

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE NOVEMBER 2019

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **November 2019 E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Partnership Success Stories: LBS Agencies and Ontario Works
- Join us today! CLO Membership has its Rewards
- Displaced Workers Project
- Introducing CLO's 2019-2020 Board of Directors
- Busted: 11 Enduring Literacy Myths
- Survey on LBS Suitability Indicators



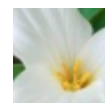
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PARTNERSHIP SUCCESS STORIES LBS AGENCIES AND ONTARIO WORKS

CLO researched eight success stories on effective partnerships between LBS agencies and Ontario Works.

From these stories, we created our latest newsletter, "[Partnership Success Stories: Literacy and Basic Skills Agencies and Ontario Works](#)".

We hope that these stories increase knowledge and understanding of the many creative ways in which LBS agencies across the province are working with Ontario Works to provide support to adult learners.



JOIN US TODAY! CLO MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS

Community Literacy of Ontario invites community-based literacy agencies, regional networks, support organizations and other partners to renew your membership, or to become a new member in 2020.

As a CLO member, you...

- Will be proudly recognized as a member on our website including a link to your organization's website
- Are part of a collective voice for community-based literacy
- Are part of a building a strong and vibrant sector
- Will receive E-Communiques and newsletters
- Have access to resources, online training opportunities and tools to develop your organizational capacity
- Are supported by a respectful and collaborative organization that cares about you!




With your support, CLO will continue to promote literacy, provide informed advice to government, engage in strategic partnerships, offer training opportunities and develop resources. For more information and to renew or take out a CLO membership, please visit our [website](#).

DISPLACED WORKERS PROJECT

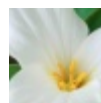
[Decoda Literacy Solutions](#) in British Columbia has been contracted by the federal government to research the existence and effectiveness of Literacy and Essential Skills (LES) programs for displaced workers in Canada. The objective of this three-year project, "*Displaced Workers: Enhancing Literacy and Essential Skills*", is to fill knowledge gaps regarding what does and does not work for LES training and supports for displaced workers to improve their employability.

Community Literacy of Ontario is honoured to have been asked to serve on the Canadian Network Advisory Committee for this project. Click [here](#) to learn more about this important project.

We are pleased to announce that CLO will be part of a new project, **Displaced Workers: Enhancing Literacy and Essential Skills**, led by DECODA Literacy in B.C.

To learn more, visit: 

decoda.ca/displaced-workers-enhancing-literacy-and-essential-skills



INTRODUCING CLO'S 2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On November 14, 2019, CLO held its Annual General Meeting. This event was held online and we were pleased to have 33 participants join us.

We are delighted to announce CLO's 2019 – 2020 Board of Directors!

Central Ontario

- Aly Velji, Toronto Public Library
- Trisha Patrick, Literacy Council York-Simcoe (**Vice-Chair**)
- Barbara McFater, PTP Adult Learning and Employment Programs

Central

Eastern Ontario

- Kathy Kennedy, Prince Edward Learning Centre
- Julie Oliveira, People, Words and Change

Eastern

Northeastern Ontario

- Ginette Comeau-Roy, Spark Employment Services (**Secretary**)
- Michelle Goulet, Timmins Learning Centre

North

Southwestern Ontario

- Tracy Callaghan, Adult Language and Learning (**Chair**)
- Anita Hillis-Krause, Haldimand Norfolk Literacy Council

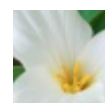
Southwest

Member-At-Large

- Helen McLeod, Hamilton Literacy Council (**Treasurer**)

Member-at-Large

CLO offers its heartfelt thanks to Shannon Lee and Chris Beesley who are retiring from the Board of Directors after six years of dedicated service.



BUSTED: 11 ENDURING LITERACY MYTHS

Mention that there's a literacy problem and most people's eyes glaze over. "Everyone can read, so there can't be a problem!" This belief is one of Canada's most pervasive and enduring myths about literacy. This, and other, myths about literacy keep us from understanding and tackling the problem.



Thankfully, the Canada West Foundation has created an awesome resource designed to bust these myths: "[Busted: 11 Enduring Literacy Myths](#)".

SURVEY ON LBS SUITABILITY INDICATORS

Our Regional Literacy Network colleagues have created a survey asking for input into LBS suitability indicators.

This survey is an opportunity to hear directly from LBS agencies regarding the relevance of the suitability indicators that are currently in use (how well do they reflect the current work of LBS?). It's also a chance to share other suitability indicators that might make sense for LBS programming.



Survey responses are due by December 13, 2019.
See: www.surveymonkey.com/r/GKHB3BG

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