

## COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE JANUARY 2016

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **January 2016 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- CLO Webinar! "Recipes for Success: Ingredients for Supporting OW & ODSP Clients"
- Information and Resources to Support Syrian Refugees
- Learning Disabilities Resources
- Partnerships, Resources and Strategies to Engage Ontario Works Clients in Literacy Programming
- Employment Ontario News and Information



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### CLO WEBINAR! "RECIPES FOR SUCCESS: INGREDIENTS FOR SUPPORTING OW & ODSP CLIENTS"

Almost 40% of adult learners in Ontario's LBS programs receive income through Ontario Works (OW) or the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). We recognize these clients often have additional or more complex needs, and we want to help you meet them.

Join us for our upcoming webinar "**Recipes for Success: Ingredients for supporting OW & ODSP clients**", which offers two focuses:

- Resources to help you engage vulnerable OW and ODSP clients in LBS programming
- Strategies to cultivate effective partnerships to support your OW and ODSP clients



This webinar will be offered twice. To register, click on the date and the registration link that works best for you:

- **Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 10:00-11:00 A.M.**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/818310801465702913>
- **Thursday, February 18, 2016, 1:00-2:00 P.M.**  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3203260373780888577>



## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT SYRIAN REFUGEES

Ontario is welcoming thousands of refugees from Syria. Community Literacy of Ontario has compiled this listing of websites that contain valuable information and resources on how you can help.

➔ The Government of Ontario has created a helpful webpage called “**Syrian Refugees: How You Can Help**”. This webpage shares information on donations, sponsorships, housing, volunteering, health care and more.

- Visit: [www.ontario.ca/page/syrian-refugees-how-you-can-help](http://www.ontario.ca/page/syrian-refugees-how-you-can-help)

➔ “**Settlement.org**” is a well-trusted source of online information for newcomers to Ontario. . You’ll find information on employment, education, housing, community services, legal advice and more. This website is hosted by OCASI (Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants).

- See: <http://settlement.org/>

➔ OCASI has also created the “**Welcome to Ontario: Syrian Refugee Assistance Information**” website. On this website you’ll find information on education, employment, housing, health and daily life in Ontario.

- Go to: [www.welcomeontario.ca/](http://www.welcomeontario.ca/)

➔ **SPARK Ontario** has created a website to connect Ontarians with volunteering opportunities across the province to help Syrian refugees settle in and make Ontario home. This website shares ways you can help, donate, and share your expertise and ideas

- Check out: [www.findmyspark.ca/warmwelcome](http://www.findmyspark.ca/warmwelcome)

➔ **Ontario 211**’s website and hotline is a wonderful source of information on programs, resources and services in communities across Ontario. Their hotline is available 24/7 and is available in over 150 languages.

- Visit: <http://211ontario.ca/>
- Ontario 211 has also created a brochure overviewing services in Arabic, English and French: [www.211ontario.ca/sites/default/files/Syrian\\_211\\_Information\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.211ontario.ca/sites/default/files/Syrian_211_Information_FINAL.pdf)



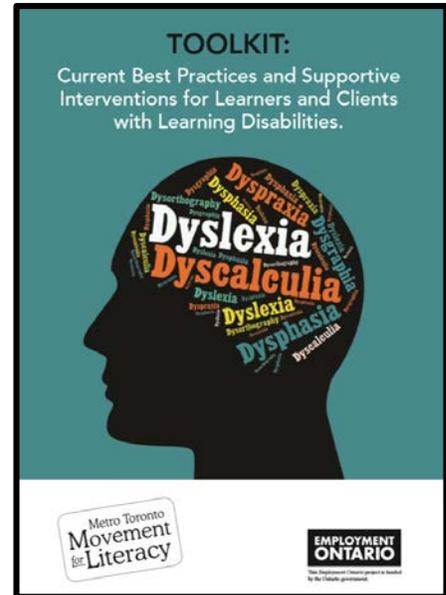
## LEARNING DISABILITIES RESOURCES

Literacy educators are well aware that many adult students have learning disabilities – both diagnosed and undiagnosed. Accordingly, Community Literacy of Ontario has compiled some helpful websites and resources related to learning disabilities.

We hope these resources help you in the important work that you do!

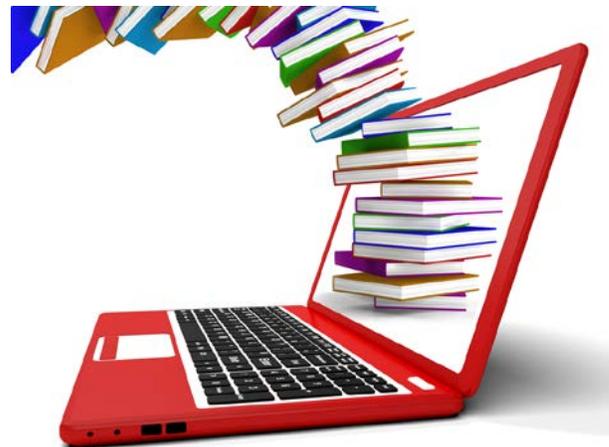
### Two excellent resources from the Ontario literacy community!

- MTML (Metro Toronto Movement for Literacy) has created an extremely valuable online toolkit called “[Current Best Practices and Supportive Interventions for Learners and Clients with Learning Disabilities](#)”.
- The Literacy Network of Durham Region has produced “[Difficult or Disability: It's Worth a Closer Look: A Resource Guide on Hidden Learning Disabilities for Literacy and Employment Services Staff](#)”.



### Awesome LD websites!

- Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario:
  - [www.ldao.ca/](http://www.ldao.ca/)
- Learning Disabilities Association of Canada:
  - [www.ldac-acta.ca/](http://www.ldac-acta.ca/)
- LD Online – The Educator’s Guide to Learning Disabilities and ADHA:
  - [www.ldonline.org/](http://www.ldonline.org/)
- LD at School:
  - <http://ldatschool.ca/>
- The National Centre for Learning Disabilities:
  - [www.nclid.org/](http://www.nclid.org/)



## 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:

- **Building Successful Partnerships for LBS Coordinators/Managers Webinar**

The Ontario Native Literacy Coalition provided a webinar on “Building Successful Partnerships for LBS Coordinators/Managers”. They have shared the link to the slides for this webinar. The slides provide an overview of strategies to build and maintain successful partnerships and how to effectively keep communications channels open. View at: [onlc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Building-Successful-Partnerships-for-LBS-Coordinators-Managers.pdf](http://onlc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Building-Successful-Partnerships-for-LBS-Coordinators-Managers.pdf)

- **Hammer Heads Program**

The Hammer Heads program supports at-risk youth from under-resourced and Aboriginal communities by developing the skills they need to gain meaningful employment as registered apprentices in the skilled construction trades. The program incorporates academic upgrading, intense health & safety training, mandatory academic upgrading, green training, life skills and unique post-graduation support through ongoing mentoring during the first year of apprenticeship. Learn more at [www.cobtrades.com/hammerheads/index.html](http://www.cobtrades.com/hammerheads/index.html).

- **Literacy + OW Best Practices for Serving Ontario Works Clients Newsletter**

Community Literacy of Ontario created this helpful newsletter that shares diverse strategies, best practices and resources for serving OW clients. Click [here](#) to access our newsletter.

- **ODSP Employment Supports Help Bob Find a Job Video**

This [video](#) shows the employment supports available from the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services to help clients on the Ontario Disability Support Program find jobs.



## 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](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings)

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Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- January 11, 2016: [Update on the Literacy and Basic Skills \(LBS\) Program Evaluation](#)
- January 7, 2016: [Youth Job Connection \(YJC\) Service Provider Questions and Answers and Marketing Update](#)
- January 7, 2016: [YJC Service Provider Questions and Answers](#)
- January 7, 2016: Youth Job Connection Brochures:
  - [General](#)
  - [For Employers](#)
  - [For Potential Referring Organizations](#)
- December 2015: [Local Employment Planning Councils \(LEPCs\)](#)
- December 2015: [Frequently Asked Questions about the Local Employment Planning Councils](#)
- December 21, 2015: [Learner Gains Research Project to Launch in January](#)
- December 21, 2015: [Memo – 2016 Value for Money Audit of Programs and Services](#)

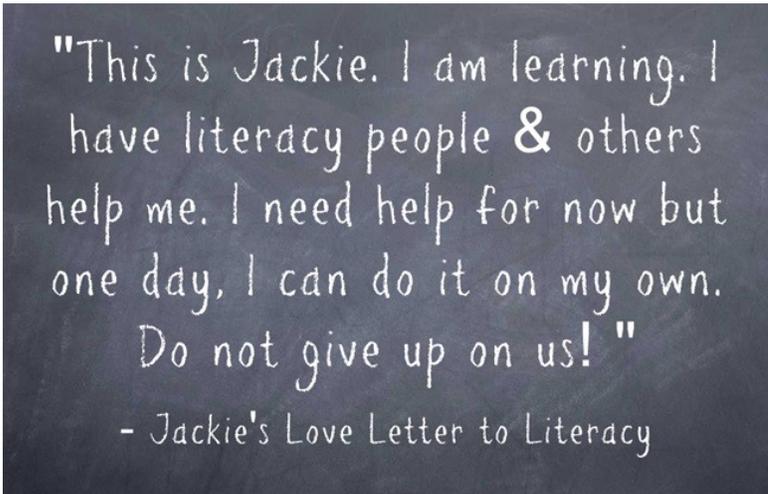
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For more information about Community Literacy of Ontario, visit our [website](#).

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We are a proud part of the Employment Ontario network.



"This is Jackie. I am learning. I have literacy people & others help me. I need help for now but one day, I can do it on my own. Do not give up on us!"  
- Jackie's Love Letter to Literacy

*This quote and many others available at: [www.amazon.ca/Love-Letters-Literacy-%20inspirational-collection-ebook/dp/B015OWZUGM](http://www.amazon.ca/Love-Letters-Literacy-%20inspirational-collection-ebook/dp/B015OWZUGM)*

