



## Welcome to Pop Up PD 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 season of Pop Up PD promises to be a valuable one, offering a series of highly topical and informative webinars to support literacy educators. We invite you to set aside time to attend one or all of these free webinars!

### What is Pop Up PD?

Pop Up PD was developed for LBS practitioners by a committee of the Learning Networks of Ontario (LNO), the Provincial Support Organizations of Ontario (PSOL), and e-Channel. Our goal is to provide free PD (Professional Development) opportunities to literacy educators via topical webinars. Technical Support for this series of webinars is provided by Contact North, and ASL Interpretation is being provided by Deaf Literacy Initiative.

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## Webinar Schedule

### **Understanding the LBS Detailed Service Quality (DSQ) Report 64** Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm EST

The monthly EOIS-CaMS “DSQ Report 64” contains a great deal of information about the LBS performance measures and the service quality standard for which service providers are accountable to the Ministry. Join this webinar to learn more about reading and interpreting the DSQ data and applying the information to your own LBS program. Bring a recent copy of your own DSQ Report 64 so that you can follow along in the context of your own program’s performance.

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### **Essential Skills, Skills for Success, and the OALCF** Thursday, October 28, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm EST

The federal government recently released its new “Skills for Success” framework, replacing the original “Essential Skills” framework developed in the late 1980s. In this webinar, we will revisit the development of the Ontario Adult Literacy Curriculum Framework (OALCF) and how it relates to the original Essential Skills framework. Then we’ll focus on the new Skills for Success framework and how it may intersect with the OALCF and broader adult education initiatives.

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## **Workforce Literacy and Pre-Employment Planning**

Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm EST

Many learners you're working with may be preparing for work. But what is the landscape out there as we recover from the pandemic?

In this webinar you'll hear from panelists Justin Falconer of Workforce Windsor Essex, Lidia Siino, an Employment Counsellor at YWCA Hamilton, and Rachel Hunt, an Employment Service Manager at Goodwill Career Centre. They will help attendees:

- get an overview of what's happening in the labour market
- learn about the role of planning boards and the work they are currently doing to support your work
- hear from Employment Services about their services and special programs
- explore employment goal path resources

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## **Workplace Literacy: A Snapshot of What's Happening in the LBS Field**

Thursday, January 27, 2022 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm EST

Teasing apart workplace and workforce literacy is not an easy task. The reality is that workplace and workforce literacy weave through LBS in multiple and in different ways across Ontario. For the purpose of this webinar, we will mainly focus on workplace literacy programs that are taking place on-site at an employer's location as well as workplace literacy where the activities or tasks are specific to a particular workplace's documentation and practices.

Join this panel discussion facilitated by Andrea Dickinson, Executive Director of Tri-County Literacy Network, and learn about some of the workplace literacy programs and activities happening in Ontario. Featured panelists include Barb Duguay and Kim Redford, Valley Adult Learning Association, Fort Frances; Chris Prosser, The Literacy Group of Waterloo Region; Kerry Halliday, Upper Grand District School Board, Guelph.

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## **Micro-Credentials: What? Why? When? And Where?**

Thursday, February 24, 2022 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm EST

Are you interested in learning more about micro-credentials and their evolving place in the educational landscape? This webinar will feature some background research about the development and use of micro-credentials; definitions associated with micro-credentials; and information about the emerging use and application of micro-credentials in Ontario.

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## Presenter Biographies

### Understanding the LBS Detailed Service Quality (DSQ) Report 64



Webinar Presenter **Robyn Cook-Ritchie** is the Executive Director at Laubach Literacy Ontario (LLO). Her consulting company RCR Consulting has focused on adult literacy for the past two decades working with literacy organizations across the province on research and development projects and practitioner training. She also coordinates the Literacy and Basic Skills and Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada programs at the Grand Erie District School Board.

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Webinar Presenter **Barb Glass'** teaching career began in the (then) York Region Board of Education. In 1990, she relocated to North Bay and spent 23 years at Canadore College. There she taught and coordinated adult upgrading and pre-apprenticeship programs. From there, Barb moved to Conestoga College as Chair, Preparatory Programs, followed by a 3-year tenure at Niagara College as Associate Dean, Access Programs. In 2016, Barb began her current position as Executive Director of the College Sector Committee for Adult Upgrading.



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Webinar Presenter **Sara Gill** has been involved in the adult literacy field since 1996. She has been an instructor, researcher/developer, assessor and trainer. She was also an online instructor for OntarioLearn - Teacher of Adults Literacy Educator through Sault College. She has worked in Literacy and Basic Skills programs as well as in workplace essential skills education. She is currently the Executive Director of the Adult Basic Education Association – the adult learning network for Hamilton. She focuses on partnership development, service coordination and advocating for adult education and its integration into workforce development.





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Webinar Panel Facilitator **Andrea Dickinson** is the Executive Director of the Tri-County Literacy Network. Andrea has had the opportunity to manage a variety of impactful projects including the Learning To Earning videos project and Linking Adult Literacy to Poverty Reduction. For over 20 years, Andrea has worked closely with the adult literacy programs in Chatham-Kent, Sarnia-Lambton, and Windsor-Essex and is an active member of the Learning Networks of Ontario. Prior to this, she worked as the Education Coordinator with the Canadian Mental Health Association, Chatham-Kent Branch. Andrea obtained her Master of Arts degree from the University of Toronto.



**Barb Duguay** and **Kim Redford** have been working together for the past 22 years in LBS. Barb is an Administrator and Kim is an instructor at Valley Adult Learning Association. Over the past 22 years they have completed several projects involving workforce and workplace literacy, and they look forward to sharing their experiences.



**Chris Prosser** has been with The Literacy Group since 2013, after immigrating from Herefordshire UK. Chris joined adult literacy after a career of teaching English at the high school level and as an ESL instructor in China and Vietnam. Chris has two young children that keep him very busy; but when time allows, he enjoys reading, sports and carpentry.



During her time as an instructor, **Kerry Halliday** worked alongside learners on factory conference and lunch tables as they built their numeracy and literacy skills to gain advancement within their company or to attain their diplomas. For several years, she instructed male inmates in a medium security provincial prison. Kerry has also worked with seniors to build their digital skills in order to cope with communicating and the ever-changing world. Kerry has been the manager of the Skills Upgrading Program for 10 years and has been working in adult education with the Upper Grand District School Board for 30 years. Kerry genuinely loves the career she stumbled into and says the fact that she might play a role in guiding someone to build their skills and fulfill their education dreams makes this such a rewarding career.



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