

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE FEBRUARY 2018

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **February 2018 E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- CLO's "Road to Excellence – Volume 2"
- FAQs from the Ontario Nonprofit Network about Bill 148: The Employment Standards Act
- Your Chance to Give Input into Ontario's 2018 Budget
- Social Determinants of Health
- Resources from Literacy Support Organizations & Employment Ontario Partners
- Update on LBS Improvement and Expansion
- Employment Ontario News and Information



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CLO'S "ROAD TO EXCELLENCE – VOLUME 2"

In our newest report, "***Road to Excellence: Research and Resources to Build Capacity in Nonprofit Organizations - VOLUME 2***", Community Literacy of Ontario researched promising practices in numerous nonprofit organizations in Ontario and Canada.

Based on this research, we are pleased to share best practices, innovative ideas, and practical tools and resources to support literacy agencies to build their organizational capacity. Click [here](#) to download a free copy of "***Road to Excellence – VOLUME 2***" report.

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Planning



FAQS FROM THE ONTARIO NONPROFIT NETWORK ABOUT BILL 148: THE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ACT

The Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN) has put together [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about some of the recent changes made to Bill 148 by the Ontario Government to the Employment Standards Act.



These FAQs broadly cover topics such as the new rules regarding wages, vacation pay, overtime, special leave requirements, scheduling, the status of employees versus contractors, and more.

The ONN notes that this is in no way a complete list of changes to the Act, and your obligations under the Act as an employer. They stress that this information is not to be used as legal advice.

Due to high demand and many concerns about how to meet the new rules under Bill 148 during their January 2018 webinar, the ONN will run webinars in February and March on this important topic. They will also post a recorded version of their Bill 148 webinar in the future. Visit the [ONN](#) website for more details.

YOUR CHANCE TO GIVE INPUT INTO ONTARIO'S 2018 BUDGET

The Government of Ontario is seeking public input to develop the [2018 Budget](#). They want to hear your priorities, concerns and ideas.

Send your input and ideas by [mail](#), [email](#) or fax (416-325-0969) by February 9, 2018.

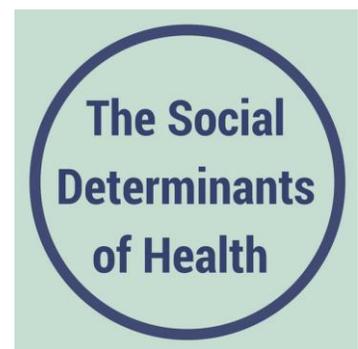


SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

The Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit has a helpful section of its website called "[Health Equity](#)".

Health equity overviews what matters to your health, and shares 13 social determinants of health:

Money | Housing | Employment | Social Connection | Education | Health Services | Childhood | Indigenous Status | Personal Health Practices | Food Security | Gender | Race | Disability.





Technology Through the Eyes of Ontario's Literacy Support Organizations Report

Contact North commissioned this helpful [Technology Report](#) to develop a better understanding of how, where and to what effect technology is currently being used by Literacy and Basic Skills support organizations in Ontario. The report examines how LBS support organizations currently plan for and resource technology, ways that this planning could be optimized, and opportunities that could be developed with technology planning and resource improvements. It also identifies opportunities that may be missed as a result of a lack of technology.



Tips & Tools from the Front Line – Blended Learning Webinar

Come put the icing on the cake to add to your knowledge about blended learning! On February 22, 2018 (from 2:30 to 3:30 pm EST) join your literacy colleagues and participate in an important webinar called “[Tips & Tools from the Front Line](#)”.

Join Literacy Link Niagara's Common Front Line Focus Group to learn about their successes using digital tools with learners. During the past year this group of LBS instructors focused on digital literacy and developed a list of online websites, resources and tools that they commonly use with learners. This webinar will highlight these digital resources and share practical strategies that the group uses in service delivery. Click [here](#) to register.

This webinar series is brought to you by the Online Community of Practice, the Learning Networks of Ontario, and E-Channel. Learn more about this webinar series and access past webinars at: www.learningnetworks.ca/ResourcesPublications-OCPWebinarSeries.php



Conversations with Employment Ontario Service Providers

The Ontario Centre for Workforce Innovation (OCWI) asked Employment Ontario providers to share their views on the current key issues, needs and opportunities in the employment and training services sector. OCWI then combined and analyzed the results into a report called “[Conversations with Employment Ontario Service Providers: A Summary Report](#)”. This report is available online and summarizes the collective views and opinions of the providers interviewed.



UPDATE ON LBS IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION

MAESD has posted a helpful [update](#) about LBS Improvement and Expansion on the EOPG. Included in this update are the names of members of the Steering Committee, Working Tables and Reference Groups. There are an excellent group of LBS representatives involved who will do a great job of representing the LBS community! For more information see:

- [Memo: LBS Improvement and Expansion](#)
- [LBS Improvement and Expansion Qs and As](#)
- [List of Steering Committee, Working Tables and Reference Groups](#)
- [LBS Symposium: October 5 Summary Report](#)

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

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

Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- [Robot Talks – Public Workshop \(various dates and locations\)](#) (January 25, 2018)
- [Collaborative Projects to Support the Adult Learner Journey](#) (January 25, 2018)
 - [Adult Education Collaborative Project](#)
 - [Partnership Memo](#)
 - [Project Application Form](#)
- [Skilled Trades in Ontario: A Workshop for Service Providers on March 9, 2018 in Toronto](#) (January 19, 2018)



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