

**COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO  
MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE  
DECEMBER 2017**

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **December 2017 E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

- Recorded Webinar on Employment-Related Experiential Learning in Ontario's LBS Organizations
- CLO Membership has its Rewards!
- ABC Life Literacy's "Family Literacy Day" Resources
- Ontario's Amazing Nonprofit Sector!
- Resources from Literacy Support Organizations & Employment Ontario Partners
- Spark Ontario: Resources for Nonprofits
- Employment Ontario News and Information



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**RECORDED WEBINAR ON EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING IN ONTARIO'S LBS ORGANIZATIONS**

Community Literacy of Ontario has conducted research into employment-related experiential learning opportunities in LBS organizations in Ontario. We received survey responses from 66 organizations, conducted 25 key informant interviews, and collected success stories. Now, we are eager to share our knowledge of employment-related experiential learning in LBS with you!

CLO and our partner [CESBA](#) are pleased to share the recorded version of our webinar: "**HANDS ON, SKILLS UP! Employment-Related Experiential Learning in Ontario's LBS Organizations**".

Please click [here](#) to access our webinar and participant handouts.



## CLO MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS REWARDS!

It's time to renew, or take out a new membership with Community Literacy of Ontario.

Your membership will entitle you to a variety of benefits including CLO's newsletters, e-communiqués, resources and training opportunities. Memberships received by January 15, 2018 will be entered into a draw for a \$50 Chapters gift card.

For more information, or to renew or take out a new membership please visit our [website](#).



## ABC LIFE LITERACY'S "FAMILY LITERACY DAY" RESOURCES

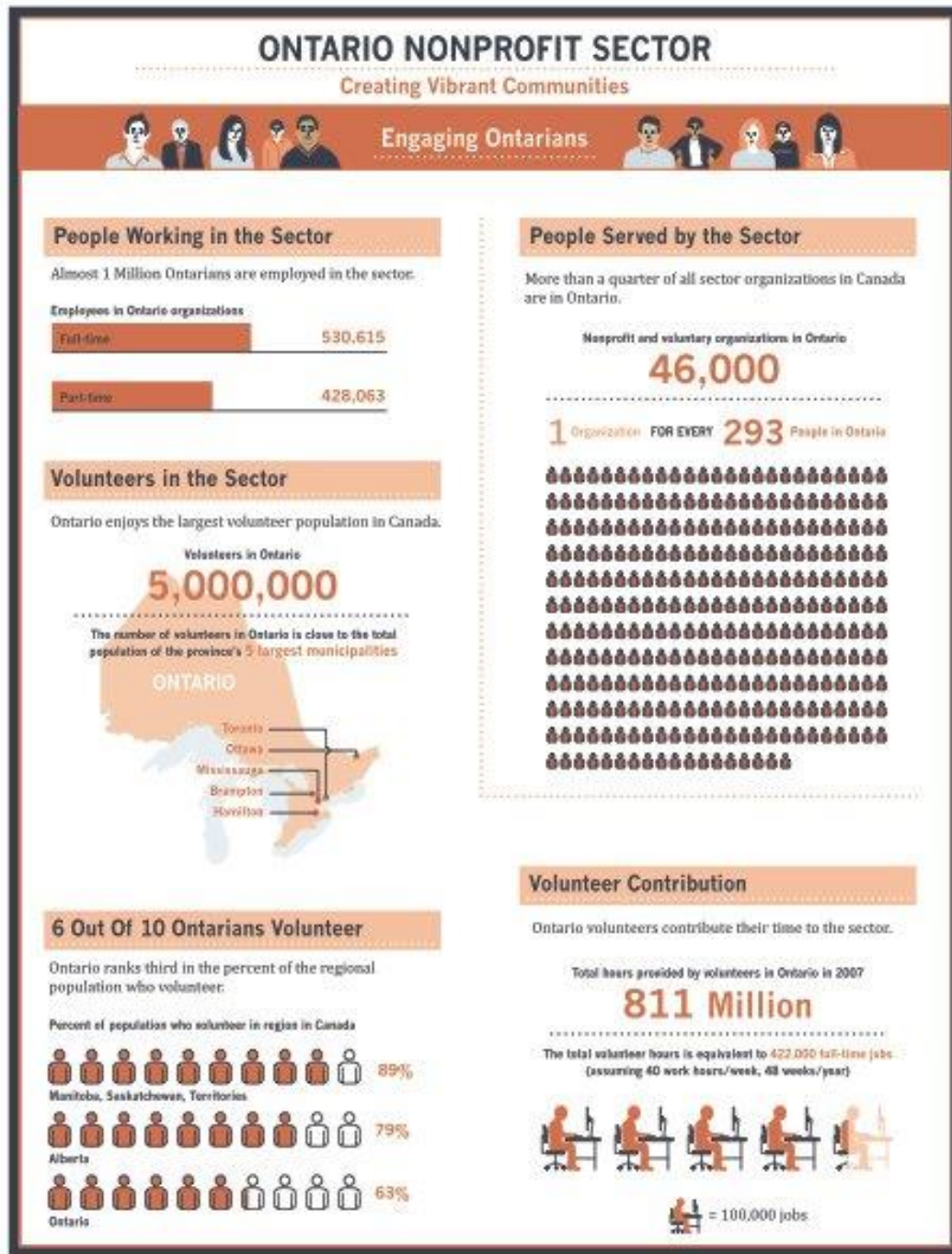
**Family Literacy Day**<sup>®</sup> is a national awareness initiative created by [ABC Life Literacy Canada](#) in 1999 and held annually on **January 27** to raise awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

Family Literacy Day is just around the corner, and thanks to ABC Life Literacy Canada, you can download and use many practical tools to help you in your planning. Their Family Literacy Day resources include: suggested activities, downloadable resources, PSAs, events, and media resources. Just click [here](#) to access these helpful tools.



# ONTARIO'S AMAZING NONPROFIT SECTOR!

Did you know that Ontario's nonprofit sector generates **\$50 BILLION** in economic impact in our province? Check out the Ontario Nonprofit Network's online [infographic](#) to learn more about the amazing sector that literacy organizations are proud to be part of!





## Learner Videos (Literacy Link Niagara)

Literacy Link Niagara developed learner videos with the help of a small grant from the Niagara Community Foundation. Each video is about 4 minutes long and represents learners from a range of backgrounds, ages and goals. You can view these five inspirational stories via Literacy Link Niagara's [YouTube Channel](#).

## Targeted Training through LBS (Learning Networks of Ontario)

On behalf of the Learning Networks of Ontario, the Adult Basic Education Association has created a listing of [Targeted Training](#) available through LBS organizations. Targeted training refers to any specific, short term training. For example, six weeks of apprenticeship math, three months of soft skills training, etc. Targeted training may be for specific audiences, for example, Ontario Works clients, youth, or older workers. Use this list to get information about training developed by agencies across the province.

## Webinar: Step by Step to Success in Transition-Oriented Programming

On January 17, 2018, join the Simcoe/Muskoka Literacy Network and QUILL Learning Network for an important webinar, "**Step by Step to Success in Transition-Oriented Programming**".

Every service provider wants to provide their 'A' game to the learners in the LBS program. There were four dimensions for implementing the OALCF, as explained in the Agency Self-Assessment tool for implementing the OALCF. This webinar will review the dimension, Transition-Oriented Programming, and its success markers for being "Fully in Place." LBS service providers from across the province have shared their best practices for implementing goal-directed, contextualized learning and coordinated learner supports and services for successful transition to the learner's next step.

✓ Click [here](#) to register.



## SPARK ONTARIO: RESOURCES FOR NONPROFITS

[Spark Ontario](#) has reorganized their web-based resources for nonprofits. Visit their website to find strategies and tools to help you manage and recruit volunteers. As well, Spark Ontario has created a Resource Library for Nonprofits, which hosts a variety of helpful online resources.

You'll find suggestions, best practices, tips, links and resources related to volunteer engagement and nonprofit management. Visit the Spark Ontario [website](#) to learn more!



## EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MAESD's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides important information for LBS agencies. Be sure to visit this site regularly at: [www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings](http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings)



Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- [ADM Memo to EO Service Providers: Employer Incentives to Hire and Retain Youth](#) (December 6, 2017)
- [Q&A: New Employer Incentives to Hire and Retain Youth](#) (December 6, 2017)
- [Memo: Strengthening Ontario's Adult Education System](#) (December 4, 2017)
- [SP Connect/2017-4 Bulletin: What's Coming in Release 17.4](#) (November 17, 2017)
- [ADM Memo to EO Service Providers: Youth Job Connection Program Improvements](#)

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