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Community Literacy of Ontario's Experiential Learning Project Update

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[Community Literacy of Ontario](#) (CLO) is conducting research to identify experiential learning opportunities in Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) programs that support the employment goals of adult learners.

As part of our research, CLO has conducted **25 key informant interviews** with LBS agencies and select partners. We also developed a survey to explore this area with literacy agencies in Ontario. **An astounding 66 LBS agencies have responded to our survey** about employment-related experiential learning!

While we are just beginning the analysis, the survey data is both interesting and insightful. We are learning a great deal about the benefits, challenges, and success stories of providing experiential learning to adult literacy students. It's particularly meaningful because LBS learners typically are a vulnerable client group, facing many barriers to entering the labour force.

Later in the year, CLO will share the resulting knowledge of providing employment-related experiential learning opportunities in LBS via a webinar, and in a research report and in an online newsletter. These resources will be publicly available on our website. We are thrilled that CESBA is a partner in this initiative!

Here's a quote from one of the key informant interviews: ***"We believe in our learners and support them, until they believe in themselves again"***.

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