



Northern Network News

The Northern Networks (LNN, LNW & MNN) are working together to consolidate and share information to help ensure that all LBS service providers are kept informed.

Information compiled into a friendly e-news format will be shared monthly or quarterly, depending on the topic and timelines.

This way we can also update service providers about recent discussions on the www.northernliteracy.ca forums.

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Training Opportunities

Please check the events section on the website for an up-to-date listing and more details.

<http://www.northernliteracy.ca/index.php/service-providers/latest-events>

Northern Networks: Recorded Webinar

The Northern Networks have partnered with Laubach Literacy Ontario and Literacy Link South Central to offer a free webinar entitled **Working Effectively with Learners/Clients at Lower Literacy Levels**. This webinar will include topics such as:

- General overview of challenges, benefits and strategies
- ES and LBS partnership ideas and examples
- Numeracy strategies and resources
- Literacy strategies and resources
- Assessment for learners/clients working at lower literacy levels (inc. best milestones)

If you were unable to attend this webinar or wish to view it again, it will be posted on the Northern Networks website and the Learning Networks of Ontario website.

Northern Networks website:

<https://www.northernliteracy.ca/docshare/Main/DocumentIndex>

Learning Networks of Ontario website:

<http://www.learningnetworks.ca/Files/NorthernNetworks-SpeakingtheLanguageWebinar/WorkingEffectivelywithLowLevelLearners-Feb2017.mp4>

AlphaPlus: Tech Tuesday Webinar: Protopages

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

This webinar was originally scheduled in December 2016, but had to be rescheduled to February 2017. Protopage is a free and easy-to-use RSS reader, Internet start page and virtual desktop. In this one hour webinar, you will learn more about Protopage and how to use it.

To register for this webinar please use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5808521297458758660>

Northern Networks: Young at Heart Webinar

Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. EST

Many of Ontario's youth need to upgrade their skills to achieve their employment goals. If you've been wondering about how to partner with other organizations to serve youth and/or about resources to support youth, this webinar is for you.

In this webinar we will:

- Profile youth resources that help build skills youth need for employment
- Offer ideas on how literacy and employment programs can identify and meet the needs of their shared clients
- Provide an overview of ways to market to, engage and retain youth in programming

To register for this webinar please email amcurtin@bellnet.ca. A registration link will be sent prior to the webinar.

Community Literacy of Ontario: Getting Heard in a Noisy World: Using Digital Media to Tell Your Evaluation Story

Save the Date: Thursday, March 9th, 2017

Join CLO for their 6th webinar in the Developing a Culture of Evaluation webinar series. Stay tuned for more details on the webinar and how to register.

AlphaPlus: Tech Tuesday Webinar: Chromebooks

Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Join AlphaPlus for a webinar that provides an overview of Chromebooks and CloudReady converted laptops put to use at adult literacy programs.

To register for this webinar please use the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2430871050905344260>

LNO: Spring 2017 Clear Writing Course Registration Now Open

Registration Deadline: March 16, 2017

The spring course of the Learning Networks of Ontario Clear Writing runs from March 20th to June 11th 2017. Therefore the deadline to register is March 16th. The cost of the course is \$295 (tax exempt). This course is for you if you:

- want to improve your personal and work-related writing skills
- can commit 3 to 5 hours per week to learn and complete assignments
- may want to become recognized as an LNO Clear Writing Editor, Facilitator or Consultant

If you want more information or to register please visit www.learningnetworks.ca and click 'LNO Clear Writing' or contact Sara Gill at 905-527-2222 or at director@abea.on.ca.

Project READ: Mental Health Guide for Practitioners Training

Save the Date

As part of a Trillium Project, Project READ Literacy Network is developing a Mental Health Guide for Practitioners and providing 4 opportunities for the online training workshops in April. Registration will come out in March, but for now hold the best date for you in your calendars.

- Tuesday, April 18th @ 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 20th @ 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, April 24th @ 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 26th @ 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

MAESD Information Updates

To view all MAESD information updates please visit:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/newpostings/>

EOIS-CaMS LBS Data Dictionary Updated November 2016

The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) has revised the EOIS-CaMS LBS data dictionary, which was initially released in January 2015. The updated data dictionary included an update to format and readability.

To view the updated data dictionary, please visit:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/eois-cams-lbs-data-dictionary-en.pdf>

EOIS-CaMS Release 6.3

The Ministry is pleased to announce that Phase 2 of Release 6.3 of EOIS-CaMS was launched to all service providers and ministry staff on December 5, 2016. With this release, all case types using National Occupational Classification (NOC) codes have been updated to reflect the new 2016 NOC codes. As well, a new Youth Job Connection Summer Detailed Service Quality Report 124 was released on December 12th and a COJG program change regarding follow-ups was recently implemented so report 91, 92 and 19A has been updated to reflect these changes.

To read the full memo please visit:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/cams-2016-7-bulletin-en.pdf>

EOIS-CaMS Release 6.4

The Ministry is pleased to announce that EOIS-CaMS Release 6.4 is expected to launch on February 27th 2017 to all service providers and ministry staff. Release 6.4 will include enhancements to system functionality, as well as new and updated reports.

To read the full memo please visit:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/eois-cams-bulletin-2017-2-en.pdf>

Regional Network Information Updates

Literacy Link South Central

December 2016 PMF Newsletter Available

Literacy Link South Central is committed to providing performance management assistance to LBS service providers. Through this newsletter, LLSC shares tools, resources and information gathered from partners around the province that can be used to impact your organization's performance management. This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to targeted short-term programs, or "boutique programs".

To view LLSC's performance management newsletter please visit:

<http://www.llsc.on.ca/about-us/resources>

Ottawa Community Coalition for Literacy - New Videos

Literacy Ontario Central South is pleased to announce that three new videos have been posted to OCCL's YouTube channel. The first two videos are LBS success stories in the TR Leger Program (UCDSB) in Lanark County and in the Custodial Program at the Ottawa Catholic School Board. The third video is on Occupational Health and Safety, which was produced in collaboration with Literacy Ontario Central South, Literacy Link Eastern Ontario and Literacy Network of Durham Region.

To view the videos please visit:

<http://www.locs.on.ca/ottawa-community-coalition-for-literacy-new-videos/>

NN: Blended Programming Experiences

In follow up to presentations and discussions we had this year about ES+LBS and non-EO+LBS partnerships and blended programming (i.e. LBS delivering training at ES or non-EO locations such as OW and the Friendship Centre, or ES delivering employment related training at LBS sites, etc), we are asking that you please share brief details about your experience if you've been involved in such partnerships/programming.

Details should include:

- Who you partnered with
- What was the topic or focus of the training
- When and where training/services were delivered
- How many people participated in/completed the training

- What were the outcomes and were you happy with them
- What worked well and what didn't
- What advice would you give others interested in exploring this type of partnership/blended programming

Every agency who shares the above details about their experience will receive a small token of appreciation for taking the time to do so. Please fill out the following link with your experience:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HV6KW5S>

Other Support Organization Information Updates

AlphaPlus

November 2016 & January 2017 Newsletter Available

Topics included in the **November 2016** AlphaPlus newsletter include:

- How the Literacy Group build a Chromebook laptop lending library for free
- Sign Up! Chromium OS Conversion Project
- Technology We Love! The Hue HD Pro Camera
- Upcoming (Free) Webinars

Topics included in the **January 2017** AlphaPlus newsletter include:

- How the Literacy Uplift Project is bringing the classroom to learners with a new app
- New spaces available for technology coaching in 2017
- Winter Webinars: Quizlet, Digital Skills for Employment and Independence, and Protopage

To view AlphaPlus' newsletter please visit:

<http://www.alphaplus.ca/en/news/alphaplus-news-archive.html>

Ontario Native Literacy Coalition

December 2016 Newsletter Available

Topics included in the **December 2016** newsletter include:

- Music and Literacy Learning
- Featured Program
- Submitted from Programs
- Updates from MAESD
- Helpful Resources
- Announcements and Events
- Let's Speak Out Language
- Membership Application

To view ONCL's newsletter please visit:

<http://oncl.ca/newsletter/>

Community Literacy of Ontario

December 2016 & January 2017 Members E-Communiqué Available

Topics covered in the **December 2016** newsletter:

- Canadian Language Benchmarks and LBS Webinar
- Road to Excellence: Research: Resources to Build Capacity in Non-Profit Organizations
- Become a CLO Member in 2017!
- Support Organization Corner
- Give Your Feedback to Ontario's 2017 Budget
- Results of the "Value for Money Audit" of Employment Ontario
- Employment Ontario News and Information
- Raising Awareness of LBS Issues

Topics covered in the **January 2017** newsletter:

- Sample Policies and Procedures for Community-Based Literacy
- Staff Retirement
- Service Coordination Survey
- Senator Hubley Recommends the Creation of a National Literacy Strategy
- Support Organization Corner
- Canada's 150th Birthday Celebrations!
- Employment Ontario News and Information

To view CLO's e-communiqué please visit:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/resources/e-communiques/>

Community Literacy of Ontario

Road to Excellence Report Release

In CLO's Road to Excellence: Research & Resources to Build Capacity in Non-Profit Organizations report, key research from provincial and national organizations has been collected and analyzed to support community literacy agencies in Ontario to build their organizational capacity. Based on this research, CLO is pleased to share best practices, innovative ideas and practical tools and resources related to capacity building in the non-profit sector. The following topics are included in this report:

- Board Governance
- Volunteer Management
- Human Resource Management
- Financial Management

To view this report please click the following link:

<http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/Road-to-Excellence-Report-December-14-2016.pdf>

Community Literacy of Ontario: New Policy Resource

We all agree that policies are important, however, it can be hard to find the time for policy development. In response to this need, CLO polled Ontario's community-based literacy agencies to ask about their policy needs. Based on requests from agencies, CLO has gathered sample policies for you to adapt and customize to suit the particular needs of your organization. These policy samples have been compiled into a resource called **Sample Policies and Procedures for Community-Based Literacy Organizations**.

To read this report please visit: <http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/Policy-Samples-Report-2017.pdf>

Building the Workforce of Tomorrow: A Shared Responsibility - A Response from LBS Support Organizations

In October 2016, CESBA, Community Literacy of Ontario, Literacy Link South Central and the Peel-Halton-Dufferin Adult Learning Network put together a report on behalf of 25 support organizations for LBS in Ontario. This report was sent to Deb Matthews, the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, and Erin McGinn, the Assistant Deputy Minister, Highly Skilled Workforce. The purpose of this report was to emphasize the commitment of LBS support organizations to a shared vision of Ontario's workforce and to point out the integral role of LBS programs in realizing many of the recommendations in the Building the Workforce of Tomorrow report.

To read this report please visit: <http://www.communityliteracyofontario.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/Building-the-Workforce-Tomorrow-LBS-response-Oct-20-2016-FINAL.pdf>

Provincial Support Organizations for Literacy

First Newsletter Available

Provincial Support Organizations for Literacy (PSOL) is a coalition of Ontario's provincial literacy and basic skills support organizations. This coalition was officially formed in April 2016 to increase the capacity of Ontario's LBS service providers to understand and implement emerging provincial and federal initiatives and policy. This newsletter is the first newsletter produced by PSOL and serves as an introduction to PSOL and features innovation in LBS.

To see this newsletter please visit:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/4f3e54d1401/693fd281-01c8-4ed2-a4c0-70bb707130f0.pdf>

CESBA: LBS Practitioner Training

CESBA has developed a website that has professional development support for literacy and basic skills educators in Ontario. This website contains resources and videos to provide LBS practitioner training. This training course is divided into 4 units:

- Unit 1: LBS 101
- Unit 2: OALCF
- Unit 3: Learner Plan Development
- Unit 4: LBS Performance Management Framework

To see this newsletter please visit:

<http://lbs.cesba.com/>

Laubach Literacy Ontario

December 2016 & February 2017 LLO Express Available

Topics covered in the **December 2016** newsletter:

- It's time to put 'A Book on Every Bed'
- Literacy Link - December Newsletter
- Featured Resource - Grammer Wise
- Khan Academy - Grammar
- Meet Your Friends, Followers and Fans

Topics covered in the **February 2017** newsletter:

- Support Organizations of Ontario - LLN Learner Videos
- Literacy Link - January Newsletter
- Featured Resource - Writing in the Workplace
- Speaking the Language Webinar
- LLO/ONLC Conference 2017

To view LLO Express please visit:

<http://www.laubach-on.ca/teach/news/LLOExpress>

Your Northern Networks

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