

## COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE APRIL 2021

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **April 2021 Members E-Communiqué**.

The following resources and news items are shared in this e-communiqué:

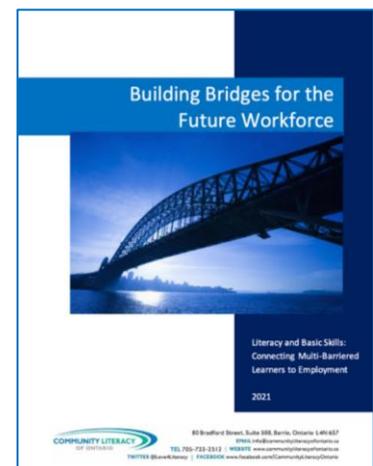
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### **Building Bridges for the Future Workforce LBS: Connecting Learners to Employment Report**

Read all about our research results in CLO's **Building Bridges for the Future Workforce – LBS: Connecting Multi-Barriered Learners to Employment Report**.

This report explores the challenges LBS programs face when establishing connections between multi-barriered LBS learners and employers. It also shares practical strategies and success stories to support LBS learners as they work towards their employment goals.

See: <http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/CLOs-Building-Bridges-Report-March-2021.pdf>.

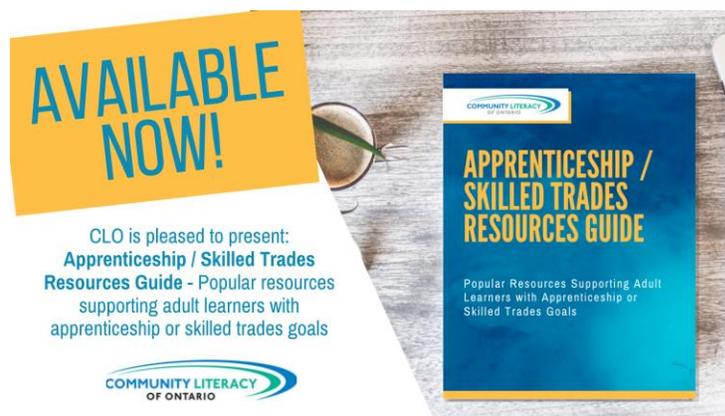


## CLO'S Apprenticeship / Skilled Trades Resources Guide

CLO researched and developed the **Apprenticeship / Skilled Trades Resources Guide** to support adult learners with apprenticeship or Skilled Trades goals.

We sincerely hope that this annotated list of resources is helpful to LBS practitioners who are looking for materials and resources to support adult learners on the Apprenticeship goal path.

Download this resource guide at: <http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/Apprenticeship-Skilled-Trades-Resources-Guide-March-2021-Final.pdf>.



## Non-Profit Funding Announced by the Ontario Government

In April, the Ontario government announced that it is providing more than \$42 million to help 559 non-profit organizations across the province to support staff and volunteers, reimagine programming and renovate facilities as they deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Resilient Communities Fund provides grants of up to \$150,000 to eligible non-profit organizations to cover a broad and flexible range of needs, such as:

- Mental and physical health and wellbeing supports for staff or volunteers
- Support to adapt or reimagine program delivery and services to meet the needs of communities, employees and volunteers, incorporate new health and safety processes, or purchase new technology and personal protective equipment
- Renovations and facility updates to meet the changing needs of communities

Application details are not currently available, but will follow soon. See:

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/61166/ontario-supporting-the-non-profit-sector-during-covid-19>.



## Zoom Tools from MTML's Silver Lining Café

To support LBS educators in their region during the first phase of the pandemic, MTML, with the support of AlphaPlus, hosted the Silver Lining Café over Zoom. MTML captured successes, challenges, “how-tos” and tips for using ZOOM in a series of six online guides.



In these resources, MTML provides information on how to use Zoom, as well as highlighting some of the features that help instructors to make the most of their Zoom meetings with learners. You will find step-by-step instructions and practitioner tips. Download these helpful resources at <https://www.mtml.ca/resources/for-practitioners/the-silver-lining-cafe-and-zoom-tools>.

## LBS: We're All in This Together – Resource Package

Ready for some amazing resources? Check out “LBS - We're All in This Together: Best Practices in Program Delivery during the COVID19 Pandemic” resource package. This innovative project produced a resource Guide, webinar recording, Tip Sheets and more. Download them at: <https://www.quillnetwork.com/resources/resources/>

This project was led by QUILL Learning Network and supported by its project partners, Community Literacy of Ontario, Literacy Link South Central and Project Read Literacy Network.



## **“Skills for Success” A New Initiative Announced in Federal Budget**

In its April 2021 Budget, the Federal Government announced a new initiative of great interest to the literacy community called the “*Skills for Success*” Program (see [Section 3.3](#) of the budget).

Budget 2021 proposes to invest \$298 million over three years, beginning in 2021-22, through Employment and Social Development Canada, in a new Skills for Success program that would help Canadians at all skills levels improve their foundational and transferable skills.

In addition to information provided in the budget itself, Brigid Hayes has provided a helpful and more detailed analysis by in her excellent blog “[As I Was Saying](#)”.

## **2021 CENSUS ADULT EDUCATION KIT**

Statistics Canada has created a **2021 Census Adult Education Kit** for use in adult literacy and ESL/FSL classes across the country. All activities are classroom-ready. The kit is designed to assist adult learners to understand the benefits of the census, and to help them gain a new perspective on their community. It contains four activities that provide opportunities for listening, speaking, reading and writing. See: <https://census.gc.ca/resources-ressources/aek-tea/index-eng.htm>.

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