

COMMUNITY LITERACY OF ONTARIO MEMBERS' E-COMMUNIQUE MAY 2015

Dear CLO Members,

Community Literacy of Ontario is pleased to present our **MAY 2015 Members' E-Communiqué**.

Topics covered in this e-communiqué are:

1. CLO's Curriculum Resource "Numeracy in Action"
2. Our Recorded Webinar on "Mental Health Awareness: A Required Life Skill"
3. Apply to Ontario's Poverty Reduction Fund by June 10th
4. CLO's New Project: Developing a Culture of Evaluation
5. Family Literacy Resources for Adult Literacy Learners
6. LLO's and ONLC's "Lighting the Path to the Future" Conference
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CLO'S CURRICULUM RESOURCE "NUMERACY IN ACTION"

Community Literacy of Ontario is delighted to announce that our newest resource, "**Numeracy in Action**", is now available on our website! This curriculum is freely available and will help practitioners meet the needs of learners who require enhanced numeracy skills.

The Understand and Use Numbers Curriculum focuses on the task groups of Manage Money; Manage Time; Use Numbers; and Manage Data and contains 4 - 5 sample task-based activities for each of the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework's level indicators related to this competency. A list of additional numeracy resources is also included in this valuable resource.

You can access "**Numeracy in Action**" at: www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/numeracy-in-action/

These curriculum resources are also available in French at: www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/la-numeratie-en-action/



OUR RECORDED WEBINAR ON “MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: A REQUIRED LIFE SKILL”

Community Literacy of Ontario was honoured to offer a free webinar on mental health awareness.

Mental illness awareness has become a required life skill, much like first aid and CPR. Currently, one in five Canadians will develop a mental illness in their lifetime and most Canadians know someone who has a mental illness. However, individuals often do not seek help because of the stigma still associated with mental illness. By becoming better informed and talking more openly, we can promote greater understanding and work towards eliminating stigma.



In this webinar, Wendy Stanyon explored the signs and symptoms of common mental illnesses and also shared information on self-help strategies; strategies for helping friends, colleagues, or family members; treatment options; and available community resources.

Wendy Stanyon is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and a mental health nurse.

A recording of this webinar is freely available by clicking this link: <https://vimeo.com/120709966>

APPLY TO ONTARIO’S POVERTY REDUCTION FUND BY JUNE 10TH

Community organizations can apply to Ontario’s Local Poverty Reduction Fund by June 10, 2015

The Ontario government is investing \$50 million to support grassroots community partners in lifting people and families out of poverty. The Local Poverty Reduction Fund will support innovative local solutions and help community organizations demonstrate their progress, evaluate their programs and build a collective body of evidence of poverty reduction initiatives that work.

There are many local, grassroots and innovative programs in communities that are making a difference in the lives of people living in poverty. Using the evidence gathered from these programs, the government will work to apply best practices across the province and focus on funding programs that are proven to work and that can expand over time.



Ontario's **LOCAL POVERTY REDUCTION** Fund.

\$50 MILLION

We're investing \$50 million over six years to support innovative, community-driven solutions to tackling poverty.

Apply online at Ontario.ca/povertyreduction

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The poster features silhouettes of diverse people, including a person in a wheelchair, a person with a cane, and a person with a stroller, representing various groups affected by poverty.

See: www.ontario.ca/government/local-poverty-reduction-fund



CLO'S NEW PROJECT: DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF EVALUATION

Community Literacy of Ontario and Literacy Link South Central are excited to announce a new project called *Developing a Culture of Evaluation*.

Our *Developing a Culture of Evaluation* project will help not-for-profit organizations in Ontario to learn about the value of creating a culture of evaluation and how to foster this in their own organizations. This project began in March 2015 and will be completed in March 2017.

The *Developing a Culture of Evaluation* project will combine intensive research with a variety of innovative consultation mechanisms, including a digital discussion board, online clinics, and surveys. Further, CLO and LLSC will deliver a series of online training opportunities to support the creation of a culture of evaluation in small not-for-profit organizations. All project resources will be freely available via CLO's [website](#).

Project deliverables include:

- 8 online training modules
- 6 webinars
- 10 community of practice online clinics
- An online discussion board on program evaluation
- A literature review



Learn more at www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/evaluation-culture/

This innovative project is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade under the Partnership Project. The Partnership Project is designed to help strengthen Ontario's not-for-profit sector, and we are honoured to be part of this initiative.

FAMILY LITERACY RESOURCES FOR ADULT LITERACY LEARNERS

The Toronto Public Library (TPL) has developed a series of family literacy resources to assist literacy learners who have children.

The TPL has created a set of videos used demonstrate the 6 pre-reading skills to literacy learners. The aim of the videos is to provide basic tools and information to literacy learners about how they can play an active role in helping their child develop his/her own skills (even as they work towards building their own). These videos complement TPL's Reading for Reading program, which also features videos and information for all.

The videos can be found at: www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/adult-literacy/adult-literacy-learners.jsp



LLO'S & ONLC'S "LIGHTING THE PATH TO THE FUTURE" CONFERENCE

Laubach Literacy Ontario and the Ontario Native Literacy Coalition are hosting a joint conference called "**Lighting the Path to the Future**" on June 19-21, 2015 at the Lakehead University campus in Orillia.

This event is also co-hosted with the Literacy Society of South Muskoka and the Orillia & District Literacy Council.

Check LLO's website for further details on this event: www.laubach-on.ca/getinvolved/facts/news/conference-brochure-and-registration-form-now-available



EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO NEWS AND INFORMATION

MTCU's Employment Ontario Partners Gateway (EOPG) website provides a wealth of important information for LBS agencies. Be sure to check this site regularly.

See: www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings

EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

Ontario's employment & training network

Recent news on the EOPG includes:

- May 15, 2015: [ADM Letter to EO Network: Ontario Self Employment Benefit](#)
- May 8, 2015: [COJG: Qs and As For Service Providers To Address Questions From Employers](#)
- May 8, 2015: [COJG: Questions and Answers for Service Providers](#)
- May 4, 2015: [ADM Memo to EO Network: Ontario Centre for Workforce Innovation](#)
- April 21, 2015: [ADM Memo to EO Network: COJG Success](#)
- March 20, 2015: [Revised Ontario Adult Curriculum Framework Core Document](#)

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