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Power of Learning Campaign



At the end of September 2010, the Far Northeast Training Board and Literacy Network Northeast launched the **Power of Learning Campaign**.

The regional campaign was developed to:

- Increase awareness of the importance of essential skills for personal and professional growth.
- Support local agencies to help them achieve and/or exceed their contracted targets.

The material was developed for:

- Industry / Employers
- Potential clients
- Agencies

This regional initiative was made possible thanks to the joint financial contributions of literacy agencies across our region, the Far Northeast Training Board and Literacy Network Northeast.

Contact the Adult Learning Centre offices in Iroquois Falls or Cochrane for your FREE copy.

Celebrate Family Literacy Day

On January 27, 2011, join Canadians across the nation and **[Play for Literacy!](#)** Playing games that encourage literacy and numeracy - such as board games, card games and word games - is a great way for parents and children to practice their literacy skills and have fun.

The Adult Learning Centre in Iroquois Falls and Cochrane will be partnering with local schools to promote Family Literacy Day and lifelong learning.

Bookmarks and prizes will be given away on behalf of the Adult Learning Centre.

To find out more, visit ABC Life Literacy Canada at www.abclifeliteracy.ca and click on the Family Literacy link.

Learning is fun! There are many ways to practice literacy together as a family - following a recipe, singing a song or playing a game are just a few ways to engage in literacy activities. All it takes is 15 minutes a day.



The Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum

The Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum (OALC) Initiative is an undertaking supported by the Learning Ministries of the province of Ontario - the [Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities](#), [Ministry of Education](#), and [Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration](#).

The objectives of the OALC are:

- to improve quality and consistency of instruction in literacy programming and, in turn, lead to improved outcomes for literacy clients
- to become a valuable tool for Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program deliverers to help clients demonstrate their achievements to next-step service providers and employers
- to ensure new measures of program efficiency and effectiveness that align with other Employment Ontario Services

What are the goals of the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum?

The new OALC is intended to:

- ★ foster greater quality and consistency of instruction in the LBS Program
- ★ contribute to improved outcomes for literacy clients, including easier transitions to further education and training, employment and enhanced personal independence
- ★ assist adults in demonstrating their achievements to employers and future training Providers
- ★ contribute to a better trained Ontario workforce and stronger communities
- ★ play an important role in enhancing learner pathways among the programs of MTCU, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

There are six Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Competencies, and they are:

1. Find and Use Information
2. Communicate ideas and information
3. Use numbers and think in quantitative terms
4. Use technology
5. Self-direct; Act autonomously
6. Engage; Work with others

Training for Literacy and Basic Skills program staff will begin in early 2011.

LBS Program Evaluations

Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) agencies across Ontario were recently notified that they will be asked to complete a survey from the independent research firm of Deloitte and Touche as part of an evaluation of the LBS Program.

The evaluation will focus on the LBS Program as a whole, and not on individual agencies.

The survey will:

- inform improvements and support prospective redesign of the program
- help strengthen and improve the overall performance and outcomes of the LBS program
- support implementation of the OALC and other new initiatives

We will keep you informed regarding any new information we receive.



Computer
Training

Do you want to learn more about computers?

Contact:

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New training sessions beginning January 2011.

Don't wait! Sign up now.

*The Adult Learning Centre is a community based, not for profit adult literacy program.
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