

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE NOVEMBER 2015

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **November 2015 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. Our *"Developing a Culture of Evaluation Research Report"*
2. You're Invited to our "Ask the Non-Profit" Online Evaluation Clinic!
3. Family Literacy Videos for Adult Literacy Learners
4. Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
5. Federal Government Ministerial Mandate Letters
6. Employment Ontario News and Information



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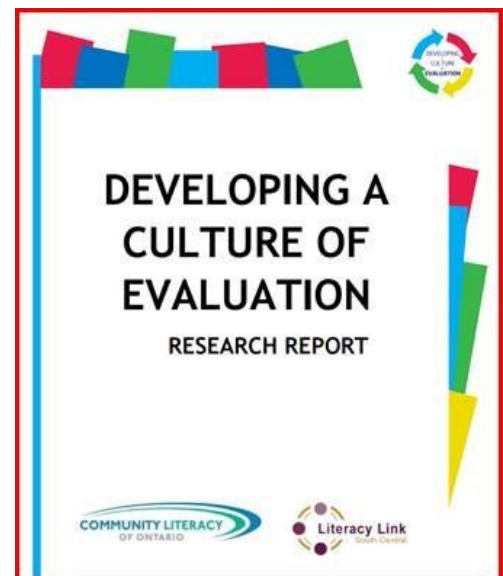
OUR "DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF EVALUATION RESEARCH REPORT"

The first phase of the Developing a Culture of Evaluation project was dedicated to increasing our understanding of the current evaluation environment in Ontario's small non-profits. To this end we explored the practices of our province's non-profits when it comes to measuring and reporting on programs, projects and overall activities.

Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central are happy to announce that the results are in!

The *"Developing a Culture of Evaluation Research Report"* is freely available online at:

www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/evaluation-culture/evaluation-resources/



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE "ASK THE NON-PROFIT" ONLINE EVALUATION CLINIC!

You're invited to the "Ask the Non-Profit" free online evaluation clinic on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

As part of our "Developing a Culture of Evaluation" project, we asked non-profits about their evaluation practices, successes and challenges. Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central invite you to join us to hear what they said. Together, we'll discuss evaluation practices that are happening and some of the innovative ways that organizations are meeting their evaluation challenges.



Evaluation of programs and services is in greater demand by funders. Proving a program's value to community members is also increasing in importance. Small non-profits are feeling the pressure and often feel alone in their evaluation struggles. Let's talk!

Register now at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4276471681851371522>

FAMILY LITERACY VIDEOS FOR ADULT LITERACY LEARNERS

The Toronto Public Library has developed six family literacy videos for adult literacy learners.

The aim of these videos is to provide basic tools and information to help literacy learners learn how they can play an active role in helping their child develop his/her own skills (even as they work towards building their own).

The videos can be found at: www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/adult-literacy/adult-literacy-learners.jsp



PARTNERSHIPS, RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE ONTARIO WORKS CLIENTS IN LITERACY PROGRAMMING

In 2015-2016, Community Literacy of Ontario will collect and share information about effective partnerships, resources, and strategies to engage Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs clients in literacy programming.

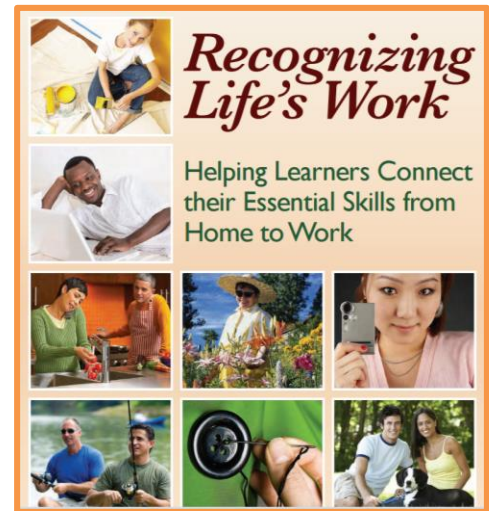
Helpful Resources for Ontario Works Clients:

- QUILL Learning Network researched and wrote "*Recognizing Life's Work: Helping Learners Connect their Essential Skills from Home to Work*". This is a highly recommended resource for OW clients and others seeking to link skills and strengths gained in other settings to the workforce. See: www.quillnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/helping_learners.pdf

- The Tri-County Literacy Network created the "*Learning to Earning*" videos. The goal of these videos is to showcase how and why adult upgrading can be part of one's future success. See: <http://tcln.on.ca/videos/>

- The Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy has created the [*Community Works Handbook*](#) and accompanying [*Implementation and Process Guide*](#). With their partners, ALSO and Heartwood House, OCCL developed an innovative model of supported volunteering that provides training in transferable essential skills for learners who are marginalized and/or disadvantaged by a variety of barriers and challenges. You can download both resources at: www.occl.ca/resources/community-works

- The Adult Basic Education Association, in partnership with Workforce Planning Hamilton, has released five videos called "*Our Choice, Your Future - Employment Video Series*". These video are accompanied with support materials and are targeted to youth exploring their career options. The videos can be used with many different audiences, including OW clients. All materials are available in English and French. Download at: www.abea.on.ca/OurChoiceYourFuture.html



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MINISTERIAL MANDATE LETTERS

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau released [mandate letters](#) setting out the expectations for each Federal Government Minister. Mandate letters of particular relevance to LBS agencies include:

- Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour: <http://pm.gc.ca/eng/minister-employment-workforce-development-and-labour-mandate-letter>
- Minister of Children, Families and Social Development: <http://pm.gc.ca/eng/minister-families-children-and-social-development-mandate-letter>

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of important information for LBS agencies. Be sure to check this site regularly at: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings



Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- October 27, 2015: Detailed Reporting User Guides
 - [Data Definitions](#)
 - [LBS Case Activity](#)
- October 27, 2015: [EOIS Reports Desk Aid](#)
- October 29, 2015: [ADM Letter to the EO Network: Summer Job Service](#)
- October 23, 2015: [Announcement of the LBS Program Evaluation](#)
- October 30, 2015: [Changes Coming to the Employment Ontario Partners Gateway](#)
- October 30, 2015: [Chapter 4: Service Provider Management](#)
- November 3, 2015: [Results of our Call for Proposals for the Local Employment Planning Council \(LEPC\) Pilots](#)
- November 10, 2015: [EOIS/R 2015-1 Bulletin](#)

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