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Community Literacy of Ontario (CLO) is a provincial network of community-based Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) agencies. As part of our 2020/2021 business plan, CLO conducted research into how community-based Literacy and Basic Skills agencies support adult learners facing multiple barriers to learning.

CLO circulated a survey in October 2020 in order to learn more about strategies, strengths, barriers and partnerships used to support vulnerable learners. Supporting adult learners facing multiple barriers has long been a top priority and keen focus of literacy educators, and we were pleased to receive detailed responses from 30 different community-based LBS agencies.

In addition, in October 2020, CLO held an online focus group with 10 literacy educators to discuss the particular strengths of community-based agencies in serving vulnerable learners.

CLO compiled and analyzed the survey responses and focus group results, and wrote the following report:

Supporting LBS Learners Facing Multiple Barriers Strategies, Strengths, Barriers & Partnerships

Download this free resource at: http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/Supporting-Learners-with-Multiple-Barriers-Report-1.pdf.

We want to thank the innovative, caring and passionate 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.