

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

Dear CLO Members,

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

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

- CLO's Supporting LBS Learners Facing Multiple Barriers Report - Strategies, Strengths, Barriers & Partnerships
- Indigenous Canada – Free Online Course on Canada's Indigenous History
- LLSC's Pandemic Planning Manual
- Ontario Introduces Streamlined Employment Supports
- Call for Proposals: Women's Employment Readiness Pilot Program
- Opportunity to Apply for Funding – Financial Empowerment of Low-Income People Program
- Employment Ontario News and Information

### **CLO's Supporting LBS Learners Facing Multiple Barriers Report: Strategies, Strengths, Barriers & Partnerships**

CLO conducted research into how community-based Literacy and Basic Skills agencies support adult learners facing multiple barriers. Based on the results of our provincial survey and a focus group, as well as other research, CLO wrote this important report: [Supporting LBS Learners Facing Multiple Barriers - Strategies, Strengths, Barriers & Partnerships](#)

Our report contains the following topic areas:

- Effective strategies for serving adult learners with multiple barriers
- Strengths of community-based LBS agencies
- Barriers and challenges
- Partnerships and connections



**Supporting Learners Facing  
Multiple Barriers. Available  
now on our website!**

We want to thank the innovative and caring educators who participated in our research and who serve in LBS programs across Ontario! We hope that our report will support, showcase and celebrate the amazing work that you do to support vulnerable learners.



## Indigenous Canada Free Online Course On Canada's Indigenous History

June is Indigenous History Month in Canada. We are all reeling from the terrible news of the discovery of the bodies of 215 Indigenous residential school children. One way to enhance your knowledge about Canada's Indigenous history is to take the free course offered by The University of Alberta called **Indigenous Canada**.

**Indigenous Canada** is a Massive Open Online Course that explores Indigenous histories and contemporary issues in Canada. From an Indigenous perspective, this course explores key issues facing Indigenous peoples today from a historical and critical perspective highlighting national and local Indigenous-settler relations. Click [here](#) to learn more and register.

## LLSC's Pandemic Planning Manual

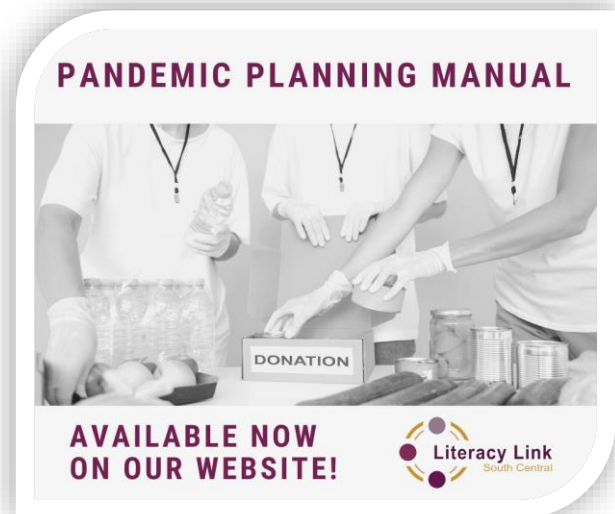
The amazing folks at [Literacy Link South Central](#) have created a Pandemic Planning Manual for small nonprofits. This manual is the product of a 6-member team that participated in a Job Creation Partnership Project that ran from September 2020 to April 2021.

The team interviewed 34 nonprofit agencies across Ontario, and conducted additional research to determine the needs and best practices of small community-based nonprofits during the pandemic. Their findings are reflected in the manual.

Topics covered include:

- Technology
- Basic needs
- Creating a supportive workplace
- Social media and communications
- Fundraising

The team also delivered a webinar introducing the manual and providing background on the research process. Click [here](#) to access both resources.



## Ontario Introduces Streamlined Employment Supports

On June 10, the Ontario government announced the creation of an integrated employment services system. This new system combines employment programs from social assistance, such as Ontario Works Employment Assistance and Ontario Disability Support Program Employment Supports, into Employment Ontario.

Jobseekers will be offered services specifically tailored to connect them with jobs in their communities, including job searching, job matching and job coaching support. Services will also be available for employers to help them find workers and coordinate training.

This new approach includes the establishment of service system managers and builds on three pilot programs carried out in Peel, Hamilton-Niagara and Muskoka-Kawarthas. The system will start in 2022 in nine areas. To date, there is no mention of the role of LBS agencies, but we will all be watching very carefully, and also sharing information about the importance of LBS and adult literacy. Read the full media release [here](#).

## Call for Proposals: Women's Employment Readiness Pilot Program

Apply for funding for the [Women's Employment Readiness Pilot Program](#) from Employment and Social Development Canada. The Women's Employment Readiness pilot program will fund organizations to provide and test pre-employment and skills development supports for women. Four groups of women will be targeted:

1. Racialized and/or Indigenous women
2. Women with disabilities
3. Women from the LGBTQ2 community
4. Women who have been out of the workforce for a long time

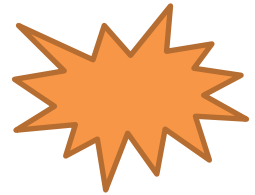


Projects must be national in scope. That is, they must serve participants in two or more provinces or territories. Eligible organizations can apply for funding up to \$2.5M per project, per year. The application deadline is June 30, 2021.



## Opportunity to Apply for Funding Financial Empowerment of Low-Income People Program

Employment and Social Development Canada is offering the opportunity for organizations to apply for funding under its [Financial Empowerment of Low-Income People Program](#).



The goal of this program is to support projects that develop and carry out financial empowerment services and supports to help increase the financial wellbeing of low-income adults. The deadline to apply is July 6, 2021 at 12:00 pm.

## Employment Ontario News and Information

The Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides important information for LBS agencies. 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: Employment Services Transformation Provincial Roll Out](#) (June 10, 2021)
- [Questions and Answers: Employment Services Transformation Provincial Roll Out Implementation](#) (June 10, 2021)
- [Memo: Ongoing Availability of Emergency Response Funding in 2021-2022](#) (May 28, 2021)
- [Memo: 2021 Council of the Federation Literacy Award](#) (May 25, 2021)

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