

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE DECEMBER 2015

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. Compendium of Project Resources to Support LBS Agencies
2. You're Invited to Our "Evaluation Fitness Resolutions" Online Clinic!
3. Participate in Ontario's Pre-Budget Consultations
4. Literacy And Poverty – An Important Conversation
5. Register Your Family Literacy Day Event with ABC Life Literacy Canada for a Chance to Win!
6. Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
7. Happy Holidays from the CLO Staff!
8. Employment Ontario News and Information



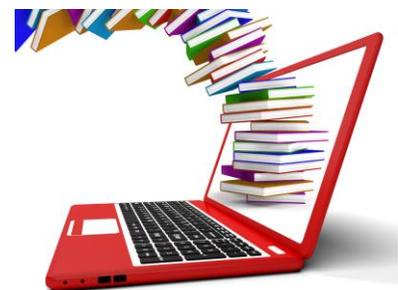
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COMPENDIUM OF PROJECT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LBS AGENCIES

Community Literacy of Ontario is very pleased to share our newest online resource with you. It started out as a short newsletter but it grew into something larger: *"A Compendium of Project Resources to Support LBS Agencies"*.

In the fall of 2015, CLO asked Ontario's Literacy Support Organizations to share their project work, resources and training with us. In particular, we asked them to highlight the 2014-2015 project work that was funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities through the Service Delivery Network Development Fund.

And share they did! Please take some time to read through this resource and to the tremendous project work occurring across Ontario and resulting supports that are available to you.

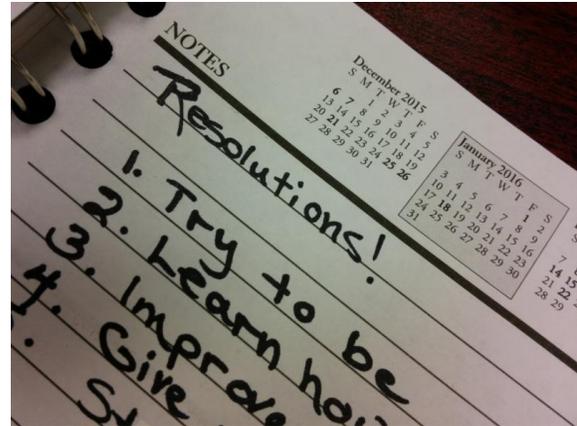


YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR "EVALUATION FITNESS RESOLUTIONS" ONLINE CLINIC!

You're invited to the "EVALUATION FITNESS RESOLUTIONS" online clinic on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 from 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

It's time to set New Year's resolutions. How will you increase your evaluation capacity in 2016?

Join the discussion of a group of diverse non-profits for ideas on how to set your evaluation goals for the year ahead and increase the overall health of your organization. Remember, a goal without a plan is just a wish!



Click [here](#) to register for our free, online clinic.

PARTICIPATE IN ONTARIO'S PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

The Ontario Ministry of Finance is holding pre-budget consultations. The Ontario budget affects everyone in our province so be sure to share your input and ideas. You can give your input via in person and online consultations or by email or social media. What would you like to see in the budget? Be sure to let the Ministry of Finance know. **After all, your voice matters!**

This is a great opportunity to promote the importance of increased funding for literacy.

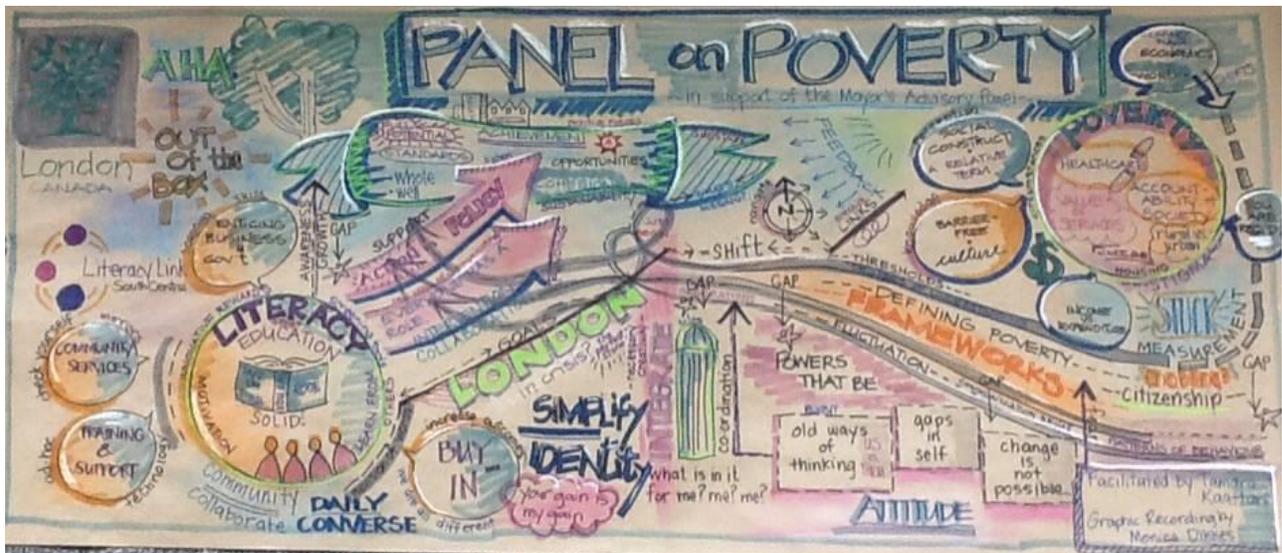
Share your budget priorities at: www.ontario.ca/page/pre-budget-consultations



LITERACY AND POVERTY – AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION

The Mayor of London recently struck an [Advisory Panel on Poverty](#) in order to engage the community in a conversation about poverty. Because of the considerable link between adult literacy and poverty, [Literacy Link South Central](#) (LLSC) decided to have their own session to ensure that literacy would be captured as a root contributor to poverty and presented as such to the Advisory Panel. LLSC invited representatives of adult literacy agencies, employment agencies and Ontario Works. During this session about literacy and poverty (held in December 2015) LLSC engaged an artist to draw the conversation, and this beautiful graphic is the result.

LLSC looks forward to seeing how their comments are integrated into the City's overall approach to understanding and addressing poverty.



REGISTER YOUR FAMILY LITERACY DAY EVENT WITH ABC LIFE LITERACY CANADA FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

By registering your Family Literacy Day activity with [ABC Life Literacy Canada](#) by January 4, 2016, you qualify for a draw to receive one of 10 Family Literacy Day prize packs with donations of books from Scholastic Canada and board games from Hasbro Canada!

Register at:
<http://abclifeliteracy.ca/fld-event-registration-form>

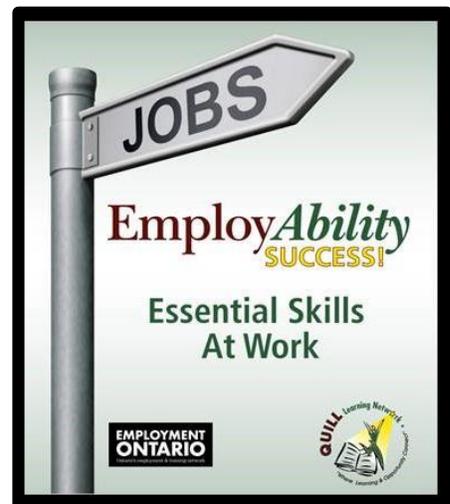
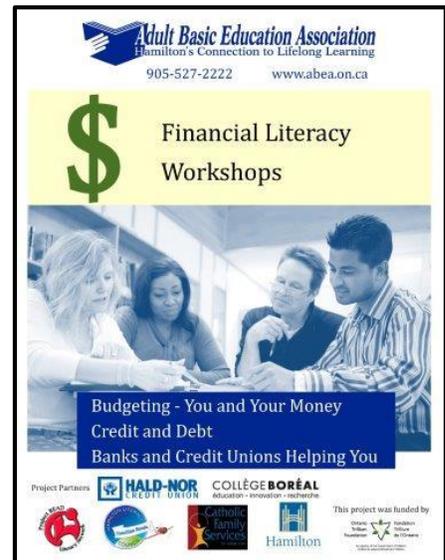


PARTNERSHIPS, RESOURCES AND STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE ONTARIO WORKS CLIENTS IN LITERACY PROGRAMMING

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:

- The Adult Basic Education Association created three financial literacy modules. These online modules are free to use for community practitioners for a wide range of audiences, including LBS students and OW clients. See: www.abea.on.ca/FinancialLiteracy.html
- Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO) has many great resources on their website that are useful for LBS students, OW clients, and others. For example, see LLO's online module on "Personal Learning Styles & Goal Setting" at: www.laubach-on.ca/bookstore/book/personal-learning-styles-and-goal-setting-module.
- "Employability Success: Essential Skills at Work" is a helpful online workbook created by QUILL Learning Network. This workbook would be helpful for LBS students, OW clients, and others who are looking for a job, or who are interested in improving their Essential Skills for work. Download at: www.quillnetwork.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/emsu_wrkbk.pdf
- Ontario 211's telephone helpline and website provide a gateway to community, social, and government services. 211 helps people to access services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in over 100 languages. See: <http://www.211ontario.ca/>



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CLO STAFF!

The staff of CLO sends our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season to our members, partners, friends and followers far and near. (From left to right: Vicki, Jette, Joanne and Joan).



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

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Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- November 18, 2015: [Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework Milestone Portal Access](#)
- November 27, 2015: [CaMS/2015-6 Bulletin](#)
- December 7, 2015: [EOIS CaMS Service Provider User Guide](#)
- December 11, 2015: [Memo – Ministry of Labour's Young Workers Portal](#)
- December 17, 2015: [Interim Measure for Referring Clients to the Youth Job Connection Program](#)

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