



Northern Network News

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

Information will be compiled into a friendly e-news format and shared bi-weekly/monthly (depending on the topic and timelines) with you all. 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>

Sarah Delicate: June Webinar Series:

Understanding YJC and YJL, and how they fit in the EO Landscape

May 31st, 2016 1:00 – 2:30 pm EST

In this 1 part webinar, participants will learn about the Ontario Youth Jobs Strategy (OYJS), program design of YJC and YJL, performance measurement framework of each program, and how these programs impact and interconnect with other EO programs. Individual registration is \$99.00 + tax or \$299.00 + tax for 4 registration links.

To register for this webinar please visit:

<http://sarahdelicate.learningcart.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=227>

Understanding your LBS CaMS Reports

June 7th, 14th, & 21st, 2016 1:00 – 2:30 pm EST

CaMS reports are a valuable planning and strategy tool for your organizations, as you now have access to information about your performance trends, your learners, your strengths and your weaknesses. In this 3 part webinar, participants will be taken through the most critical MTCU CaMS reports and answering these questions:

- What information is critical to your day-to-day decision making?
- What can you derive about who is and who is NOT being served?
- What can you see regarding your program integrity?
- What assumptions might your funder make, based on your data?

Please bring your calculator and your year-end reports! Please bring reports 64 DSQ, 19A follow up report, 20 inactive cases, 60A IR report, 61 case activity report (summary page ONLY), 60B plan/profile and 60D outcomes. Individual registration is \$299.00 + tax or \$999.00 + tax for 4 registration links.

To register for this webinar please visit:

<http://sarahdelicate.learningcart.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=228>

Understanding Your EOES CaMS Reports - June 16th, 23rd & 27th 2016

1:00 – 2:30 pm EST

CaMS reports are a valuable planning and strategy tool for your organizations, as you now have access to information about your performance trends, your learners, your strengths and your weaknesses. In this 3 part webinar, participants will be taken through the most critical MTCU CaMS reports and answering these questions:

- What information is critical to your day-to-day decision making?
- What can you derive about who is and who is NOT being served?
- What can you see regarding your program integrity?
- What assumptions might your funder make, based on your data?

Please bring your calculator and your year-end reports! Please bring reports 11 DSQ, 19A follow up, 20 inactive cases, 15A – RI, 18 case activity (summary page ONLY), 15B plan/profile, 15D outcomes and 16 employers. Individual registration is \$299.00 + tax or \$999.00 + tax for 4 registration links.

To register for this webinar please visit:

<http://sarahdelicate.learningcart.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=226>

Getting Started – Converting Workshops to Virtual Resources - June 13th 2016 1:00 – 2:30 pm EST

This 1 part webinar will take a closer look at online learning options that are cost-effective, easy to develop and produce meaningful results. During this webinar you will learn:

- How to convert your existing content to virtual resources.
- About easy-to-use, free and low cost presentation software and online technology.
- About analytics – Are your virtual resources effective? How will you know?

This webinar will be presented by Christine Brown-Read. Individual registration is \$99.00 + tax or \$299.00 + tax for 4 registration links.

To register for this webinar please visit:

<http://sarahdelicate.learningcart.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=218>

Creating your Virtual Resources - June 20th, 2016 1:00 – 2:30 pm EST

You don't have to be a professional designer or instructional designer to create effective virtual resources. We have pulled together some of the industries' best practices to help you build meaningful online resources for your clients. In this 1 part webinar, we will cover:

- Virtual Resources – What is eLearning/Online learning?
- Simple steps to help you build your online content.
- The essentials of design: the basics, but so important and impactful!
- What assumptions might your funder make, based on your data?

This webinar will be presented by Christine Brown Read. Individual registration is \$299.00 + tax or \$999.00 + tax for 4 registration links.

To register for this webinar, please visit:

<http://sarahdelicate.learningcart.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=229>

MTCU Information Updates

To view all MTCU information updates please visit:

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

EOIS-CaMS Release 6.0

MTCU is pleased to announce that Release 6.0 of EOIS-CaMS was launched to all service providers and ministry staff on April 18th, 2016. This release supports many of the operational changes that took effect in the 2016/2017 fiscal year. Service providers are encouraged to review the updated EOIS-CaMS Service Provider User Guide when it is published in the upcoming weeks.

To view the bulletin, which outlines the changes please visit:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/2016_1_cams_bulletin.html

SP Connect: EOIS-SP Connect Release 3.2

EOIS-SP Connect Release 3.2 is expected to be implemented on May 16th, 2016. This release includes the ability to complete the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures (SRER) within SP Connect. Instead of managing the SRER via external email with PDF attachments, the system will now provide an email notification, when the SRER is available on the Dashboard, and allow for completing and submitting the SRER online. Please note that SRERs will appear on the dashboard on the business schedule. Should an Auditor's report be required, this can be uploaded as a PDF into the system.

Revised LBS Guidelines for Service Providers and Support Organizations

On April 5th, it was noted that both sets of LBS program guidelines (for service providers and for support organizations) have been revised to complete with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and with the new standardized format for all Employment Ontario programs and services.

Council of the Federation Literacy Award

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide your organization with information about the government of Ontario's call for the 2016 Council of the Federation Literacy Award. This year's award honours a nominee who has demonstrated exceptional collaborative efforts to create, implement or sustain innovative approaches to adult literacy that support adult learners to reach their goals. Nominees could be an individual, team or organization. Submissions must be received by 5:00 PM on May 27, 2016.

For more information please visit:

http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/publications/memo_lbs_2016_cofla_letter.pdf

Revised Milestones and Culminating Tasks

The Ministry revised the following OALCF documents:

- Milestone 47: page 5-6 Task B diagrams and response sheet
- Milestone 50: page 2 Correction of answer to question 3
- Secondary School Credit Culminating Task – Completing a Credit (Practitioner Version): page 3 Correction of answer to question 5
- Independence Culminating Task – Personal Budget (Practitioner Version): page 2 Under “Other expenses”, “March 30” corrected to “March 31”

LBS service providers are invited to download the revised document from Contact North’s repository.

Regional Network Information Updates

QUILL: New Feature

QUILL is started a new feature in April 2016. Every Monday, starting with April 11th, QUILL will tell us about one of the activities on the task-based portal. Practitioners from across the province will sharing their favourites.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.quillnetwork.com/news/>

Literacy Link South Central: Introduction to the CASS Project

Literacy Link South Central is pleased to announce that they have received funding for a 3-year poverty reduction project, entitled Community Apprenticeship Skills Support (CASS). Through this project we will assist 60 individuals moving out of poverty, through adult literacy, employment services and apprenticeship into a career.

For more information about this project, please visit:
<http://www.llsc.on.ca/news/introduction-cass-project>

Northern Networks Website

In September, the Northern Networks will be hosting an online Community of Practice forum. Therefore, if you haven’t already registered for the members only section, please do so by filling out this short registration form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NNforum>. If you don’t remember whether you have registered or not, please contact Jolene via email literacy@literacynet.ca before you fill out the registration form.

Other Support Organization Information Updates

Ontario Native Literacy Coalition

March 2016 Quarterly Newsletter Available

To view ONLC's quarterly newsletter please visit:

<http://onlc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/ONLC-Quarterly-Newsletter-March-2016-.pdf>

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

- ONLC New Location
- ONLC 2016 AGM & Conference
- ONLC Board of Directors Announcement
- Featured Program & Program Changes
- Updates from MTCU
- Helpful Resources
- ONLC Resources
- Let's Speak Our Language
- Tax Preparation
- Announcements & Events
- Membership Application

Laubach Literacy Ontario

April 2016 LLO Express Available

To see the LLO Express please visit their website:

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

Topics included in the **April 2016** LLO express include:

- LLO/ONLC Conference 2016
- Featured Resource - Building a Strong Vocabulary
- LLO Web Resources

AlphaPlus

Technology Coaching Service Update: Get on Our Waiting List!

For more information please visit their website:

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/news/news/825-technology-coaching-service-update-get-on-our-waiting-list.html>

AlphaPlus provides tailored coaching services to organizations applying technology in adult-learning environments. Their coaching services are designed to meet individual organizational needs, identify new and existing resources, and increase organizational and instructor confidence and efficiency. All 19 available spots for the 2016-2017 cycle are now full. For LBS

agencies wishing to participate in the future, AlphaPlus has created a waiting list and will engage the MTCU to determine ways to support incoming requests from those not participating in the current coaching cycle. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the waiting list please contact Alan Cherwinski at acherwinski@alphaplus.ca.

AlphaPlus

Get Cloudready! Chromium OS Conversion Project

In August 2016, AlphaPlus will collaborate with 20 volunteer LBS service delivery sites across regions, sectors and streams to bring outdated computer systems to the cloud. This pilot and feasibility study aims to replace operating systems on older personal computers with the CloudReady version of Chromium OS. To complete this pilot, outdated computer systems will be retooled with the latest Chrome operating system including powerful Google Apps and tools.

For more information or to participate in the pilot, contact Alan Cherwinski by email at acherwinski@alphaplus.ca.

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/news/news/822.html>

AlphaPlus

Now Recruiting New Board Members

If you are passionate about bringing technology to adult education and improving adult learning experiences, AlphaPlus is seeking to recruit three individuals to join their Board of Directors for a three-year term. Specifically AlphaPlus is interested in individuals with competencies in the following areas:

- Communications and marketing
- Accounting
- Information technology consulting
- Government relations
- Adult education
- Sectoral knowledge of the Anglophone, Francophone, Aboriginal, Deaf and Deafblind communities
- Organisational development

To learn more about the responsibilities required of a board member please visit:

<http://alphaplus.ca/en/about/the-board/join-the-board.html>

Your Northern Networks

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