

The Literacy Link – Supporting you through change

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Performance Management Support

Literacy Link South Central is committed to providing performance management assistance to LBS service providers. Through this newsletter, LLSC will share tools and resources gathered from our partners around the province that can be used to impact your organization's performance management. If there are specific topics you would like to see in upcoming issues, please contact Literacy Link South Central at literacylink@gmail.com

All About Apprenticeship

In this issue of the performance management newsletter, we'll be touching on the Apprenticeship goal path and the work that is being done to support literacy practitioners.

The World of OCOT – An Informational Webinar

On June 25, 2015, Literacy Link South Central hosted an informational webinar that was facilitated by Yacine Dottridge from Ontario College of Trades. The webinar was recorded and is now available for playback by clicking this link: <http://tinyurl.com/qzw4bgj>. (Note: you may be required to download the Saba Meeting App in order to view the video.)

The webinar was a brief overview of Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) as the industry-led regulatory body for the trades in Ontario. OCOT offers:

- Promotion of the skilled trades and apprenticeship system
- Development of training and curriculum standards
- Assessment of individuals' prior skills for the Trade Equivalency Assessment Process
- Protection of the public through compliance and enforcement activities
- Certificates of Qualification and statements of membership
- Information on available grants and loans for apprentices/employers

There are approximately 156 skilled trades across 4 sectors:

- Construction
- Industrial
- Motive Power
- Service

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of the OCOT presentation, please contact us and we will be happy to send it to you.

Apprenticeship Resources

Through project funding, several literacy networks in Ontario have developed Apprenticeship resources.

- 1) The Mid North Network for Adult Learning has created 5 resources to prepare perspective apprentices for writing Certificate of Qualification (C of Q) exams. The trades covered are:
 - Automotive Service Technician
 - Construction and Maintenance Electrician
 - General Carpenter
 - Industrial Mechanic Millwright
 - Plumber

These resources can be downloaded at the following link:

http://www.northernliteracy.ca/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=101:supporting-apprenticeship-completions&Itemid=1291&lang=en

- 2) Literacy Northwest has completed a project, *Developing Best Practices for Increasing, Supporting and Retaining Apprentices in Northern Ontario*.

The final report outlines the project and project activities, and showcases 36 tasks designed to align with barriers to apprenticeship completion and the apprenticeship goal path (available on the Task-Based Activities for LBS Portal (<http://taskbasedactivitiesforlbs.ca>)).

This report can be downloaded at the following link:

http://northernliteracy.ca/index.php?option=com_phocadownload&view=category&id=78:sudbury-apprenticeship-forum-june-6th-2013&Itemid=590&lang=en

- 3) Literacy Link South Central has developed 3 modules for literacy practitioners to use with clients who have identified apprenticeship as their goal, entitled *Supporting Clients through Apprenticeship*. The modules are:

- Exploring Automotive
- Exploring Food
- Exploring Construction

The workbooks can be downloaded at the following link:

<http://www.llsc.on.ca/news/lbs-apprenticeship-curriculum-now-available>

Additional Information

Is there anything else we can do to support you with the Apprenticeship Goal Path? If so, please send us your suggestions for resources or professional development ideas.

Questions about this newsletter? Please contact us at 519-681-7307 or literacylink@gmail.com

