Resilient Communities Fund will provide grants of up to \$150,000 to help eligible non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. The grants can operate for up to one year. There are two application deadlines: September 2nd and December 2nd. For more information, visit the [Ontario Trillium Foundation website](#).

The Ontario Nonprofit Network's Risk, Resilience and Rebuilding Communities Report

The Ontario Nonprofit Network has released a critical report for our sector. The **“Risk, Resilience and Rebuilding Communities: The state of the Ontario nonprofit sector three months into the COVID-19 crisis”** [report](#) contains important information regarding our challenges and strengths.

“Three months into the COVID-19 crisis, Ontario's nonprofits face new challenges and more uncertainty. The impacts on the sector, its workers, volunteers and the communities they serve are becoming more pronounced as the health crisis recedes and the economic crisis deepens.”

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