

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE DECEMBER 2016

Dear CLO Members,

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

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Canadian Language Benchmarks and LBS Webinar
- Road To Excellence: Research & Resources to Build Capacity in Non-Profit Organizations
- Become a CLO Member in 2017!
- Support Organization Corner
- Give Your Feedback to Ontario's 2017 Budget
- Results of the "Value for Money Audit" of Employment Ontario
- Employment Ontario News and Information
- Raising Awareness of LBS Issues



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CANADIAN LANGUAGE BENCHMARKS AND LBS WEBINAR

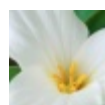
In November 2016, Community Literacy of Ontario and CESBA held an informative webinar called **"Using the Canadian Language Benchmarks to Improve the Literacy and Basic Skills Intake/Referral Process"**.

This webinar was extremely well-received by participants. It was designed to improve understanding of the Canadian Language Benchmarks and how they can be used to support effective intake and referrals for ESL learners in Literacy and Basic Skills programs.

You can view the webinar recording by clicking [here](#).



Webinar



ROAD TO EXCELLENCE: RESEARCH & RESOURCES TO BUILD CAPACITY IN NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

In our report, "**Road To Excellence: Research & Resources to Build Capacity in Non-Profit Organizations**", Community Literacy of Ontario has collected and analyzed key research from provincial and national organizations to support community literacy agencies in Ontario to build their organizational capacity.

For "**Road to Excellence**", CLO researched promising practices in over 25 non-profit organizations in Ontario and Canada. Based on this research, we are pleased to share innovative ideas and practical tools and resources related to capacity building in the non-profit sector.

The following topics are covered in our "**Road to Excellence**" report:

- Board Governance
- Volunteer Management
- Human Resource Management
- Financial Management

We hope that this resource will help you in the important work that you do!

Click [here](#) to download a free copy of "**Road to Excellence**".



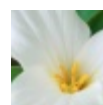
BECOME A CLO MEMBER IN 2017!

Community Literacy of Ontario values your support and we invite you to renew your membership for 2017. We also welcome first-time members!

As a CLO member, you will have access to:

- A collective voice for adult literacy
- The latest literacy news
- Online training opportunities
- E-Communiques and newsletters
- Resources to develop your organizational capacity
- Networking opportunities

Be part of a strong and vibrant community literacy sector!
Click [here](#) for membership information.



SUPPORT ORGANIZATION CORNER

Literacy and Basic Skills organizations are supported by a variety of support organizations, including provincial and regional networks located in various communities across the province.

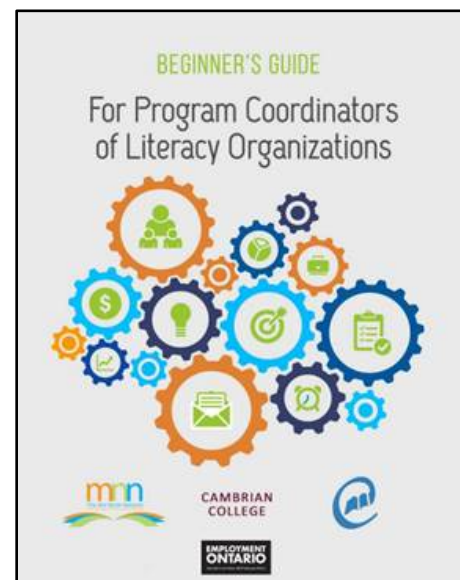


Ontario's support organizations create a variety of resources to help literacy agencies. In CLO's "Support Organization Corner" we will share some of these helpful resources.

Mid North Network and COFA

There is a new and fabulous resource for Ontario's literacy agencies from the Mid North Network and COFA! It's called "[Beginner's Guide for Program Coordinators of Literacy Organizations](#)".

Topics include: The Literacy Landscape, Program Administration, and Learners.



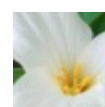
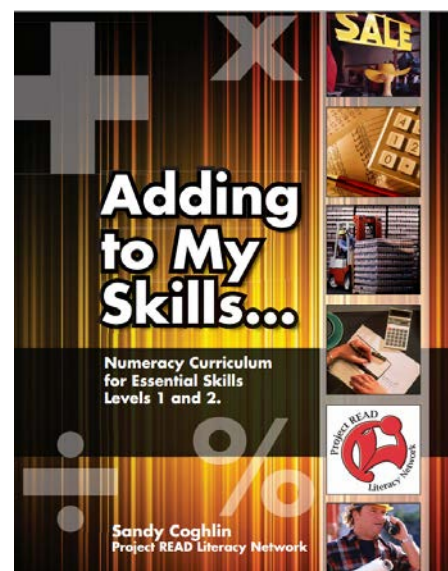
CESBA

CESBA's "[LBS Practitioner Training](#)" website is chock full of helpful resources, tools and training opportunities. Be sure visit this helpful site for literacy educators.

Project Read Literacy Network

Are you looking for a new numeracy resource to use with adult students? Then be sure to download Project Read Literacy Network's "[Adding to My Skills: Numeracy Curriculum for Essential Skills Levels 1 & 2](#)".

This is an extremely helpful numeracy resource for the LBS classroom!



GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK TO ONTARIO'S 2017 BUDGET

Ontario's Minister of Finance will be hosting pre-budget consultations with stakeholders across the province in the upcoming year. You can also give written feedback about the budget to the Ministry of Finance via mail, fax or email.

Click [here](#) to find out how to share your input into Ontario's Budget 2017 priorities.



RESULTS OF THE "VALUE FOR MONEY AUDIT" OF EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

The Auditor General of Ontario conducted a "Value for Money Audit" of Employment Ontario. The results of this audit were released on November 30, 2016.

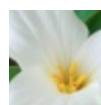
- Click [here](#) to view the Audit General's audit of Employment Ontario.
- And, here is MAESD's response to the Auditor General: [Update to the Auditor General of Ontario's Value for Money Audit of Employment Ontario Programs and Services](#)

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MAESD's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides 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:

- [Literacy and Basic Skills Data Dictionary](#) (November 2016)
- [Memo: Learner Gains Research Project Final Entry Date for Exit Assessment Scores](#) (November 16, 2016)
- [EOIS Reports Desk Aid](#) (December 2016)
- [LBS Case Activity](#) (December 2016)
- [Memo: 2017-2018 Business Planning](#) (December 2016)



RAISING AWARENESS OF LBS ISSUES

CLO, along with other Support Organizations in Ontario, has been seeking ways to raise awareness of the need for enhanced funding in the Literacy and Basic Skills program, and to increase the profile of LBS within the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD).

Recent activities include:

- Participating in the International Literacy Day event hosted by Literacy Link South Central. Minister Deb Matthews attended this inspiring and informative event where the benefits of LBS and the stories of adult learners were profiled. (September 2016)
- Jointly with the other Support Organizations, wrote a letter to MAESD providing an LBS response to the Ministry's "Building the Workforce of Tomorrow" report. (October 2016)
- Meeting with Minister Deb Matthews about LBS issues. (November 2016)
- Meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister of MAESD. (November 2016)
- With some of the other Support Organizations, developing strategies to highlight LBS issues to MAESD. (December 2016/January 2017)

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

The Board and staff of Community Literacy of Ontario send our members, supporters, partners, funders and friends of literacy our warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season!



Thank you for your support! It means the world to us.

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