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## CLO's Advocacy Letter to MPP's

Community Literacy Ontario is a member-based organization representing over 100 community-based literacy agencies located in all regions of Ontario. CLO strongly believes that community-based Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) programs should be strategically positioned within the Employment Services Transformation process. In August 2022, CLO sent the following letter to MPP's advocating for LBS programs.

In the letter linked below, CLO shares how Literacy and Basic Skills programs are well positioned and eager to work with the Ministry through the transformation to highlight that LBS agencies can support the vision of enhanced and collaborative services. CLO believes that including LBS as a foundational partner in the development of the Employment Service Transformation delivery model will result in a more inclusive and responsive system.

We hope that this letter increases knowledge of the many innovative ways in which LBS agencies across the province are serving learners.

This letter and Literacy Why It Matters can be freely downloaded from CLO's website, and used for your own organizations' outreach and advocacy:

- [Download the Editable Word Document Here](#)
- [Download Literacy Why It Matters Here](#)



**Literacy & Employment**

Skill levels are strongly co-related with successful employment outcomes.



Canadians with **low literacy skills** are more than twice as likely to be **unemployed** than those with higher level literacy skills.

Find out more about the state of literacy in Ontario: Get the updated 2018 "Literacy: Why It Matters" today.

